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(a) Except for the student member, the State Board may remove a voting member of the county board for:

(1) Immorality;

(2) Misconduct in office;

(3) Incompetency;

(4) Willful neglect of duty; or

(5) Failure to attend, without good cause, at least 75% of the scheduled meetings of the county board in any 1 calendar year.

(b) Before removing a member, the State Board shall send the member a copy of the charges and give the member an opportunity to request a hearing within 10 days.

(c) If the member requests a hearing within the 10–day period:

(1) The State Board promptly shall 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 Harford County.

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