



# Board Chair Workshop

2019 SCSBA ANNUAL CONVENTION

## Agenda

8 - 8:30 a.m.

### **Registration and beverage break**

*Co-sponsored by Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.*

8:30 - 9 a.m.

### **Welcome and purpose**

*Chuck Saylor, SCSBA President-elect, Greenville County Schools*

9 - 10 a.m.

### **A conversation with veteran school board members**

As board chair, you are the leader of an important team. Are you equipped to lead effectively to assist your district reach its goals and objectives in offering a quality education? During this session, we will explore some skills that are helpful and necessary to be an effective board chair and keep your sanity and perspective.

*Dr. Tom Dobbins, SCSBA Board of Directors, Anderson School District 4*

*Dr. Kenneth Jenkins, Chair, Dorchester School District 4*

*Cynthia Legette, Chair, Marion County School District*

*Kristy Spears, Chair, Fort Mill Schools*

10 - 10:15 a.m.

### **Beverage break**

*Co-sponsored by Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.*

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

### **Meeting management**

A basic understanding of rules for your meetings is a critical tool for every school board member, especially the chairman. Without a well-defined and comprehensive grasp of the basics of Robert's Rules of Order, the chairmen can get lost very quickly and ineffective board meetings are sure to follow. This session will help chairmen understand how Robert's rules can help them obtain success during board meetings.

*Dr. Tiffany N. Richardson, General Counsel and Director of Policy and Legal Services, SCSBA*

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

### **Board Superintendent relationships**

The Superintendent and Board Chair of Greenville County Schools will discuss best practices for Board Trustees and Superintendents to communicate and work together as a team. While the parties will not always be in agreement, it is essential to have policies and practices in place that ensure open lines of communication, the equitable sharing of information, and maintenance of appropriate roles and responsibilities.

*Dr. Burke Royster, Superintendent, Greenville County Schools*

*Chuck Saylor, SCSBA President-elect, Greenville County Schools*

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

**Lunch** (*Included in registration*)

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**How “smart” is your board? Build EQ (Emotional Intelligence) & avoid the “glue” of a sticky situation**

Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is more predictive of an organization's success than cognitive ability and technical skill combined. School boards must effectively protect, grow and guide public education in their respective districts. The stakes are too high to chance crash and burn scenarios because one or two members say/do something out of order. This session is a practical guide on how to sustain a positive and productive Board culture – minimize/resolve conflict, remain a valuable asset to education and grow each member's emotional intelligence. Attendees will learn: what steps each member needs to take to grow his/her emotional intelligence; how to sustain a positive culture within the Board and with the administration; how to minimize conflict and also how to resolve conflict; how to retain respect, a positive image and being viewed as a valuable asset to education in the eyes of the community.

Paulette Cunningham, M.Ed., *Speaker/Trainer/Coach, Phenomenal Communications, LLC*

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

**Beverage break**

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2:45 - 4 p.m.

**How “smart” is your board? Build EQ (Emotional Intelligence) & avoid the “glue” of a sticky situation, continued**

4 - 4:30 p.m.

**Workshop closing and door prizes**

Chuck Saylor, *SCSBA President-elect, Greenville County Schools*