

Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

Ready, Set, Govern! Thursday, November 3, 2022



We will begin at 9 am.

Today's Objectives

- Increased understanding of your role as School Board Member.
- Review key roles & responsibilities of being a school board member.
- Connect with school board members from around the state.



Agreements

- In every chair a leader
- We are responsible for our experience
- Take care of yourself; take care of each other.
- Value our time together

Agreements Adapted from First Alaskans Institute

Greeting Frenzy!

1. Introduce Yourself

(Name, District, length of time on school board)

2. Why did you become a school board member?

3. What is one thing you hope to learn this week?



You've Been Elected, Now What?



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Congratulations on being elected or appointed to your local school board!



We applaud your willingness to dedicate yourself to serve the students in your communities.



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**As a new board member,
where do I start?**

What do I need to know?



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Turn to a neighbor and share:

Think about the first school board meeting you attended (as a school board member).

- How did you feel?
- What was it like?



Prepare for life in the “public eye”!

Begin a transition to your new role:

Board Candidate → Board Member

Private Citizen → Public Official

Individual Action → Team Action



So, what do School Boards do



What do school boards do?

1. Hire and evaluate the **superintendent** – your only employee!
2. Set and approve the **district budget**
3. Review and adopt **curriculum**
4. Develop and adopt **policies** to govern the district



AASB Board Standards

- **Vision:** The Board creates a shared vision to enhance student achievement.
- **Structure:** The Board provides a structure that supports the vision.
- **Accountability:** The Board measures district performance toward accomplishing the vision and reports the results to the public.
- **Advocacy:** The Board champions the vision.
- **Conduct & Ethics:** The Board and its individual members conduct district business in a fair, respectful, and responsible manner.

<https://aasb.org/board-standards/>



**BOARD
STANDARDS**
A FRAMEWORK FOR ALASKA SCHOOL BOARDS



Begin with Orientation



New member orientation –
*ask your Superintendent
and Board President!*

AASB provides training:

- Ready, Set, Govern!
- First Year Board Member webinar series
- Boardsmanship Academies



Be Prepared – the public is watching!

- **Read material BEFORE meetings**
- **Take notes**
- **Ask questions**
- **Listen**
- **Learn how meetings work**
 - **Study Parliamentary Procedures**
ex. Robert's Rules of Orders
(ex.www.jurassicparliament.com)



Personal Agendas

- Realize that they are a **waste of time**
- **Perspective** versus agenda
- You are now a member of a **team!**
- **Listen and learn from others**
- **Be patient, think of the whole**



Listen



- **Be professional**
- **Listen to all sides of an issue**
- **Be aware of district policies on issues.**
- **Don't make promises that "something will get done."**



You CAN and WILL make a difference!

- Take the time to **learn about your new job**
- **Learn about your district**
- **Be patient**
- **Enjoy** your new role in the community, it will make a difference for kids.

