



AGENDA

Friday, August 23

4 - 7 p.m. **Registration** *Falls lounge*

Saturday, August 24

7:45 - 8:30 a.m. **Registration and breakfast break** *Foyer*
Co-sponsored by Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.

8:30 - 9:45 a.m. **First general session** *Ballrooms C1-3*

Welcome and purpose

Tony Folk, *SCSBA President, Dorchester School District 4*

Vouchers, Education Savings Accounts, and the Growing Threat to Public Education

Legislative efforts are underway to expand a new form of the publicly-funded private school voucher program in South Carolina. Several bills that currently reside in both the House and Senate would establish an Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) program that would redirect public education dollars for individuals to use for private school tuition and related expenses. Hear how this program and others may be undermining the state’s first constitutional duty to support adequate opportunities in public schools from a University of South Carolina law professor whose focus of study is the intersection of constitutional law and public education.

Derek Black, *Esquire, Professor of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law*

9:45 -10:45 a.m. **The view from Washington: The national school law landscape**

Learn about recent key rulings, pending cases and agency activity affecting public schools at the national level.

Sonja H. Trainor, *Managing Director, Legal Advocacy, National School Boards Association*

10:45 - 11 a.m. **Beverage break** *Foyer*
Co-sponsored by Duff Freeman Lyon, L.L.C.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Breakout sessions** (*choose one of four*)

❖ **A wrong turn could cost you \$44,402.50: FAQs to help you navigate the FOIA landscape – Ballroom C1**

This presentation will consist of practical questions and answers to issues often encountered by state and local government entities related to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Attorney General opinions and judicial decisions will be discussed to provide an understanding of FOIA’s requirements regarding open meetings, access to records, the so-called “privacy exemption” and other provisions that have been the subject of litigation.

Warren V. Ganjehsani, *Chief Legal Counsel, SC Technical College System*

❖ **To post or not to post: A look into board members use of social media – Ballroom C3**

Social media is a unique platform that allows board members to connect with the public. However, the ease of accessibility and the ability of users to freely express their thoughts can present legal challenges for public official users. Come hear about recent court decisions on the use of social media by public officials and how these decisions can provide you with best practices when using social media platforms. A key focus of this session will be understanding the First Amendment rights of board members and the public at large when interacting with public officials.

Charles J. Boykin, Esquire, *Boykin & Davis, LLC*

Tierney F. Dukes, Esquire, *Boykin & Davis, LLC*

❖ **Identifying and addressing workplace bullying – Meeting room 3**

This interactive workshop will define workplace bullying, discuss the effects bullying has on the workplace and provide strategies employers can use to confront and prevent bullying at work.

Lisa R. Claxton, Esquire, *Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.*

❖ **Consolidation...What to expect – Meeting rooms 8-9**

In this session, Francenia B. Heizer, Burr Forman McNair will lead a panel discussion with representatives of Boykin & Davis, LLC; Halligan, Mahoney & Williams, P.A.; and White & Story, LLC to discuss approaches to consolidation.

12 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch** (*included in registration*)..... *Ballrooms C4-6*

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **Breakout sessions** (*choose one of four*)

❖ **Effective policies and practices in the schoolhouse to keep boards out of the courthouse** (Repeats at 2:45 p.m.) – *Ballroom C1*

In this interactive session, participants will learn about potential missteps that can keep boards entangled in litigation, complaints or grievances.

Dr. Jesulon Gibbs-Brown, Esquire

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

❖ **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** (Repeats at 2:45 p.m.) – *Ballroom C3*

Come hear an overview of the lawsuit with the United States Department of Education regarding our state’s Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Barbara A. Drayton, *Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, South Carolina Department of Education*

4 - 5 p.m. **S.C. Caucus of Black School Board Members meeting***Meeting room 3*
This meeting is open to all participants.

Sunday, August 25

8 - 8:30 a.m. **Registration and breakfast break***Foyer*
Co-sponsored by Boykin & Davis, LLC

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **Second general session** *Ballrooms C1-3*

Opening remarks

Tony Folk, *SCSBA President, Dorchester School District 4*

Meet the Boards - Let's talk politics

Join us for a Sunday morning "Meet the Press" type of session where legislative leaders will field general questions and political commentary. The session will feature observations of the 2019 Legislative session to include teacher advocacy, education reform legislation, this year's state budget and a new call for education funding reform for 2020.

The Honorable Merita A. "Rita" Allison, *chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee*

The Honorable Wendy C. Brawley, *member of the House Education and Public Works Committee*

Dr. Katherine Coleman, *Board Member, Saluda County Schools*

Kimberly Johnson, *SCSBA Board of Directors, Clarendon School District Two*

The Honorable A. Shane Massey, *Senate Majority Leader and member of the Senate Education Committee*

Moderator: Bill Davis, *Humorist and former Education and State House Reporter*

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. **Beverage break***Foyer*
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9:45 - 11 a.m. **Closing general session** *Ballrooms C1-3*

Avoiding the \$10,000 fine: What you need to know about South Carolina Ethics

Join us for an overview of the Ethics Reform Act with an emphasis on the rules of conduct for new school board members.

Meghan Walker, *Executive Director, S.C. State Ethics Commission*

11 a.m. **Closing remarks** *Ballrooms C1-3*
Tony Folk, *SCSBA President, Dorchester School District 4*