

Absence of a Board Member

Whenever possible, each board member will give advance notice to the board chair/president superintendent (board secretary), and executive assistant of his/her inability to attend a board meeting. Failure to provide this notice will result in the absence being declared unexcused.

After four consecutive unexcused absences, hereinafter referred to as an extended absence, a majority of the board may:

1. declare a board member's position vacant if the absences were for reasons other than illness, active or training military duty; or those authorized by the board; or
2. choose to excuse a board member's extended absence if requested to do so.

If a board member's absence is due to any of the above mentioned reasons, the board will grant an extended leave of absence to cover the period of illness, service/training, etc.

The extended leave of absence may not have the effect of extending the board member's term. The board also has the authority to appoint a temporary successor to the absent board member's position. The temporary successor shall serve until the board member returns or until the end of the board member's term.

Cross References: 1220 - Board Officers and Duties of Board Members
 1114 - Board Member Resignation and Vacancy

Legal References: RCW 28A.343.390 Quorum — Failure to attend meetings
 RCW 42.12.010 Causes of vacancy
 RCW 73.16.041 Leaves of absence of elective and judicial
 officers

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