**Welcome and purpose**

**Queenie Boyd, SCSBA President, Saluda County Schools**
Queenie Boyd was first elected to the SCSBA board in 2006 as Region 6 Director, which represents school boards in Chesterfield, Darlington, Kershaw, Lee, and Marlboro. She was elected to the Lee County School District board in 1988 and has served as both chairman and vice chairman and is a founding member of the district’s academic booster club. She retired from REXAM Beverage Cans where she worked for 30 years and is very active in community and church organizations.
A lifelong Lee County resident, Boyd graduated from Dennis High School and attended Allen University in Columbia. She is a member of Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves as a member of the yearbook committee, the adult choir and as president of the ushers ministry. She and her husband Alexander have four children and two grandsons.

**About SCSBA and Understanding roles and responsibilities**

**Scott T. Price, SCSBA Executive Director**
Prior to joining the association in October 1996, Price was an associate with the Columbia law firm of Tompkins and McMaster.
Price received a law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1994, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from USC’s College of Journalism in 1986. He is a former newspaper reporter who worked at daily and weekly newspapers in South Carolina and North Carolina.

**Ethics for public officials**

**Michael R. Burchstead, Esquire, General Counsel, SC State Ethics Commission**
Michael Burchstead is General Counsel for the South Carolina State Ethics Commission, having started that position in March 2015. Among his duties in that role are to prosecute all civil complaint matters that arise before the Commission, negotiate resolution to these matters, draft orders for the Commission, handle appeals, and provide advisory opinions to those affected by the Ethics Act.
Prior to working at the Ethics Commission, Burchstead served as an Assistant Attorney General for the South Carolina Attorney General's Office from October 2011 to February 2015. He worked in civil litigation for the law firm of Willoughby & Hoefer in Columbia, SC from June 2008 to September 2011 and for the law firm of Constantine Cannon in Washington, DC from April 2006 to June 2008. Apart from his legal experience, Burchstead served as a legislative aide to three different United States Congressmen in DC. He is licensed to practice law in the state and federal courts of South Carolina. He received a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2005 and a B.A. from the College of Charleston in 1999. Burchstead is a native of Sumter, SC. He presently resides in Columbia with his wife, Megan, and two children.
Vernie L. Williams, Esquire, Halligan Mahoney & Williams
Vernie Williams is a partner with the Columbia law firm of Halligan Mahoney & Williams, and has practiced law there for 20 years. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and English from Clemson University in 1991 and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1995. Prior to joining Halligan Mahoney & Williams, he was a prosecutor for the Third Judicial Circuit. Williams is a graduate of Williamsburg County School District. His wife is a teacher in Richland School District Two, where their three sons also attend school.

Kathryn Long Mahoney, Esquire, Halligan Mahoney & Williams
Kathy Mahoney is a partner with the Columbia law firm of Halligan Mahoney & Williams, and has practiced law there for 20 years. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Philosophy from Emory University in 1989 and her law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1992. Mahoney is a graduate of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties. She is from a family of educators and has spent her entire legal career representing public school districts. She and her husband have two daughters who attended school in District Five.

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9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.