



Ohio Revised Code Section 6301.06 Local boards.

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(A) The chief elected official or officials of a local area shall create a local board to carry out the functions described in section 107(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. 3122(d). The chief elected official or officials shall appoint members of the local board in accordance with the requirements of section 107(b)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 U.S.C. 3122(b)(2).

(B) Members of the local board serve at the pleasure of the chief elected official or officials of the local area. Members shall not be compensated but may be reimbursed for actual, reasonable, and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as board members. Those expenses shall be paid from funds allocated pursuant to section 6301.03 of the Revised Code.

The chief elected official or officials of a local area may provide office space, staff, or other administrative support as needed to the board. For purposes of section 102.02 of the Revised Code, members of the board are not public officials or employees.

(C) The chief elected official or officials of a local area shall adopt a process for appointing members to the local board for the local area.

(D)(1) The requirement in division (C) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code that a member of a public body be present in person at a meeting open to the public to be part of a quorum or to vote does not apply to a local board if the board holds a meeting by interactive video conference or teleconference in the following manner:

(a) The board establishes a primary meeting location that is open and accessible to the public;

(b) Meeting-related materials that are available before the meeting are sent via electronic mail, facsimile, hand-delivery, or United States postal service to each board member;



- (c) In the case of an interactive video conference, the board causes a clear video and audio connection to be established that enables all meeting participants at the primary meeting location to see and hear each board member;
 - (d) In the case of a teleconference, the board causes a clear audio connection to be established that enables all meeting participants at the primary meeting location to hear each board member;
 - (e) All board members have the capability to receive meeting-related materials that are distributed during the board meeting;
 - (f) A roll call voice vote is recorded for each vote taken;
 - (g) The minutes of the board meeting identify which board members remotely attended the meeting by interactive video conference or teleconference.
- (2) If the board holds a meeting by interactive video conference or teleconference in the manner described in division (D)(1) of this section, use of an interactive video conference is preferred, but nothing in this section prohibits the board from conducting its meetings by teleconference or by a combination of interactive video conference and teleconference at the same meeting.
- (3) The board shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are necessary to implement division (D)(1) of this section, including rules that do all of the following:
- (a) Authorize board members to remotely attend a board meeting by interactive video conference or teleconference, or by a combination thereof, in lieu of attending the meeting in person;
 - (b) Establish a minimum number of board members that must be physically present in person at the primary meeting location if the board conducts a meeting by interactive video conference or teleconference;
 - (c) Require that not more than one board member remotely attending a board meeting by teleconference is permitted to be physically present at the same remote location;



(d) Establish geographic restrictions for participation in meetings by interactive video conference and by teleconference;

(e) Establish a policy for distributing and circulating meeting-related materials to board members, the public, and the media in advance of or during a meeting at which board members are permitted to attend by interactive video conference or teleconference;

(f) Establish a method for verifying the identity of a board member who remotely attends a meeting by teleconference.

(E) The chief elected official or officials of a local area may contract with the local board. The parties shall specify in the contract the workforce development activities that the local board is to administer and shall establish in the contract standards, including performance standards, for the local board's operation. The contract may include any other provisions that the chief elected official or officials consider necessary.

(F) The chief elected official or officials may contract with any government or private entity to enhance the administration of local workforce development activities for which the local board is responsible. The entity with which the chief elected official or officials contract is not required to be located in the local area in which the chief elected official or officials serve as chief elected executive officer.

(G)(1) As used in this division, "public library" means a library that is open to the public and that is one of the following:

(a) A library that is maintained and regulated under section 715.13 of the Revised Code;

(b) A library that is created, maintained, and regulated under Chapter 3375. of the Revised Code;

(c) A library that is created and maintained by a public or private school, college, university, or other educational institution;

(d) A library that is created and maintained by a historical or charitable organization, institution,



association, or society.

(2) Not later than September 1, 2018, and every two years thereafter, an OhioMeansJobs center operator shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with one or more public libraries to facilitate collaboration and coordination of workforce programs and education and job training resources.