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Supporting Quality Governance

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Georgia Charter Schools Association

My background:

- 12 years experience working in the charter sector in Georgia
- Founding faculty, board member, principal, parent

Association Info:

- Association Staff – 15 full-time staff
- Association President – Dr. Tony Roberts

Georgia's Charter Landscape

Georgia Charter Schools...by the numbers:

- There are 74 autonomous charter schools in Georgia.
- Georgia's charter schools serve over 50,000 students, based on 2014 enrollment data.

Governance Training in Georgia

Georgia Charter Statute

- Annual training required
- SBOE Rule 160-4-9-.06

Annual Requirements

- New members – 15 hours
- Existing members – 9 hours

Governance Training in Georgia

GCSA's Governance Offerings

- Whole board team training on effective governance
- Customized retreats
- Charter school finance and budgeting
- Webinar series
- Board bank
- Annual conference
- Operational assessments
- Strategic / succession planning
- Board member affinity group
- Sustainability institute

Governance Support for Authorizers

GCSA Participates in Two Governance Retreats for the State Charter Schools Commission (SCSC)

GCSA is on contract with the Georgia Department of Education to assist charters deemed “at risk” due to governance problems.

We provide training for local school boards on effective authorizer practices.

GCSA's Governance Work FY2015

Training Conducted:

- Trained 51 governing boards
- Conducted 2 retreats for the SCSC
- Facilitated and wrote 4 strategic plans
- Conducted 3, two-day board retreats
- Worked with 3 "at risk" schools

GCSA's Governance Work FY2015

GCSA's Trainers:

- Elisa Falco
- Waynica Staples

Training Fees

Service	Cost
Fundamentals of effective Governance (3 hours)	\$1,000
Webinar Series	\$50 / person per 1-hour webinar (\$20 / person, per webinar when paired with another service)
Strategic Planning	Facilitation Only - \$2,500 Facilitation & Plan Development \$10,000
Charter School Finance & Budgeting	\$300 per person
Operational Assessment	Basic - \$4,500 Comprehensive - \$6,000
Charter Policy Manual	\$2,500
Board Bank	Free
Sustainability Institute	\$2,000 - \$4,000, depending on scope of work
Board Member Affinity Group	Free – Meets quarterly

Marketing and Outreach

- Annual visits with all members schools
- Community meetings
- Chambers of commerce
- Authorizer meetings
- Affinity groups
- New school development and training

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