

State Board of Education: Proposed Recommendations

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<p>Concerns raised at the public meeting include lack of support from Delaware School Districts. Specific duties should be absorbed by school districts, DSEA, and DOE.</p>	<p>Recommendation 1:</p> <p>The State Board of Education shall be terminated and applicable sections of the code be amended to remove the State Board of Education.</p>

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<p>At the JLOSC public hearing, the Committee noted that the statute is not clear in stating the duties of the Board.</p>	<p>Recommendation 2:</p> <p>The Board shall draft, and submit to JLOSC amendments to Title 14, § 104-107 to clarify the Board’s duties, including accountability.</p>

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<p>The Board requested amending the statute to include a process to remove a board member.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation 3:</p> <p>The Board shall draft, and submit to JLOSC amendments to Title 14, § 104-107. Sample language is as follows:</p> <p>A member may be removed by the member’s appointing authority at any time and for any reason, without notice and hearing, including for gross inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office.</p> <p>A member is deemed in neglect of duty if the member is absent from 3 consecutive Board meetings without good cause or if the member attends less than 50% of Board meetings in a calendar year.</p>

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<p>As discussed in the JLOSC Public Hearing, the Committee expressed concern regarding the mandated duties of the Board and Executive Director. The Executive Director may have acquired additional duties that the Committee deems beyond the scope of the Executive Director’s job duties, including that of lobbyist.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation 4:</p> <p>Option 1. The Board will present to the Committee a revised Executive Director job description to better align with the Board’s duties.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Option 2. The Committee will sponsor legislation to modify Title 14, § 104-107 to include the position of Executive Director, including a job description.</p>

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<p>As discussed in the JLOSC Public Hearing, the regular Board meetings are not accessible to all public school families in Delaware since the meetings are always held in Dover, during the day and several hours long.</p>	<p>Recommendation 5:</p> <p>The Board shall amend the Code to require the Board to hold monthly meetings at locations among the three counties on a rotating basis, locations to host agenda items that are relevant to that specific county, and staggering the locations to make the meetings suitable for parents, teachers, and other community members from all counties to attend.</p>

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<p>As noted by members of the Committee and public during the Public Hearing, information should be accessible to those that cannot attend meetings or access the SBOE website.</p>	<p>Recommendation 6:</p> <p>The Board shall make available printed information for Delawareans that are not able to travel to meeting locations or have internet access. These documents should be distributed to the public through mailings directly to school parent organizations, civic associations, churches, and added to community organization booklets.</p> <p>SBOE membership listing SBOE responsibilities SBOE Executive Director and Responsibilities Contact Information and meeting listing</p>

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<p>As discussed in the JLOSC Public Hearing, the Board does not have a clearly defined process for their support or non-support of legislation. Consideration should be made to include each Board member opinion when commenting on any legislation. As a citizen’s voice, support or non-support, of the public that attend or provide comment to the Board should be considered as well.</p>	<p>Recommendation 7:</p> <p>The Board shall create and submit to JLOSC a clear and defined process for supporting or not-supporting proposed legislation. The Board, as the citizen’s voice, should include consideration of the public that attend Board meetings and provide comment to the Board. So that FOIA applies, this process shall be developed and approved in a public Board Meeting.</p>

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<p>As proposed by the Board in the JLOSC questionnaire, consider additional voices to the Board process by adding the teacher of the year as a non-voting member to the Board.</p>	<p>Recommendation 8:</p> <p>The Board shall draft and submit JLOSC amendments to Title 14, § 104 to add two non-voting members to the Board. These members can include the Teacher of the Year, current students, representatives from the military, or disability community.</p>

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<p>The Committee would like to see a sustainable path for charter schools to include local buy in to avoid disruption of the local portfolio. Ideal framework for best practices for charter school creation from the NACSE informed view.</p>	<p>Recommendation 9:</p> <p>The Board shall provide evidence of a sustainable path for charter schools to include local buy in to avoid disruption of the local portfolio.</p>

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<p>Consider releasing the Board from review upon the enactment of all/any legislation.</p> <p>Consider holding the Board over to allow time to adhere to the adopted recommendations.</p>	<p>Recommendation 10:</p> <p>Option 1: The State Board of Education shall be released from review [upon the enactment of all/any legislation recommended].</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Option 2: The State Board of Education shall be held over, and report before the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee in January 2017.</p>

Requested Information:

Provide a list, of school related activities that Board members have participated in in the past three years. Such activities may be, but are not limited to, school board meetings, visit or tour of DE schools, other school or district functions, etc.