ATTACHMENT I

Statutory Citation Relating to Discussion of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter A, Board of Trustees Relationship, §61.1, Continuing Education for School Board Members

Texas Education Code, §11.159, Member Training and Orientation, as amended by Senate Bill 1566, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017:

- (a) The State Board of Education shall provide a training course for independent school district trustees to be offered by the regional education service centers. Registration for a course must be open to any interested person, including current and prospective board members, and the state board may prescribe a registration fee designed to offset the costs of providing that course.
- (b) A trustee must complete any training required by the State Board of Education. The minutes of the last regular meeting of the board of trustees held before an election of trustees [during a ealendar year] must reflect whether each trustee has met or is deficient [delinquent] in meeting the training required for the trustee [to be completed] as of the first anniversary of the date of the trustee's election or appointment [date of the meeting]. If the minutes reflect that a trustee is deficient, the district shall post the minutes on the district's Internet website within 10 business days of the meeting and maintain the posting until the trustee meets the requirements.
- (c) The State Board of Education shall require a trustee to complete at least three hours of training every two years on evaluating student academic performance. The training must be research-based and designed to support the oversight role of the board of trustees under Section 11.1515. A candidate for trustee may complete the training up to one year before the candidate is elected. A new trustee shall complete the training within 120 days after the date of the trustee's election or appointment. A returning trustee shall complete the training by the second anniversary of the completion of the trustee's previous training.
- (d) A trustee or candidate for trustee may complete training required under Subsection (c) at a regional education service center or through another authorized provider. A provider must certify the completion of the training by a trustee or candidate.