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Annual Report of Required Training for New Board Members

During the 82nd Texas Legislative Session, House Bill No. 1206 was passed amending Section 61.084 of the Education Code. It states, in part, that "each member of a governing board of an institution of higher education shall attend, during the member's first two years of service as a member of a governing board of an institution of higher education, at least one training program under this section." It further states that "the minutes of the last regular meeting held by a governing board of a public junior college district during a calendar year must reflect whether each member of the governing board has completed any training required to be completed by the member under this section as of the meeting date." The law defines who establishes the acceptable training programs and the contents. This legislation took effect September 1, 2011.

Subsequently, Senate Bill No. 24 passed during the 84th Texas Legislative Session amending Section 61.084 of the Education Code, in part, to mandate the length of time a governing board member has to complete the training is within the member's first year of service. This amendment took effect January 1, 2016. Dr. Shelton will report the training status of the Regents as required by this mandate.

Subsequently, Senate Bill No. 37 passed during the 89th Texas Legislative Session amending Section 61.084 of the Education Code and incorporates additional elements into the curriculum including an overview of the Texas Legislature, the General Appropriations Act, and the State budget process. It also places greater emphasis on trustees' commitments to their institutions, the State of Texas, and taxpayers.