
School Board Training Advisory Committee Member Appointment

The Background:

Tennessee Code Annotated 49-2-202(a)(6) specifies that the State Board of Education (State Board) shall set the minimum training requirements for school board members.

State Board rule 0520-01-02-.11 establishes a School Board Training Advisory Committee. This committee is responsible for evaluating and recommending school board member training courses for approval. Current committee members were appointed in July 2021 and will serve through June 2024. State Board rule requires the committee to include, at a minimum, the following:

- A member of the State Board
- The executive director of the State Board or his/her designee
- The commissioner of education or his/her designee
- At least one (1) local school board member

In August 2023, the State Board approved changes to its Charter Schools Governing Body Training Rule, which expanded the membership of the School Board Training Advisory Committee through the addition of a charter school governing body member. This item recommends the appointment of Dr. Patti Skates, governing body member for Ivy Academy, to the advisory committee for the remainder of the committee's current term (through June 2024).

Connection to the Master Plan:

This item supports the State Board's strategic focus on Engagement and Accountability outlined in the Master Plan by adding a charter school governing board member to the School Board Training Advisory Committee which is responsible for approving training courses for local school board members and charter school governing body members in accordance with annual training requirements.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends approval of the appointment of Dr. Patti Skates to serve on the State Board's School Board Training Advisory Committee through June 2024.