

# TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## BOARD MEMBERS

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#### 1. Number

The State Board of Education is composed of nine (9) appointed members, one (1) appointed public high school student member, and one (1) ex officio member. The Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission shall be the ex officio, nonvoting member of the Board.<sup>1</sup>

#### 2. Qualifications

One (1) appointed member shall be appointed from, and represent, each congressional district. Such member shall reside within the congressional district from which such member is appointed. No appointed member of the Board shall be an elected official or employee of the federal, state, or a local government. At least one (1), but not more than one (1), appointed member of the Board shall be employed, at the time of the appointment, as a K-12 public school teacher. The high school student shall be of superlative standing.<sup>2</sup>

#### 3. Terms of Office

Members of the Board shall serve five (5) year terms except the student member who shall serve a one (1)-year term.<sup>3</sup>

#### 4. Appointments

Appointments shall be made by the governor subject to confirmation by the Senate and House of Representatives.

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<sup>1</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-301.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* The length of terms was modified by the legislature in 2007. Those members appointed prior to July 1, 2007, will serve their nine (9) year terms. New members appointed after July 1, 2007, will serve five (5) year terms.

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The student member shall be appointed each year from nominees chosen by the local board of education in each school system at each board's discretion, with no more than one (1) student from each school system being nominated, and with the students having reached their junior or senior year in high school.<sup>4</sup>

### 5. Vacancies

The position of any member shall become vacant when a member is no longer a resident of the district or when a Board member misses, without cause, more than two (2) consecutive meetings within any twelve (12)-month period. Cause shall be determined by the Board.<sup>5</sup>

### 6. Method and Election of Officers

The chair and vice chair of the Board shall be elected by the members of the Board for a term of two (2) years.<sup>6</sup> The chair and vice chair may be reelected. The chair of the Board shall appoint the chair and members of any committee of Board members.<sup>7</sup>

### 7. New Member Orientation

In order that new members of the Board may become acquainted with the work of the Board and the Tennessee Department of Education, each new member shall be required to attend an orientation program designed to review current programs and activities of the Board and the Tennessee Department of Education.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to design such a program. The program is subject to approval by the chair.

### 8. Representation of Board Members

The Executive Director with concurrence of the chair shall develop a procedure for designation of members to represent the Board at appropriate meetings and functions.

### 9. Expenses and Reimbursement

Each member of the Board shall be reimbursed for travel expenses directly related to their role as a member in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations of the state.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> Effective January 1, 2019, in accordance with Public Chapter 539 of 2018.

<sup>7</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-301(b).

<sup>8</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-301(c).

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**10. Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

In order to assure that any appearance of conflict of interest is avoided, and in order to assure that any indirect interests are publicly acknowledged, each Board member shall complete the Tennessee State Board of Education Disclosure Statement for Indirect Interests (attached below). Each Board member shall amend his or her disclosure because of termination or acquisition of interests of which disclosure is required.

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**TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR INDIRECT INTERESTS**  
**OF BOARD MEMBERS**

I, the undersigned member of the Tennessee State Board of Education, in order to assure that any appearance of conflict of interest is avoided, and in order to assure that any indirect interests are publicly acknowledged, hereby make the following statements and assurances:

1. I am related to the following employees of the Tennessee State Board of Education or any official of any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, K-12 public education institution or other entities which do business with, are licensed by, or are otherwise involved with the State Board of Education:

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2. I am employed or professionally affiliated with the following corporation, partnership, sole proprietorships, associations, K-12 public education institutions or any other entities which are licensed by the Tennessee State Board of Education:

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3. I have an ownership interest in or serve on the Board of the following corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, associations, K-12 public education institutions or other entities which, to my knowledge, do business with K-12 public education institutions coordinated or licensed by the Tennessee State Board of Education:

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4. In my household and among my dependents (including parents, siblings, spouse or children), to the best of my knowledge, the following individuals have an ownership interest as stated in Number 3 above:

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5. I am currently the recipient of the following grants administered by the Tennessee State Board of Education:

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6. I hereby certify that if, during my tenure on the Tennessee State Board of Education, I become directly or indirectly interested as an owner, employee or affiliated as described in Number 1-5 above, or if there is any change in the information provided in this statement, I shall immediately disclose such information to the Tennessee State Board of Education. The accuracy of this statement will be reviewed within thirty (30) days after the Board's regularly scheduled Spring meeting, but no later than June 1.

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By my signature below, I affirm that all of the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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(Signature)

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(Date)