

Texas Education Code (TEC), Section 61.084, as amended by Senate Bill 24, 84th Texas Legislature, requires the Coordinating Board to provide a training program for members of institutional governing boards. Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Section 1.9 of Coordinating Board rules concerns this training requirement. Full-day orientation is offered face-to-face annually to newly appointed regents and newly elected trustees as part of the Coordinating Board's annual leadership conference. Videos from the Coordinating Board's full-day orientation are also available online for those who are not able to attend in person.

The 84th Texas Legislature, through Senate Bill (SB) 24, amended the Texas Education Code to additionally require that regents who are appointed by the governor after January 1, 2016, also complete an online, short orientation course before they are allowed to vote on a budgetary or personnel matter. The course includes best practices and transparency in trusteeship and governance, such as approaches that boards can adopt to promote a healthy board culture and effective partnerships with presidents and senior administrators. This is in addition to the full-day orientation offered by the Coordinating Board, and in addition to the Open Meetings Training and Investment Training that regents are required to take under specific sections of the Texas Government Code.

On January 21, 2016, in accordance with TEC, Sections 61.084 and 61.0841, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Section 1.9 of Coordinating Board rules concerning training for members of governing boards and board trustees were amended to:

- a. require an appointed governing board member to complete the new Intensive Short Course for Appointed Members of Governing Boards the first time it is offered following the date the member takes the oath of office; and
- b. prohibit a member whose first year of service on the governing board begins on or after January 1, 2016, from voting on a budgetary or personnel matter until the member successfully completes the new Intensive Short Course for Appointed Members of Governing Boards described by TEC, Section 61.0841.