

2006 - BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Authority.** The Board is a corporate entity and may take action only when the Board is meeting in official public session and a quorum is present. Individual members of the Board have authority to take official action only when sitting as a member of the Board except when the Board specifically authorizes the member to act. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any action on the part of an individual Board member or employee except when such action is in compliance with the action of the Board as a whole.
- B. Conduct.** Board members shall adhere to ethical standards of conduct and avoid conflicts of interest. Board members are expected to sign a “Board Member Profile Agreement” and a document entitled “Governance Obligations and Deadlines” which more specifically outline expectations of Board members.
- C. Attendance.** Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings. Board members who will be absent from a meeting must notify the Board President and Board Liaison as soon as possible.
- D. Orientation.** Within ninety (90) days after the election or appointment of a new Board member, the new Board member must participate in governance training approved by the Department of Education, which must include government in the sunshine, conflicts of interest, ethics, and financial responsibility. The Board Liaison shall provide the member with an orientation program, which shall reflect the purpose and role of the Board, conduct of Board members, overview of educational programs, overview of School finances and a review of Board policies. Each new Board member shall be provided with copies of the School’s charter application, charter contract, by-laws, board policies, current budget and any other appropriate documents.
- E. Representative.** The governing board must appoint a representative to facilitate parental involvement, provide access to information, assist parents and others with questions and concerns, and resolve disputes. The representative must reside in the school district in which the charter school is located and may be a governing board member, charter school employee, or individual contracted to represent the governing board. If the governing board oversees multiple charter schools in the same school district, the governing board must appoint a separate individual representative for each charter school in the district.
F.S. 1002.33(7)(19)(b)(2)(d)(1).
- F. Disclosure of Relatives and Certain Restrictions on Employment of Relatives.**
1. For the purposes of this Section, “relative” shall have the meaning in F.S. 1002.33(7)(a)18. And (24).
 2. Annually, OCS, Inc. will disclose, to its applicable sponsoring school board, the identity of all relatives employed by the charter school sponsored by such school board, who are related to any governing board member, head

of school, principal, assistant principal or anyone with equivalent decision-making authority.

3. Subject to the foregoing annual disclosure and the restrictions in Fla. Stat. ss. 1002.33(24) & (26), OCS, Inc., may employ relatives of governing board members, the head of school or other OCS, Inc., employees at the same charter school. However, the related governing board member, head of school or supervising employee is prohibited from appointing, employing, or advocating for appointment or employment of any relative to any position at such charter school or OCS, Inc., as applicable, where such governing board member, head of school or supervising employee would exercise jurisdiction or control over the relative. The approval of budgets does not constitute “jurisdiction or control” for the purposes of this subsection.
4. Supervisory roles will be modified in order to ensure compliance with this Section, subject to approval by the President of the Governing Board, or the full Governing Board, if such modification pertains to a relative of the Governing Board President.