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The **Tennessee Charter School Center** is excited to announce that registration is open for **Board Smart**, our revamped board and governance training program. As charter school governance is an important part of thriving, high quality schools, we are excited to work with boards to provide these important trainings and certifications.

Board Smart will assist **all charter schools** in Tennessee with meeting training and certification requirements, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 49-13-111(o), which requires that all boards members participate in 2 hours of training and receive certification through the **Tennessee Charter School Center** annually.

In order to achieve compliance, the **Board Smart** program provides both training and certification. Please read more below about the three steps to certification.

Step 1 - Board Record Update

To begin the process of certification, please update your board records by completing the form at this [link](#). We need this information in order to process your certification, by ensuring that each member of your board has completed training.

Step 2 - Board Smart Training

There are two options for the completion of board and governance training requirements:

1. Each charter board may independently access training through an authorized vendor (Board on Track or Charter Board Partners) and provide documentation to TCSC as evidence of their training completion or;
2. Participate in **Board Smart training** through the Tennessee Charter School Center. Through **Board Smart**, we offer trainings at 1/3 the price of independent trainings. We have partnered with Board on Track to offer 4, 1-hour sessions, from which you will **choose 2 to complete to meet training requirements**. Upon registration and receipt of payment, you will receive information to access your selected trainings.

Board Structure: Get the Scaffolding Right

Finding, Recruiting, and Retaining Exceptional Board Members

Reactive to Strategic: Get Your Board on Track

Fundamentals of Trusteeship

Step 3 - Board Smart Certification

Each charter board is required to complete certification through the **Tennessee Charter School Center**, through the **Board Smart program**. There are two paths to certification, based on the way you accessed training:

1. Charter Boards accessing **independent trainings** will email their certification to Marceia Ashe, marceia@tnchartercenter.org,



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from their respective vendor to document their training and the hours completed, as proof of training for certification.

2. Charter Boards accessing **Board Smart** will need to have each board member complete a post-training evaluation for both of the trainings as proof of trainings for certification. The post training evaluation link will be sent to you with your payment confirmation email and should be submitted upon completion of your chosen webinars. **All evaluations must be completed in their entirety in order to be certified by the Tennessee Charter School Center.**

Once TCSC has received either a training certificate from an authorized training vendor, or **Board Smart** post-training evaluations for both trainings from each member of the charter board, we will process and certify the board as having completed Board Smart training, and will send notice of compliance certification to both to the TDOE and to the Board Leader.

All charter schools will need to register for Board Smart training and certification by September 30 using this [link](#).

Boards needing certification and training will add 2 trainings and the certification processing fee to their cart on Eventbrite. Boards only needing certification, who will submit documentation of their trainings from an independent training vendor, will add only the certification processing fee to their cart on Eventbrite. Eventbrite provides you with the option to pay now (via credit card) or be invoiced to pay via check. Please note, you will receive access to webinars only once we have received payment (either by card or check).

Please review the [FAQ](#) for more detailed information.

Please find the link to register for Board Smart Training and Certification [here](#).

Have questions or need support? Please email Marceia Ashe, Director of Quality School Initiatives at marceia@tnchartercenter.org. We are happy to help!