

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Procedures/Bylaws
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003. MEMBERSHIP

Authority

Membership of the Board of Education (“the Board”) is prescribed by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter. [1]

Number

The Board shall consist of nine members. There shall also be a non-voting student advisory member of the Board of Education and an alternate appointed by the Board from among the students enrolled in the Philadelphia public schools. [1][4]

Qualifications

Members of the Board shall be registered voters of the City of Philadelphia. No person shall be eligible to be appointed for more than three full terms.

Each Board Member shall:

1. Take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation prescribed by statute before entering the duties of the office.[1],[2]
2. Not be engaged in a business transaction with the school district, be employed by the school district, or receive pay for services from the school district, except as provided by law.[3]
3. File a statement of financial interests with the State Ethics Commission before taking the oath of office or entering upon his/her duties and annually by May 1.
4. Adhere to the District’s Employee Code of Ethics. [4]
5. Complete all mandatory clearances required of volunteers by Child Protective Services Law.[2]

Board Member Appointments

Board Members shall be appointed by the Mayor from lists of names submitted to him/her by the Education Nominating Panel, and approved by resolution by members of City Council, and in accordance with law.[1]

Non-voting Student Representative

Appointment of the non-voting student representative and alternate student representative shall be made by a majority vote of Board Members during the Spring, for a one-year term beginning July 1 of that same year.

The Board shall adopt a policy to establish the selection process and clarify duties and responsibilities of the student representatives. [4]

Vacancies

A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner by which each member of the Board is appointed in accordance with law.

Term

The term of office of each Board Member shall be four years, commencing on May 1 of the year a Mayor's term of office begins¹. [1]

A Board Member's term shall remain coterminous with the appointing Mayor's term.

A Board Member may serve up to three successive terms, if re appointed by the Mayor .

Removal

Members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Legal References:

1. [Home Rule Charter](#) – 12-200, 12-201, 12-202, 12-203, 12-204, 12-205,12-206,12- 207, 12-208, 12-209, 12-300
2. [Public School Code](#) – 24 P.S. Secs.301, 302, 401, 403
3. [Public Officials and Employee Ethics Act](#) – 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 1101 et seq.
4. Board Policy 003.1, 300

¹ The School Reform Commission will dissolve on June 30, 2018. Governance will shift to The Board of Education commencing July 1, 2018. Board Member terms will remain coterminous with the appointing Mayor's term.