

Memorandum

From: Kisha Verducco
To: Charter School Board Members
Date: August 18, 2015
Regarding: Board Development



In an effort to continue to encourage the growth and development of charter school boards, DPS will now expect all board meeting agendas to include the topic: “Board Development.” This should appear on meeting agendas beginning in September.

Board Development can be used by governing boards to address their own performance, aside from the routine business of governing a school. This is the board’s opportunity to look at its own operation and to examine its own needs, goals and performance.

To support this effort during the 15-16 school year, Detroit Public Schools will provide six mini board governance training sessions during the Board Development portion of your meetings. Your assigned DPS board liaison will work with you to schedule each session, which should take no more than 10-15 minutes.

In addition, I encourage you to think proactively about how best to utilize this new agenda item. Among the items that you may consider discussing during Board Development are:

- Board member recruitment and succession planning
- Board member training opportunities and reports from trainings that have been attended
- Industry updates and best practices
- Strategic planning and strategic plan progress update
- Board mission and vision discussions
- Board contracted services, including auditor, attorney, recording secretary, etc.
- Acknowledgement of board member accomplishments

Your board liaison will be a resource for you to implement this new requirement. Board meeting agendas uploaded to Epicenter that do not include “Board Development” as a meeting item will be rejected.

Please contact me at kisha.verducco@detroitk12.org or (313) 873-7927 if you have questions or concerns.

CC: DPS Board Liaisons, Charter School Compliance Officers