

TENTATIVE 2022-2023 Board Training Schedule

This is a working document. Please expect things to change or be incomplete. We can populate this together throughout the year as our needs change.

Board members: Please review and prepare to provide feedback at the meeting. At any time this year, please contact me if you would like the board to consider an additional training topic, and I'll check with Governance and possibly the rest of the board, and we will do what we can. Thank you. Please be aware that we may have a training on a topic that wasn't requested, but that we just see as needing some work.

Background: Historically, trainings have occurred at the beginning of the meeting and ran up to an hour. There is usually also a six-hour board retreat the first Saturday in December, when we often have three-four hours of training or topic-focused strategic discussion.

This year, I want feedback about topics and timing, and I would like to keep trainings shorter (15-30 minutes) when feasible. If we want to have a longer training, we can schedule a special meeting. All of this is open to feedback and discussion.

Proposed Training Timeline and Topics:

August 29: Roberts Rules of Order (Becky Lund to present! Thank you, Becky!)

September 26: Read and discuss two topics (four pages total) from the Board Training document: "General Duties of Board Members" and "Some Governance Best Practices for Smooth Board Meetings"

November 1: Classical Education Basics

November 28:

December Retreat: we don't need to finalize the date yet, and we could move this to coincide with strategic planning

January 30:

February 27:

March 27:

April 24:

May 22:

June 26:

More topic ideas to put in the schedule:

- Nova's financials: what to look for and what is special about Nova financially - like, why do we have to meet 60 days cash on hand, 25 percent fund balance and 1.0 debt service coverage ratio benchmarks?
- Special education options and programming at Nova
- Equity at Nova
- History of Nova
- History of the Board

- Feedback from Strategic Planning Listening Sessions - sometimes including contextual history for “why things have been done how they have been done” so that we have background information when we look at Strategic Planning data.
- More ideas?