

(I) BE A TWELFTH GRADE STUDENT IN THE DORCHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ELECTED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT THE STUDENT ATTENDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE SCHOOL SYSTEM;

(II) SERVE FOR 1 YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1 AFTER THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBER;

(III) BE A NONVOTING MEMBER; AND

(IV) ADVISE THE BOARD ON THE INTERESTS OF STUDENTS.

(2) UNLESS INVITED TO ATTEND BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY BOARD, THE STUDENT MEMBERS MAY NOT ATTEND AN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

3-5A-02.

(A) THE STATE BOARD MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(1) IMMORALITY;

(2) MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE;

(3) INCOMPETENCY;

(4) WILLFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY; OR

(5) FAILURE TO ATTEND, WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE:

(I) AT LEAST 75% OF THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD IN ANY 1 CALENDAR YEAR; OR

(II) THREE CONSECUTIVE SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

(B) BEFORE REMOVING A MEMBER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SEND THE MEMBER A COPY OF THE CHARGES AGAINST THE MEMBER AND GIVE THE MEMBER AN OPPORTUNITY WITHIN 10 DAYS TO REQUEST A HEARING.

(C) IF THE MEMBER REQUESTS A HEARING WITHIN THE 10-DAY PERIOD:

(1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMPTLY HOLD A HEARING, BUT A HEARING MAY NOT BE SET WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE STATE BOARD SENDS THE MEMBER A NOTICE OF THE HEARING; AND

(2) THE MEMBER SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD PUBLICLY BEFORE THE STATE BOARD IN THE MEMBER'S OWN DEFENSE, IN PERSON, OR BY COUNSEL.

(D) A MEMBER REMOVED UNDER THIS SECTION HAS THE RIGHT TO A DE NOVO REVIEW OF THE REMOVAL BY THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DORCHESTER COUNTY.