

Lakeland Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in September	Descriptor Term: Board Members Legal Status	Descriptor Code: 1.102	Issued Date: 05/12/14
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 The legal status of board members shall be as follows:¹

2 **NUMBER**

3 The Board is composed of five (5) members.

4 **QUALIFICATIONS**

5 Members of the Board shall have been residents of the city of Lakeland, Tennessee for one year
6 preceding the election date and will be elected in a manner consistent with the charter of the city of
7 Lakeland, ¹and shall be citizens of recognized integrity, intelligence, and ability to administer the
8 duties of the office.² To qualify as a candidate, an individual must show proof of graduation from high
9 school or receipt of a G.E.D. No member of the Lakeland Board of Commissioners nor county
10 legislative body nor any other county governmental official shall be eligible for election as a member
11 of the county Board of Education.³

12 **TERMS OF OFFICE**

13 Terms for original Members of the Board were set by ordinance of establishment. For subsequent
14 terms, Members of the Board shall serve four (4) year terms.¹

15 **VACANCIES**

16 Vacancies shall be declared to exist on account of death, resignation, removal from the district which
17 elected him, removal from the school system,⁵ or through due process proceedings.⁴

18 When a vacancy occurs, the unexpired term shall be filled at the next regular or special meeting of the
19 local legislative body.⁵ Such appointment shall continue until the next regular election.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-2-201
2. TCA 49-2-202(a)(1)
3. TCA 49-2-202(a)(2)
4. TCA 8-47-101; TCA 49-1-611
5. TCA 49-2-202(e)