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- Set SCSBA 2015 Legislative Platform (annual business meeting)
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- How they may impact school funding
- Learn about collaborative, proactive approaches to public policy

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Registration

Member registration fee, which includes breakfast and lunch, is $285 per person through November 21, 2014, or until block is full. Non-member registration fee, which includes lunch, is $310 per person through November 21, 2014, or until block is full.

Additional lunch tickets for guests of registered attendees are available for $35 per person and can be purchased through the online registration process.

The deadline to cancel and receive a refund is November 21, 2014.

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South Carolina School Boards Association

Legislative Advocacy Conference and Annual Business Meeting

111 Research Drive • Columbia, SC 29203

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• Learn how to use grassroots advocacy to influence state policies
• Get a good sense of collaborative, proactive approaches to legislative advocacy

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Registration

Member Registration Fee, which includes conference registration fee, transportation on November 21, 2014 and departure on November 27, 2014, is $285.00 per person. Onsite registration fee, which also includes lunch, is $285 per person through November 27, 2014 and defective in 2015.

Additional lunch tickets for guests of registered attendees are available for $30 per person and can be purchased through the online registration process.

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- Get a forecast of the state’s budgetary issues and how they may impact school funding
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Registration

Member registration fee, which includes admission and conference registration fee for January 21, 2014, and annual business meeting on December 5, 2014:

- Full member registration fee, which also includes lunch, is $285 per person through November 21, 2014, and afterwards is $310.

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9:30-7:00 a.m. Registration

Saturday, December 6
7:30-8:15 a.m. Welcome
Elizabeth Bonham Esquire, SCBBA President, Lexington Two Board Member

7:30-8:30 a.m. Co-Sponsored by Duff, White & Turner, LLC

8:45-9 a.m. Greeting and continental breakfast.

9-10 a.m. First General Session: The big picture for 2015-16
Get an overview of recent revenue and expenditure trends of the state budget and an update on the expected budget for the year 2016. Focus on the annual business meeting orientation: Moderator: Scott Price, Esquire, SCBBA Executive Director.

10-10:15 a.m. Break/ Adjourned by Scott Price, Esquire, SCBBA Executive Director

10:15-11:15 a.m. Second General Session: The big picture for 2015-16
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11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Third General Session: The case for education reform
Learn how recent revisions to education funding reform: addressing the need for stable revenue and increased funds for poverty students, the impact of federal education policy on education reform: addressing the need for equitable resources for encouraging resources to reform through the SCS, SC Education Tax (SCET) Act in 2015.
Moderator: Robert R. Davis, Financial Consultant Robert J. Davis, LLC

12:30-1:30 p.m. Luncheon (Included in registration)
Cosponsored by Blyth & Blyth, PLLC

1-2:30 p.m. First Legislative Advocacy Conference: Federal legislation
Get an update on the latest information concerning Federal education legislation now more than ever with a focus on the SC Jobs, Education and Tax (SCJET) Act in 2015.
Moderator: Robert Grant, SCBBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member

2:30-3:30 p.m. Second Legislative Advocacy Conference: State legislative update
Get an overview of recent revenue and expenditure trends of the state budget and an update on the expected budget for the year 2016. Focus on a legislative update: Moderator: ElizaBeth Branham Esquire, SCBBA Finance Director.

3:30-4:30 p.m. Third Legislative Advocacy Conference: Annual business meeting
Annual business meeting: Co-sponsored by Childs & Halligan, P.A.

4-5 p.m. Fourth Legislative Advocacy Conference: Legislative update for school board members
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11 a.m.-12 p.m. Closing remarks
Robert Grant, SCBBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member

12:30-2 p.m. SCS Caucus of Board School Members (The meeting is open to all participants.)

Sunday, December 7
7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast
Co-sponsored by Blyth & Blyth, PLLC

8:30-9:30 a.m. Fourth General Session: Federal legislation
Federal Legislation: Get an update on the latest information concerning Federal education legislation now more than ever.
Moderator: Robert Grant, SCBBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member

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9-9:30 a.m. Second Legislative Advocacy Conference: Legislative update for school board members
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Moderator: Robert Grant, SCBBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Fifth General Session: State legislative update
Get an overview of recent revenue and expenditure trends of the state budget and an update on the expected budget for the year 2016. Focus on the annual business meeting orientation: Moderator: ElizaBeth Branham Esquire, SCBBA Finance Director.

12:30-1:30 p.m. Luncheon (Included in registration)
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1-2:30 p.m. Legislative Advocacy Conference: Federal legislation
Get an update on the latest information concerning Federal education legislation now more than ever with a focus on the SC Jobs, Education and Tax (SCJET) Act in 2015.
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5-6 p.m. Legislative Advocacy Conference: Annual business meeting
Annual business meeting: Co-sponsored by Childs & Halligan, P.A.

6-7 p.m. Legislative Advocacy Conference: Legislative update for school board members
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Beverage break

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11 a.m.
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11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Third General Session: The case for education funding reform: Learn how recent revisions to state education funding including new funds for technology, shifting of categorical funds, and increased funds for poverty students, are impacting school districts and hear why reforming the funding system is needed more than ever. Take away talking points for encouraging lawmakers to reform funding through the SCJET Act in 2015.

12:30-1:30 p.m.
Fourth General Session: Federal legislation and how it impacts the state
Get an update on the latest information concerning Federal education legislation.

2-5 p.m.
Annual business meeting: 
- Ballots (Included in registration)
- Co-Sponsored by Childs & Halligan, P.A.
- Annual business meeting: 
  - Election of SCSBA officers
  - Setting the association’s legislative priorities and belief statements
  - Members are asked to sign in at 1:45 p.m. (delegates are open to all participants)

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Annual Business Meeting.

**8:30-8:45 a.m.**  Registration and continental breakfast

9:00-9:15 a.m.

Greetings

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Opening remarks

First General Session: Welcome

Speaker:  Robert Gantt, SCSBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member

Moderator:  ElizaBeth Branham, Esquire, SCSBA Executive Director

**Governor Jerry N. Govan, Jr., Ph.D., South Carolina Governor**

**10:15-11:15 a.m.**

Second General Session: The big picture for fiscal year 2015-16

Speaker:  Robert E. Davis, PLC, Financial Consultant

Moderator:  Robert Gantt, SCSBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member

**11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

Third General Session: The case for education funding reform: What is new, what has changed, and where do we go from here?

Speaker:  Charlie Bunch, SCSBA President-Elect

**12:30-1:30 p.m.**

Lunch (Included in registration)

**1:30-2:30 p.m.**

Fourth General Session: Federal legislation

Speaker:  Deborah Rigsby, NSBA Director

Moderator:  Robert Grant, SCSBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member

**2:30-3:30 p.m.**

SC Caucus of Black School Board Members (The meeting is open to all participants.)

**3:30-3:45 p.m.**

Beverage break

**3:45-4:45 p.m.**

Closing remarks

Robert Grant, SCSBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member

**4:45-5:45 p.m.**

SCSBA board of directors meeting (Meeting is open to all participants.)

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Annual business meeting: Convene to set the association’s legislative priorities and belief statements for 2016.

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8:30 a.m. Welcome
Elizabeth Bonham, Esquire, SCBSA President, Lexington Two Board Member
9:00 a.m. Greeting from state superintendent of education-elect
Deborah Rigsby, SCSBA Director, State Department of Education
Moderator: Dr. Paul Krohne, SCSBA Executive Director
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Robert Gantt, SCSBA President, District Five of Lexington/Richland Counties Board Member
Moderator: Dr. Andrew Robinson, SCBSA Executive Director
9:30-10:30 a.m. Fourth General Session: Federal legislation summary

Legislative Advocacy Conference and Annual Business Meeting

STAND UP SC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Moderator: Elizabeth Bonham, Esquire, SCBSA President, Lexington Two Board Member
12:30-1:00 p.m. Luncheon (Included in registration)
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Greeting from state superintendent of education-elect

Upcoming Boardmanship Institute Conferences

• March 18 and May 13, 2015: SCAB (Two Days at the Capital), Columbia, SC
• March 21-23, 2015, NSBA Annual Convention, Nashville, TN
• March 21-23, 2015: NSBA Annual Conference, Nashville, TN
• April 9-10, 2015: SCBA Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC
• July 11-13, 2015: NSBA National Convention, Las Vegas, NV
• October 19-21, 2015: SCSBA Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC

Co-Sponsored by:

Duff, White & Turner, LLC
McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture
Beverage break
Lunch (Included in registration)

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Robert E. Davis, LLC, Robert “Bob” Davis Financial Consultant

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Boykin & Davis, LLC
Sarasota, FL

Co-Sponsored by:

Hill, Branzell, LLC

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