

## **So You're a Member of an OW Authorized Charter School Board: Understanding the Authorizer-School Relationship**

*Erin Anderson, Director of Charter School Authorizing, Osprey Wilds*

**Tuesday, February 8 | 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.](#)

## **Charter School Board Roles & Responsibilities**

*Erin Anderson, Director of Charter School Authorizing, Osprey Wilds*

**Tuesday, February 8 | 9:30-10:30 AM**

The two things people care about most are their kids 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.](#)

## **Charter School Employment Policies & Practices**

*Nalani McCutcheon, Associate Director of Charter School Authorizing, Osprey Wilds*

**Tuesday, February 8 | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

If there's a pervasive stumbling block for all charter school boards, it's MN §13D, Open Meeting Law. Especially challenging to navigate during the current health pandemic (but don't worry; that's addressed in statute), 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.](#)

## **Open Meeting Law & You**

*Erin Anderson, Director of Charter School Authorizing, Osprey Wilds*

**Tuesday, February 8 | 1:30-2:30 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). Review the fundamentals of discrimination and retaliation / whistleblower claims, as well as the ins and outs of at-will employment. [Register online.](#)

## **Charter School Financial Management 101**

*David Greenberg, National Association of Charter School Authorizers*

**Tuesday, February 22 | 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](#).

## **Additional Board Training Opportunities**

### **Building Your School Budget – A Board Perspective**

*David Greenberg, National Association of Charter School Authorizers*

**Wednesday, February 24 | 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

As we pass the halfway point of the 2021-22 school year, it is time to begin the budgeting process for the 2022-23 year. This session will explore the role of the board of directors in developing and approving that budget with a focus on the school's mission and great outcomes for students. Come prepared to share how your school approaches budgeting, what works well, and what needs improvement. [Register Online](#).