



WASHINGTON STATE
CHARTER SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION

MEMBER CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING OFFERINGS 2019-2020

Informed, responsive, and engaged school boards are critical to the success of charter public schools. Board members must be versed in their responsibilities as stewards of public dollars and parties on charter contracts. They must be able to provide strategic and financial leadership to school administrative teams and guidance to school executives. As part of its offerings to member schools, the Washington State Charter Schools Association (WA Charter) leads and coordinates trainings for school board members and administrative teams to build their

capacity and develop the skills necessary to fulfill their missions. Listed below are training offerings about Washington-specific nonprofit and charter public school board member requirements, best practices for nonprofit and school board governance, options for focused work sessions, and trainings centered on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Member schools should reach out to diana@wacharters.org about scheduling trainings. If WA Charters staff cannot attend in person, please set up a dial-in for them to attend remotely.

WASHINGTON STATE-SPECIFIC TRAININGS

Topic	Trainer	Required Pre-Work	Suggested Frequency / Length of Training
Welcome to Washington Charter School Board Leadership!	Mitch Price, <i>Director of Policy and Government Relations</i>	Newly formed boards watch <i>The Key to Great Schools is Great Boards</i>	One-time / 90 min.
Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA) / Public Records Act (PRA)	<i>Attorney General's Office</i>	All Board members review OPMA slides from the Attorney General's Office Designated Public Records Officer, watch training video and review PowerPoint slides from Attorney General's office	Annual / 40 min.
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)	<i>WA Charters SafeSchools</i>	Review presentation and take quiz on WA Charters LMS – SafeSchools (14 minutes)	Annual / 15 min.
Charter Contract 101	Mitch Price, <i>Director of Policy and Government Relations</i>	Read charter contract	Annual / 20 min. of Q&A
Performance Frameworks 101	Mitch Price, <i>Director of Policy and Government Relations</i>	Review Academic, Organizational, and Financial Performance Frameworks	One time / 30 min.
WA Charters Advocacy Update	Mitch Price, <i>Director of Policy and Government Relations</i>		As requested / 30 min.

GOVERNANCE BEST PRACTICES

Topic	Trainer	Suggested Frequency / Length of Training
Governance vs. Management	Patrick D'Amelio, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	Start-up Phase / 1 hour
Fund Development	Bely Luu, <i>Associate Director of School Development</i>	Start-up Phase / 1 hour
Structuring Committees and Defining Lanes	Patrick D'Amelio, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	Start-up Phase / 1 hour
Recruiting and Retaining Diverse Board Members	Patrick D'Amelio, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	Start-up Phase / 1 hour
Executive Director Accountability and Evaluation	Patrick D'Amelio, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	Start-up Phase / 1 hour

BOARD SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Topic	Trainer	Required Pre-Work	Suggested Frequency / Length of Training
OPMA Simulation Meeting	Mitch Price, <i>Director of Policy and Government Relations</i>	All Board members review OPMA slides from the Attorney General's Office Designated Public Records Officer watch training video and review PowerPoint slides from Attorney General's office	Start-up Phase / 1 hour
Board and School Policy Audit	Diana Marker, <i>Director of School Services</i>	Provide digital copies of all board approved policies and procedures for review	Findings of a desk review of board and school policies are presented at a board meeting / 30 min.