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**Guidance for Board Elections**

**LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD COMPOSTION (SECTION 11. Section 59-152-60)**

Each local partnership board shall maintain a total minimum membership of twelve and a maximum membership of thirty elected, appointed, and designated individuals.

Change: previously “not more than 2 members from 8 specified categories”, 3 parents of pre-school children, 4 members from early childhood education, optional legislative delegation appointees – up to 4, and agency designees from 4 agencies plus each school district(s) – Maximum previous size 32 members (except for counties with multiple school districts – 32 assumes only 1 school district designee).

Elected and appointed members shall comprise a voting majority of the board. (New)

No more than four from any of the following categories may be elected to sit on a First Steps Partnership Board:

**Elected Members**

* pre kindergarten through primary educator (replaces 4 members from early childhood education)
* family education, training, and support provider
* childcare and or early childhood development/education provider
* healthcare provider
* local government (replaces transportation provider)
* nonprofit organization that provides services to families and children
* faith community
* business community
* philanthropic community (new)
* parents of preschool children (replaces 3 parents of preschool children)

**Legislative Appointees** (no change)

* Each county legislative delegation may appoint up to four additional members to a local partnership board.
* Two are appointed by Senate members.
* Two are appointed by House of Representative members.
* Persons with resources, skills, or knowledge that have specific interests in improving the readiness of young children for school.

**Designated Members**

The following entities shall designate one member to serve on the local First Steps Partnership Board:

* county department of social services
* county department of health and environmental control
* Head Start or early Head Start (new – early head start added)
* county library
* each of the school districts in the county

**Term Limits**

* Members who miss more than 3 consecutive meetings without excuse or members who resign must be replaced from the same categories as their predecessor. (No change)
* The terms of the members are for four years; however, membership on the board may not exceed eight consecutive years. (Change: had been 2 year terms, maximum of 6 years)
* The chairman must be elected by majority vote of the board. The chairman shall serve a one year term; and may be elected to subsequent terms not to exceed a total of four consecutive years. (No change)