

## **BBB**

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS/OATH OF OFFICE**

The Milton School Committee consists of six members chosen at large by ballot from the registered voters of Milton, to serve without compensation. The term of office is three years, and expires at 8:00 p.m. on the day of the third annual town election following the commencement of the term.

In order to serve on the Milton School Committee, an individual must be a registered voter in Milton, and following election or appointment, must take an oath of office as required by law.

Prior to entering upon his or her official duties as a member of the Committee, each new member will present to the School Committee's chairperson (or chairperson pro tem) official certification of having sworn this oath of office before an officer duly qualified to administer such oaths. According to state law, newly qualified Committee members must receive from the Town Clerk (and sign a receipt for) a copy of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, which governs the conduct of Committee meetings in general and executive sessions in particular.

Newly qualified Committee members shall, by law, receive and sign a receipt for, within 30 days of taking office, a copy of the Massachusetts Ethic Commission's Summary of the Conflict of Interest laws. As municipal employees, all School Committee members shall receive a copy of said summary annually. All School Committee members shall, within 30 days of taking office, and every 2 years thereafter, complete the Massachusetts Ethics Commission's online training program. Upon completion of the online training program, members shall provide notice of such completion to be retained for 6 years by the Town Clerk.

Membership on a School Committee is not limited to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, gender identity or sexual orientation.

School Committee members, within 1 year after their initial election or appointment, shall complete at least 8 hours of orientation concerning the responsibilities of their office at no cost to individual School Committee members. The orientation shall include but not be limited to a review of school finance, the open meeting law, public records law, conflict of interest law, special education law, collective bargaining, school leadership standards and evaluations and the roles and responsibilities of school committee members.

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