Mandatory Board Member Training

Illinois General Assembly	Training Requirements	Who Must Receive Training	Timeline	Professional Development Opportunities
Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1.05	Open Meetings Act's (OMA) general applicability, pro- cedures, and legal requirements. Also requires board members who have completed the train- ing requirement to file a copy of their certificate of com- pletion with the school board.	Every school board member must receive training. A board member who has completed the training and filed a copy of the certificate of completion with the school board is not required to subsequently complete the training.	Board members must complete this training no later than 90 days after taking the oath of office.	IASB's Online Learning Center.
Professional Development Leadership Training 105 ILCS 5/10-16a	A minimum of four hours of Professional Development Leadership Training (PDLT), including education and labor law, financial oversight and accountability, fiduciary responsibilities, and trauma-informed practices.* Also requires school districts to post on their websites the names of all board members who have successfully completed the training.	Every school board member elected, or appointed to fill a vacancy of at least one year's duration. A board member who has completed the training is not required to take this training again.	Board members must complete the training within the first year of the board member's first term.	IASB's Online Learning Center.
Performance Evaluation Reform Act 105 ILCS 5/24-16.5; 23 III. Admin. Code §51.235	A training program on Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) evaluations.	School board members who participate in a vote on a dismissal based upon an "optional alternative evaluative dismissal process for PERA evaluations."	Prior to voting on a dismissal based upon an "optional alternative eval- uative dismissal process for PERA evaluations."	IASB has included PERA content in all PDLT options. It is also a standalone course at IASB's Online Learning Center.

^{*}Trauma-informed practices content will be included for new board members in 2023.

Please see PRESS policy 2:120, Board Member Development, for further information.

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