

## Recommendation for complying with required board governance training in FY16

[Georgia State Board of Education rule 160-4-9-06](#) outlines training requirements for the governing boards of all charter schools in the state. The specific training requirements are as follows:

### **Governance Training**

#### *(1) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.*

*(a) New members of charter school governing boards and members of newly approved charter schools shall participate, at a minimum, in 15 hours of training within one year of taking office. The training shall consist of the following minimum requirements; the remaining hours shall be in compliance with the State Board of Education-approved Governing Board Standards:*

- 1. Three hours of such training shall be in charter school finance and budgeting, and*
- 2. Three hours of such training shall be in best practices on charter school governance, the constitutional and statutory requirements relating to public records and meetings, and the requirements of applicable statutes and rules and regulations.*

*(b) Board members with one or more years of board service shall participate, as a minimum, in nine hours of training annually. Three of the nine required training hours shall include the whole board governance team training provision. Board members with a break in service of more than one year shall be considered new board members for training purposes.*

*(c) Whole Board Governance Team training, at a minimum of three hours, shall be conducted annually. The purpose of such training is to enhance the effectiveness of the governance team and to assess the continuing education needs of the board and school leader. The assessment of needs shall be based on the State Board-adopted standards for charter school governing boards and shall be used to plan the charter school adopted board training program.*

Training must be provided by a provider approved by the Georgia State Board of Education.

For the 2015-16 school year, the ANCS Board Chair, Chair-Elect, and Executive Director recommend our school's continued membership with [Board on Track](#) to serve as our governance training provider. The annual membership fee is \$9,995.

Board on Track is a well-regarded national provider of support to charter school governing boards. Board on Track is recommended because annual membership includes additional useful resources well beyond governance training which are summarized below and explained in greater detail in the [attached membership overview](#):

- Organize board documents to build institutional memory
- Simplifies processes to minimize board logistics
- 24/7 access to on-demand training and resources, members-only webinars, and monthly virtual coaching
- 11 online board assessment tools
- Quarterly customized coaching calls for the school leader and board chair
- Ability to set and track board and school goals through centralized dashboards
- Assistance for the board in its support and evaluation of school leader