



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3333.045 Board of trustees training.

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As used in this section, "state institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

The chancellor of higher education, in consultation with state institutions of higher education and members of their boards of trustees, shall develop and annually deliver educational programs for members of a board of trustees of each state institution. The chancellor may deliver the programs virtually and may offer the programs periodically throughout each year. New members of a board of trustees shall participate in the programs at least once in their first two years in office. Current members of a board of trustees shall participate in continuing trustee training at levels to be determined by the chancellor.

The educational programs shall be designed to address the role, duties, and responsibilities of a member of a board of trustees and may include in-service programs on current issues in higher education. In developing the educational programs, the chancellor may consider similar programs offered in other states or through a recognized trustee group.

The educational programs shall include presentations and content related to all of the following:

- (A) Each board member's duty to the state of Ohio;
- (B) The committee structure and function of a board of trustees;
- (C) The duties of the executive committee of a board of trustees;
- (D) Professional accounting and reporting standards;
- (E) Methods for meeting the statutory, regulatory, and fiduciary obligations of a board of trustees;



- (F) The requirements of the public records law;
- (G) Institutional ethics and conflicts of interest;
- (H) Creating and implementing institution-wide rules and regulations;
- (I) Business operations, administration, budgeting, financing, financial reporting, and financial reserves, including a segment on endowment management;
- (J) Fixing student general and instructional fees, and other necessary charges, including a review of student debt trends;
- (K) Overseeing planning, construction, maintenance, expansion, and renovation projects that impact the state institution's consolidated infrastructure, physical facilities, and natural environment, including its lands, improvements, and capital equipment;
- (L) Workforce planning, strategy, and investment;
- (M) Institutional advancement, including philanthropic giving, fundraising initiatives, alumni programming, communications and media, government and public relations, and community affairs;
- (N) Student welfare issues, including academic studies, curriculum, residence life, student governance and activities, and the general physical and psychological well-being of undergraduate and graduate students;
- (O) Current national and state issues in higher education;
- (P) Future national and state issues in higher education;
- (Q) State and federal anti-discrimination laws and a state institution's obligations under sections 3345.0217, 3345.0218, and 3345.88 of the Revised Code.