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| **Metropolitan Nashville Board of Education** | | | |
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The duties of an individual board member shall be as follows:

1. To become familiar with education laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education, and school board policies;
2. To participate in State-mandated board training;1
3. To have a general knowledge of the educational aims and objectives of the system;
4. To work harmoniously with other board members without trying either to dominate the board or neglect his/her share of the work;
5. To vote and act impartially for the good of the school system;
6. To exercise honesty in all written and interpersonal interaction;
7. To make every reasonable effort to protect the integrity and promote the positive image of the district and one another
8. To accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and give support to the resulting action; and
9. To refer complaints to the director of schools and to abstain from individual counsel and action in regard to staff members.

The board will hold itself accountable for governing with excellence. This self-discipline applies to attendance, preparation for meetings, and respect for fellow board members. To ensure that board meetings are conducted with maximum effectiveness and efficiency, members shall:

1. Speak only when recognized during meetings;
2. Not interrupt each other;
3. Not engage in side conversations;
4. Ask questions for clarification;
5. Not repeat what has already been said during meetings; and
6. Support the chair’s efforts to facilitate an orderly meeting.

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| Legal References | Cross References |
| 1. TCA 49-2-202(a)(6); TRR/MS 0520-01-02-.11 | Role of the Board of Education 1.101 Code of Ethics 1.106 |