

GOVERNANCE-- Proposed Language

Each Member District shall appoint annually its superintendent of schools^[1] to form a Board to be known as the North River Collaborative Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the Board). The term of each Board member (hereinafter referred to as Board member or appointed representative) so appointed shall terminate on June 30 of each year, provided that any person so appointed shall be qualified to serve for such further time until said person's successor is appointed. If a vacancy occurs among the appointed representatives of the Board, the Member District for which said vacancy has occurred shall appoint a successor to serve for the remainder of the term of said vacancy by an alternative appointment from the Member District School Committee. The alternate representative will complete the superintendent's term until the end of the fiscal year, at which time the School Committee shall appoint its superintendent of schools to the Collaborative Board^[2]. Additionally, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education shall appoint an individual to serve as a voting, appointed representative of the Board consistent with M.G.L. c. 40, § 4E.

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

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Each appointed representative is expected to attend every Board meeting. When an appointed representative has missed one-third (1/3) of the meetings^[3] within a fiscal year, the chair of the Board shall inform the chair of the appointing member School Committee of the appointed representative's absences. An appointed representative who misses more than one-half (1/2) of the Board meetings^[4] within a fiscal year will no longer be considered an appointed representative on the Board. The Board will notify the respective school committee that the seat will remain vacant until such time as the school committee, by appropriate vote, appoints another representative from the School Committee for the remainder of the fiscal year or until the situation is otherwise remedied^[5]. When a seat becomes vacant, the Member District shall automatically become an inactive member of the Board until the situation is remedied, shall not count towards a quorum, and shall not have voting rights on the Board, but shall continue to have all other rights and obligations of membership. These decisions (Board membership and vacancies due to absences from meetings) will be afforded due process rights and may be appealed to the Board of Directors through the Chair.