

Osprey Wilds 24-25 New Board Member Training

September 10 & 11, 2024

All sessions will be conducted virtually over Zoom. Use the links in the descriptions to register for individual sessions.

Please note that the legislature approved new board training requirements in MN Stat. §124E.07 Subd. 7 effective **August 1, 2024**.

- **Prior to beginning their term**, a new board member must complete training on a charter school board's role and responsibilities, open meeting law, and data practices law.
- A new board member must complete training on employment policies and practices, public school funding and financial management, and the board's roles and responsibilities regarding student success, achievement, and performance **within 12 months of being seated on the board**.
- Every charter school board member and non-voting ex-officio member who is a charter school director or chief administrator must attend board training.
- An ex-officio member, who is a charter school director or chief administrator, must complete the training described above within three months of starting employment at the school.
- If a board member does not complete all six trainings **within 12 months of being seated on the board**, they are automatically ineligible to continue to serve as a board member.
 - A board member who does not complete training within the 12-month period is ineligible to be elected or appointed to a charter school board for a period of 18 months.

What Boards Need to Know About the Charter School Contract

Erin Anderson, Director of Charter School Authorizing, Osprey Wilds

Tuesday, September 10, 8:00-9:00 AM

Every charter school authorizer is different, and every charter school contract sets different expectations. Get to know some of the key things you should know about what's in *your* charter school contract, where to find them, and what OW expects from boards of the schools it authorizes. [Register online](#).

What Boards Need to Know About Their Roles & Responsibilities

Emily Edstrom Moore, Authorizing Specialist, Osprey Wilds

Tuesday, September 10, 9:30-10:30 AM

The two things people care about most are their children and their money, and public education is where those two things intersect. As a public school board member, you are responsible for the education of other people's children and the stewardship of other people's money in the

form of public tax dollars. Dive into that commitment and explore the unique role you play as a governing member of the charter school community. [Register online.](#)

What Boards Need to Know About Charter School Employment Policies & Practices

Michael J. Ervin, Attorney at Law, Squires Waldspurger & Mace, P.A.

Tuesday, September 10, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Discover the basics of employment law and the board's related roles and responsibilities. Learn about employment data practices and what information is required to be public (and what you may want to know, but isn't actually yours to know). In addition to an overview of legislative updates to relevant statute, this session will review the fundamentals of discrimination and retaliation / whistleblower claims, as well as the ins and outs of at-will employment. [Register online.](#)

What Boards Needs to Know About Open Meeting Law

Erin Anderson, Director of Charter School Authorizing, Osprey Wilds

Tuesday, September 10, 1:00-2:00 PM

If there's a pervasive stumbling block for all charter school boards, it's MN §13D, Open Meeting Law. Meeting both the letter and the spirit of Open Meeting Law is crucial to protecting your school from risk as well as preserving public trust in your board as good stewards of the organization. [Register online.](#)

What Boards Need to Know About Data Practices Law

Erin Anderson, Director of Charter School Authorizing

Tuesday, September 10, 2:30-3:30 PM

In 2024, the MN Legislature updated training requirements for charter school boards and now requires board members to receive training on data practices law prior to beginning their term. Ensuring your school has and implements systems to secure student and staff data is a key form of risk management for your school. This session will provide an overview of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA) and its applicability to charter schools. [Register online.](#)

What Boards Need to Know About Public School Funding and Financial Management

David Greenberg, National Association of Charter School Authorizers

Tuesday, September 10, 4:00-5:30 PM

Most charter schools that fail do so because of poor financial management. Quality management and oversight of financials is a critical indicator of financial health and helps ensure your school is focused on student success. Develop a foundational understanding of

charter school finance so that you can effectively carry out your role as a board member in developing and monitoring budgets and adopting and implementing financial policies and practices that will help your school meet its mission. [Register online](#).

What Boards Need to Know About Student Success, Achievement, and Performance

Emily Edstrom Moore, Authorizing Specialist Academics

Wednesday, September 11 9:30-10:30 AM

The primary purpose of mission-driven charter schools is to improve the learning, achievement, and success of all students. As board members, you are tasked with holding your school accountable for that promise to students and families. Join this session to learn more about your schools' contractual academic goals, Osprey Wilds' academic goals framework, and questions you can ask as a board to determine just how well your school is driving students' academic improvement. [Register online](#).

What Schools Need to Know About Compliance and Technical Assistance in the 24-25 School Year

Erin Anderson, Director of Charter School Authorizing and Jolene Palme, Finance Compliance Analyst

Wednesday September 11, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

There are many new and updated legislative requirements for charter schools in the 24-25 school year, and the OW Charter School Division has been working hard to align our technical assistance and compliance reporting requirements accordingly. Beyond sending required documents to OW, compliance reporting is a key component of communication between the school and the authorizer that can serve to prevent future problems. This session will clarify OW's expectations, key documents, and reporting deadlines. [Register online](#).