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## CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TRAINING PLANS APPROVED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### **Title: Board Governance with an Entrepreneurial Twist**

**Training Overview:** The Course is designed to (re)educate and assist participants in satisfying their requirements under the Florida Charter Schools guidelines. It focuses on the best practices and oversight components of board governance for volunteer Board of Trustees and Directors. The interactive session includes the required topics...

- Government under the Florida Sunshine Law,
- Conflict of Interest
- Ethics
- Fiscal Accountability and the associated systems.

Supplemental modules include Finding the Right for Your Board, Marketing for Sustainable Results, Building Community Partnerships, Negotiating Goods and Services.

The course is taught using case studies, videos, and exercises that provide real time scenarios for Directors. Tangible “Take Aways” include a Training Manual that is also a tool kit for the board to reference afterwards (also available with online course).

***The CMA Board Governance Training offered through our firm is also eligible for Credit Hours through HRCI. CMA is an Approved Provider for this additional service.***

The presenter, Gail Birks is an Independent Corporate Director with nearly 40 years in this professional arena. She brings “real time” experience to your board governance training. Ms. Birks is also the President/CEO of a 30+ year- old Performance and Process Improvement Consulting Firm in South Florida. She has nearly 40 years of experience in building corporate strategies and board governance for non-profit and for-profit organizations. She has worked with the Charter School Community since 2008 through the Schools of Choice Program.

**Training Plan Expiration Date:** October 2, 2022

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**Title: Effective Board Governance of Public Charter Schools in Florida**

Greater Capacity Consortium ([www.greatercapacity.org](http://www.greatercapacity.org)), a nonprofit resource for charter school boards in Florida and nationally, offers training in multi-formats (as online modules accessible 24/7, synchronous webinars, and in-person workshops). Our trainers reside in Orlando, Miami and Tallahassee and criss-cross the state to provide FL-DOE certified training in ethics, conflicts of interest, government in the sunshine, and financial responsibility and much more all in comprehensive four-hour and refresher two-hour formats.

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**Title: What Works for Charter School Boards-Florida Board Member Governance Training Compliance Series**

Satisfy the four-hour school governance board training requirement on-line! What Works for Charter School Boards is a four-hour board leadership professional development series designed to maximize the effectiveness of charter school governing boards. The Florida board member training compliance series includes four practical, on-line training modules that meet the requirements of s.1002.33(9)(k), Florida Statutes. The training is offered by the Clarion Council and covers all content areas outlined by law to include: Government-in-the-Sunshine Law; Conflict of Interest; Ethics; Financial Responsibility. Modules are easy to use, interactive, and provide a Certification of Completion.

**Training Plan Expiration Date:** May 1, 2022

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**Title: Charter School Governance Training for Board of Director Members**

Sessions will include all aspects of mandatory training as well as additional work on best practices in school organization and operation. The trainer has been working with Florida charter schools for more than seventeen years. The trainer has been training boards since the inception of the board training requirement.

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**Title: Making the Most of Charter School Governing Boards: Effective Strategies (online/in person)**

**Training Overview:** This engaging course on charter school governing boards can be used as a self-paced, INITIAL training for individuals or small groups of new governing board members. The training may be facilitated by a live presenter, or it may be completed independently by the participant(s). The course is designed as follows: a brief introductory webinar with directions on completing the course and four separate Modules, with an accompanying Learning Activity Booklet that must be completed by each participant. The training covers the four major topics (Government in the Sunshine, Conflicts of Interest, Ethics, and Financial Responsibilities) and includes information on specific roles, responsibilities and duties of board members. Real-life scenarios are presented and relevant Learning Activities are provided to engage the participants.

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**Title: Great Schools Need Great Boards: Effective Practices for Governing**

**Training Overview:** This engaging, interactive course on effective practices for charter school boards covers all of the state-mandated governance training topics, including Government in the Sunshine, Conflicts of Interest, Ethics, and Financial Responsibilities. It also provides roles and responsibilities for board members including what the board should focus on to ensure the overall health of the school.

Board members will have opportunities to work through case studies drawn from real life scenarios and learn best practices from high functioning boards.

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**Title: Charter School Governance Training – Live Workshop**

**Training Overview:** Kathleen comes to your location with a presentation that covers all of the state-mandated governance training topics, including open government laws, conflicts of interest, ethics, financial responsibilities, policies and procedures, running effective meetings and organizational documents. Kathleen tailors the course to your school, including the use of your school's organizational documents. The program includes discussions on statutory responsibilities, charter school best practices, and real-world examples drawn from Kathleen's experiences representing charter schools. Time for questions and further discussion by any of the attendees are always welcomed.

Schools may select from either the four-hour initial training or a two-hour refresher course. Access to Kathleen's online program is included in the fee so that any board members who cannot attend the in-person workshop can still participate in the training at no additional cost. Non-board members, like school administration, are welcome to attend for all or part of the session. Significant discounts for multi-school sessions are offered.

The presenter, Kathleen W. Schoenberg, is an attorney in private practice in Florida. Kathleen has been working with and providing counsel to charter schools for over 14 years. Kathleen is a frequent speaker at charter school events including past Florida Charter School Conferences and the Chautauqua Institution.

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**Title: Charter School Governance Training – Online Program**

**Training Overview:** This interactive training is delivered through an online webinar with both video and audio. The training runs on all computers, many tablets and smart phones. You can complete the training at your own pace, on your schedule and from the comfort of anywhere you have internet access. The training is available in both the four-hour initial training and two-hour refresher course formats.

The program walks the participant through topics required by state law and important to charter school board members, including open government laws, conflicts of interest, ethics, financial responsibilities, policies and procedures, running effective meetings and organizational documents. The program includes discussions on statutory responsibilities, charter school best practices, and real-world examples drawn from Kathleen's experiences representing charter schools. The training is updated to keep pace with changes in laws and regulations.

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