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.