



AASB's First-Term Board Member Webinar Series 2025-2026



All meetings are from 12:00–1:00 pm on Tuesdays

1. October 28, 2025 – **Welcome to the Board and AASB Board Standards**

Welcome to the Board and AASB Board Standards: Join AASB staff member Jenni Lefing and AASB President Dana Mock as we welcome all newly elected School Board Members to your new role! During this session, we'll touch on the AASB Board Standards, which all member districts of AASB have adopted. This will help provide a basic understanding of what is entailed in School Board membership.

2. November 11, 2025 – **Conducting Effective Meetings & Roberts Rules of Order Basics**

Conducting Effective Meetings & Roberts Rules of Order Basics: Do your board meetings run smoothly? Does everyone get an equal chance to participate? Does your meeting agenda make sense, and is it effective? Are you new to using Robert's Rules of Order? This webinar, hosted by AASB's Tiffany Jackson, will help new and more experienced members gain a better idea of how meetings should proceed and what you can do to help!

3. December 16, 2025 – **The Funding Formula with DEED**

The Funding Formula with DEED: The Alaska Funding Formula can be intimidating when one first joins the school board. This special presentation on the funding formula by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development staff members Jared De Lara, Foundation program specialist, and Lori Weed, School Finance Manager, will help you better understand what goes into the funding formula, so you can better understand the development of your district's budget.

4. January 6, 2026 – **School Law Basics**

School Law Basics: Join us and a school law expert as we explore the basic laws that govern and regulate public education in Alaska. This informative hour with a school law expert, Clint Campion, will cover state and federal statutes and practices affecting a school board's role and responsibility.



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5. January 20, 2026 – **School Board and Superintendent Team**

School Board and Superintendent Team: The relationship between the school board and the superintendent is a critical one if you are to be successful in achieving the goals of the board and the vision of education for your district. This webinar, hosted by AASB staff member Jenni Lefing and an experienced superintendent, Kasie Luke, will explore what it takes for each board member to establish and maintain a working and communicative relationship with the superintendent. The superintendent is a key leader and member of your board team. Find out how you can learn what their role entails, what your role is, and how you can foster a productive relationship!

6. February 3, 2026 – **Effective Advocacy**

Effective Advocacy: Delve into the dynamics of the legislature and explore strategies designed to help education advocates effectively navigate the upcoming legislative session. We'll examine ways to engage in productive conversations with legislators, the importance of civil discourse in today's polarized political climate, and harnessing the power of data-driven storytelling to highlight the urgent needs of our schools.

7. February 17, 2026 – **Community Engagement Strategies**

Community Engagement Strategies: Please join our exceptional Conditions for Learning (CFL) team as they lead a discussion on the board's role in supporting and working to improve community engagement with the district. AASB will look at how community engagement is an integral part of a well-functioning board and has direct connections to the five AASB Board Standards: Vision, Structure, Accountability, Advocacy, and Conduct/Ethics.