

Section:	Governance
Title:	Trustee Professional Development

Purpose

To support professional development opportunities for Trustees.

Policy

The Board values Lifelong Learning and expects Trustees to engage in learning opportunities that enhance the Trustee’s ability to serve the School District.

Trustees may participate in programs and activities, or acquire technology, which lead to professional growth, enhancement of skills and abilities, and increased overall competencies related to board governance, public education systems, or issues that are unique to Mission Public Schools.

Trustees are to report out to the Board on their professional development activity.

Guidelines

1. The professional development must promote and support professional learning, growth, and development in the knowledge, skills, and attributes that lead to improved performance and practices related to board governance and/or public education, based on the educational needs of the Trustee.
2. An annual professional development budget will be allocated for each Trustee.
3. Trustees may use the funds for a broad range of professional development activities and/or the purchase of technological devices or equipment.
4. The use of the funds to purchase technology is subject to the following:
 - a. The device must comply with current district standards.
 - b. The device will be fully owned by the School District for four (4) years.
 - c. The device will be depreciated over four (4) years.
 - d. The device may be returned to the School District after the four (4) year ownership period or retained by the Trustee for their future personal use.
 - e. If the Trustee leaves the position prior to the end of the four (4) year ownership period, the device must either be returned to the School District or purchased by the Trustee at the cost of the un-depreciated value.

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