

**Middle Tennessee State University**  
**Board of Trustees Policy**  
**Professional Development**

**Section 1.** The Tennessee Higher Education Commission shall coordinate and administer an orientation training program, as well as an ongoing continuing education program, for governing board members. This training shall include a perspective on higher education that incorporates national experts in higher education governance. This training shall address the roles and responsibilities of governing boards; the legal and ethical responsibilities of trustees; the board's role in upholding academic standards, intellectual diversity, and academic freedom; budget development; presidential searches and evaluation; the role of higher education in K-12 collaboration; and setting strategic goals. All newly appointed members shall attend orientation seminars within their first year of service.

**Section 2.** The Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees (Board) will additionally provide ongoing professional development for its members as it deems necessary and appropriate.