



# Senate Bill 137 Implementation

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# Presentation Outline



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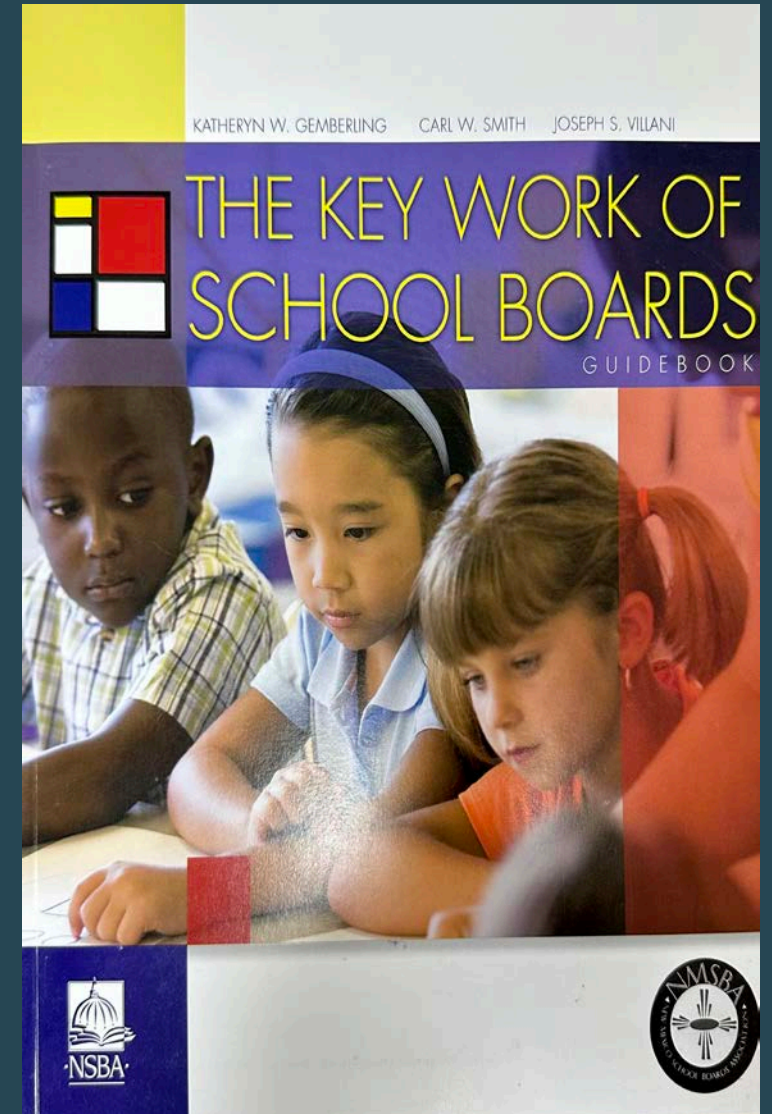
- NMSBA led the passage of the first School Board Mandatory Training Legislation in 2003.
- NMPED assigned programming and tracking responsibilities for all elected school board members to NMSBA via regulation.
- NMSBA has carried out these responsibilities at our own expense for over twenty years and provides an Annual Training Compliance Report to NMPED.



## Background continued

- NMSBA's training curriculum is based on the National School Board Association's "*Key Work of School Boards*" along with their comprehensive "*Becoming a Better Board Member Guide*".
- NMSBA also established a Leadership Development Recognition Program which recognizes and incentivizes board members who far exceed the minimum training requirements and can lead to Master Board Member designation.

- 190 School Board Members from 72 School Districts were recognized at our Annual Convention last December.



## Background continued

- NMSBA provides well over 70 hours of training opportunities for board members annually at our four statewide conferences and region meetings in the spring and fall.
- Compliance with mandatory training requirements has been as high as 88% however during COVID it dropped and is steadily rising again to 77% in 2023.
- NMSBA and NMPED Officials have collaborated closely on the training program throughout this period of time.



## 2024 Legislature

- During the interim LESC, NMPED and NMSBA strived to come up with legislation that could be supported by all.
- LESC endorsed Senate Bill 137 which was sponsored by President Pro-Tempore Mimi Stewart, Senator Bill Soules and in the House by Representative Susan Herrera.
- We appreciate the consideration given to NMSBA by all sponsors, legislators and agencies.
- Senate Bill 137 was passed by legislature 30-9 in the Senate and 42-17 in the House and signed into law by the Governor Lujan Grisham March 1, 2024.



# Implementation



## Issued 8 Policy Advisories

NMSBA issued Policy Advisories in May implementing SB 137 into district superintendent hiring, live streaming, training and campaign finance policies.



## Developed Coding for Training Categories

Established codes for 5 new categories for new members and 7 for veteran members. Recent NMSBA conferences were conducted with new categories.



## Tracking Training for New Members since Dec 23

Although effective date of SB139 is 7/1/24 new board member curriculum started 12/23 and is being tracked.



## Updated RFP's with Statutory Categories

All requests for presentation proposals from agency and expert presenters must now address new categories.



## Collaborating with NMPED and LESC

It is important to note we are working closely on implementing SB 137 with cooperation and assistance from NMPED and LESC.

# Challenges

1. Tracking board hours and categories for 450 members manually.

2. Impressing upon districts and members the importance of compliance with SB137.

3. Advising new school board candidates about campaign finance reporting.

4. Clarifying online meeting comment requirements with Open Meetings Act.

5. Clarifying webcast archiving requirements with Records Retention Act.





# Questions?

# Thank you!

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