



## 2018 – 2019 Board Governance Professional Development

The Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) Office of Charter Schools offers free governance training for members of their portfolio of charter school boards. New this year, we will be providing Professional Development via webinars. Short for Web-based seminar, a webinar is a presentation, workshop or seminar that is transmitted online using video conferencing software. A key feature of a Webinar is the ability to receive and discuss information in real-time. Webinars can be accessed using a computer or by dialing in via phone. The webinars will be facilitated by Board Liaison Vanessa Gulley, DPSCD Office of Charter Schools and will take place the last Monday of every month from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. During each webinar, participants will receive all handouts pertaining to the session that will culminate into a Board Governance Handbook for future reference. The dates and topics to be presented are as follows:

Dates	Webinar Topics and Descriptions
September 9/29/18	Board Member Participation Policy, Member Job Descriptions, Onboarding
	<b>GETTING OFF TO A GREAT START</b> <b>Description:</b> Peter F. Drucker once said, “Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes; but no plans.” Bringing high hopes to Board service is admirable, but only planning fueled by commitment leads to the fulfillment of academy promises. If <i>adding value</i> is your Board’s commitment, work should begin with a well laid plan. In this webinar we will explore key strategies and documents for use during the recruitment and onboarding process; beginning board service with a plan honors the investment of new members and is invaluable to increasing engagement.
October 10/22/18	Officer Development, Job Descriptions and Effective Meeting Tools
	<b>TOOLS OF THE TRADE</b> <b>Description:</b> Baking powder or baking soda, uhhh.... I don’t think it makes a difference, right? If you have ever made this pastry error, you know full well that there is quite a difference in the finished product! There are few things worse than experiencing the absence of the appropriate balance of ingredients. As each element lends a specific quality for overall success, so it is with Board service. Though there is no formula for perfection, there are behaviors that assist Boards to replicate great work. In this session, we will explore how the use of job descriptions, fueled by officer development, can equip your team for the effective use of meeting tools and great outcomes.
December 12/10/18	Strategies For Getting Board Work Done, Committee Work
	<b>BLAZING A TRAIL OR BURNING OUT: HOW TO GET THE WORK DONE</b> <b>Description:</b> Burnout is not a simple result of a large amount of work, but often comes if you are not in control of how work gets done. Serving as a Charter School Board member can be demanding, but the proper structure of your team can make all the difference. Committees have proven to be the under-utilized resource that is a

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	practical way to manage the board's work. Join us as we discuss trailblazing; a new way to get over the mountain. This session will focus on the qualities, norms and actions of an effective board committee.
<b>February 2/25/19</b>	<b>Strategies for Oversight (Academic/Finance/Compliance)</b>
	<b>THE GARDEN OF OVERSIGHT: POSITIONING THE BOARD TO BLOSSOM IN ITS WORK</b> <b>Description:</b> Every garden begins with the best intentions, but a garden left unattended is soon overrun with weeds. The strategy for taming these pesky intruders does not begin as each one pops up, but prior to their arrival. This session will provide tools to assist your Board in building a strategy to attend to the things that matter most: academic, finance and compliance performance.
<b>April 4/29/19</b>	<b>Board Retreats and End of Year Reports</b>
	<b>THE TALE OF TWO MEETINGS: WHAT A RETREAT IS NOT</b> <b>Description:</b> It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness... it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us....sounds like a board retreat? While it may seem that the only possible outcome of a retreat to review performance is a war, it does not have to be that way. Join us for a session to discuss how an annual Board retreat, with its corresponding reports, may be just what your team needs to end the drama being written in your monthly meetings.
<b>June 6/24/19</b>	<b>BOD Calendar</b>
	<b>SECURING A BOARD PRODUCTIVITY BOOST, WITHOUT THE CAFFEINE</b> <b>Description:</b> So many of us are familiar with reaching for a caffeine solution when we hit that afternoon low, but what do you do when your Board is a bit sluggish? There are plenty of apps and gadgets that claim to jump-start your productivity, but if you're really looking to buckle down and make the most of your service this year, it's time to invest in building a governance calendar. An annual board calendar can provide just the pep your team needs to energize each meeting agenda, and deliver a roadmap for the best use of your Board's time. In this session, we will empower your Board to build a personalized annual calendar to guide your meetings.

For more information please contact the Office of Charter Schools' Deputy Director, Dikea Riley at (313) 873-7927 or [dikea.riley@detroitk12.org](mailto:dikea.riley@detroitk12.org) . Please RSVP on Eventbrite.

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