

Board Meetings Policy 1.400

The Background:

Tennessee Code Annotated specifies the composition and structure of the State Board of Education and gives authority to the Board to create its own meeting policy. This policy was thoroughly revised in January 2018 to modernize operational practice.

This final reading item modifies the section listing items that require only one reading (pg. 5-6). The items added, course access providers, course access courses, and charter board training options, will have already gone through a thorough vetting and review process. The Department of Education will review all course access providers and course access courses, while the Tennessee Charter School Center will review all charter board training options.

This item has been changed since first reading to add special courses to the list of items only requiring one reading. As stated above, special courses are thoroughly reviewed by the Department of Education in alignment with Board policy 3.201 Special Courses before being presented to the Board for approval.

Policy Justification:

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends approval of this item on final reading.