

Legislative advocacy conference

2017

and delegate assembly

Friday, December 1

5:30 - 7 p.m.

Registration

Saturday, December 2

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration & continental breakfast

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

Delegate Assembly orientation

Review and discuss the association's proposed Legislative Priorities and Statements of Belief to be presented during the Delegate Assembly.

Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

Debbie Elmore, *SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations and Communications*

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

First general session

Welcome and purpose

Queenie Boyd, *SCSBA President, Lee County School District*

Legislative education issues in 2018

Lawmakers are likely to face many familiar lingering issues in 2018, such as the Abbeville funding lawsuit ruling, education funding and more changes to the state's pension system. But it is also an election year, which can make for interesting legislation and discussions. Will there be any effort to restructure state education funding? Bring your questions and hear the perspectives of legislative leaders on these and other issues before the General Assembly in the coming year.

The Honorable Terry Alexander, *member of the House Education and Public Works Committee and the Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee*

The Honorable Sean Bennett, *member of the Senate Finance Committee, the Joint Committee on Pensions, the Banking and Insurance Committee, the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee and the Transportation Committee*

The Honorable Kevin Johnson, *member of the Senate General Committee, the Invitations Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, the Medical Affairs Committee, the Transportation Committee and the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee*

The Honorable Shane Martin, *chairman of the Senate Corrections and Penology Committee, member of the Finance Committee and its K-12 subcommittee, the Medical Affairs Committee and the Rules Committee*

Moderator: Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Beverage break

Co-Sponsored by Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.

Saturday, December 2, continued...

10:45 - 11:30 a.m. **Second general session**

Federal legislative update

As Congress considers a number of imminent priorities, from a final Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations bill to tax reform and healthcare reform, a number of education laws are pending reauthorization: the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (CTE), the Healthy and Hunger-Free Kids Act for child nutrition programs, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and more. Learn about these and other issues impacting our students and school districts. Gain insights on how to maximize your federal advocacy efforts as elected officials who are key stakeholders in national education policy and local governance.

Deborah Rigsby, *Director, Federal Legislation, National School Boards Association*

Moderator: Queenie Boyd, *SCSBA President, Lee County School District*

11:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Beverage break**
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11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Third general session**

A look at the fiscal year 2018-19 state budget

The 2017 Session of the South Carolina General Assembly produced two milestone pieces of legislation: Pension Funding Reform (Act 13) and Transportation Funding Reform (Act 40). Both Acts will have a penetrating and complex effect on fiscal policy decisions senators and house members face during the 2018 session. In addition, the national economic recovery is one of the longest over the past 70 years. Will the current recovery end over the next 20 months? Get an overview of anticipated revenue and expenditure trends and an economic outlook for 2018.

Mike Shealy, *Budget Director, S.C. Senate Finance Committee*

Moderator: Queenie Boyd, *SCSBA President, Lee County School District*

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch** (*Included in registration*)

Presentation of the SCSBA Advocacy Program of the Year Award

Anderson School District Five Board of Trustees

Greenville County Schools Board of Trustees

Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five Board of Trustees

Queenie Boyd, *SCSBA President, Lee County School District*

2 - 5 p.m. **Delegate Assembly**

(Delegates are asked to sign in at 1:45 p.m.)

Representatives of the state's 81 school district boards will elect SCSBA officers and set the association's legislative priorities and belief statements for 2018.

5 p.m. **SCSBA board of directors meeting**

This meeting follows the annual business meeting and is open to all participants.

Sunday, December 3

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration & continental breakfast
Co-Sponsored by Boykin & Davis, LLC

8:45 - 9 a.m.

Fourth general session

Welcome

Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

9 - 9:20 a.m.

Address by 2018 SCSBA president

Wesley Hightower, *SCSBA President, Aiken County Public Schools*

9:20 - 9:50 a.m.

Advocacy in action

Hear from the 2017 SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Program of the Year Award winners. Learn how they successfully advocated for passage of education legislation supported by SCSBA.

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9:50 - 10:45 a.m.

Education issues roundtable

Hear a discussion of what may be top legislative issues in 2018 for various education organizations representing teachers and administrators. What do their members want to focus their advocacy efforts on?

Emily Heatwole, *Director of Legislative Affairs, S.C. Department of Education*

Damon Jeter, *Jet Corp Consulting*

Mark Harmon, *Vice President of Public Policy, S.C. Chamber of Commerce*

Kathy Maness, *Executive Director, Palmetto State Teachers Association*

Sandy Smith, *Executive Director, S.C. Association of School Business Officials and Legislative Consultant, S.C. Association of School Administrators*

Moderator: Debbie Elmore, *SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations and Communications*

11 a.m.

Closing remarks

Wesley Hightower, *SCSBA President, Aiken County Public Schools*