**Governing Board Structure and Responsibilities:**

Due to the fact that the Mid-America Regional Council’s Board of Directors are selected to their positions by public election or political appointment, Mid-America Head Start’s Governing Board is exempt from the standard composition of a Governing Board (SEC 642, 42 U.S.C. 9837 (1)(B)(v)).

The MAHS Governing Board voted the establishment of a Head Start Advisory Committee to oversee responsibilities related to Head Start program governance.

The Governing Board maintains legal and fiscal responsibility for Mid-American Head Start.

**Advisory Committee Structure and Responsibilities:**

**Composition:**

1.) 1 member of the Governing Board  
2.) 1 elected parent member  
3.) Chair of the Policy Council  
4.) 1 licensed attorney  
5.) 1 early learning educator  
6.) 1 person with fiscal background  
7.) 1 early childhood research specialist  
8.) Several community representatives

**Role:**

1.) Responsible for the compliance with the duties outlined in Program Governance Compliance Framework #3 (642)(d)(3)  
2.) Recommend to the Governing Body the approval of financial management, accounting and reporting policies  
3.) Ensure compliance with laws and regulations related to financial statements  
4.) Report to Governing Body monthly