



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER ORIENTATION
(School Governance and By Laws)

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1. A new member or any person designated for appointment as a new member of the Committee is to be afforded the Committee's and the staff's fullest measures of courtesy and cooperation. The Committee and staff shall make every feasible effort to assist the new member to become fully informed about the Committee's functions policies, procedures, and problems.
2. In the interim between appointment and actually assuming office the new member will be invited to attend all meetings and functions of the Committee including executive sessions, and is to receive all reports and communications normally sent to the Committee members.
3. A mentor will be assigned for the primary purpose of orienting the new member to his or her responsibilities, to the Committee's method of operating, and to school district policies and problems.
4. The Committee Chairperson and members of the administrative staff will also confer with the new member as necessary on special problems or concerns.
5. Per MGL, School Committee members, within 1 year of their initial election or appointment, shall complete at least 8 hours of orientation concerning the responsibilities of their office or MASC's "Charting the Course", at no cost to the individual school committee members.

Legal Reference:
cf. (BHA)
Chapter 71, section 36A

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