

To: Sponsored Schools and Governing Authority Members

From: ESCLEW Community Schools Center

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RE: Governing Authority Update

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ESCLEW Board Member Training - Spring 2019

The ESCLEW Community Schools Center is hosting a Spring Board Member Training on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. The training will take place at the Community Schools Center Office located at 4955 Seaman Rd. Oregon, OH 43616. This training is free of charge for all ESCLEW sponsored community schools, and intended for governing authority members, management company board liaisons, and school leaders.

Participants will strengthen their understanding of the critical roles and responsibilities of governing authority members, as well as receive valuable legal updates and discussions regarding current "hot topics."

Completion of this training will meet the requirements for the annual required Open Meeting and Public Records Training.

Ohio Attorney General Released 2019 'Yellow Book'

The 2019 edition of the Sunshine Laws Manual was released the week of March 11, 2019. This document is referenced as a one stop resource for information on the Ohio Public Records and Open Meetings Acts.

The manual, also known as the 'Yellow Book,' has been updated with the most recent law changes and legal decisions affecting Ohio's open government laws. The manual is updated annually to help citizens know their rights and to help governing authority members understand their obligations under the laws.

As required in House Bill 2 (HB2), all governing authority members are required to complete Sunshine Laws, Public Records and Open Meetings Act Training annually between July 1st and June 30th. Verification of completed training is required to be submitted to the sponsor (ESCLEW) via Epicenter annually. Annual training verification must include a signed affidavit and a certificate of completion for each governing authority member.

Trainings can be conducted by school personnel using the information posted on the Ohio Attorney General Website, or attending a professional development in which Sunshine Laws, Public Records and Open Meetings Act are listed on the agenda.

For more information and to access an electronic copy of the 2019 'Yellow Book' please visit the Ohio Attorney General's website at www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Sunshine.

If you should have any questions regarding the details above please reach out to your Regional Technical Assistance Educator, Academic Services Team Leader, or the Interim Director of the Community Schools Center.