

NEW BOARD ORIENTATION

LEADING THROUGH CHANGE

Agenda

Thursday, March 4, 2021

- 9 - 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and about SCSBA**..... Ballroom 1
Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*
Cheryl Burgess, *SCSBA President, Lexington School District Three*
- 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. **Understanding roles and responsibilities**..... Ballroom 1
- Setting the vision
 - Establishing the structure and environment
 - Identifying accountability measures and monitoring progress
 - Being an advocate for schools and students
 - Fostering positive board/superintendent relationships
 - Adhering to a code of ethics
- ElizaBeth “Beth” Branham, *2019-20 NSBA President, SCSBA Past President, Lexington School District Two*
- 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Avoiding the \$10,000 fine: What you need to know about South Carolina Ethics**..... Ballroom 1
- In this session, you will get 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*
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Lunch** Ballroom 1
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. **The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Government in the sunshine or in a fishbowl?** Ballroom 1
- This session will review the basic requirements of South Carolina’s FOIA, focusing on school boards’ obligations regarding board meetings and the disclosure of public records.
- Andrea White, *Esquire, White & Story, LLC*
- 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. **Break**

1:45 - 2:45 p.m. **School finance 101** Ballroom 1

A review of the revenue sources available to school districts with an emphasis on local and state funding. We will discuss property taxes, the Education Finance Act and other issues currently impacting the funding of education in South Carolina.

Lyde Graham, *Director of Operations, Clarendon School District 2*

2:45 - 4 p.m. **Best Practices for Working as a Team** Ballroom 1

A healthy decision-making process naturally flows from board members working together to fulfill their responsibilities. When school board members gel as a unit, they exhibit many characteristics of other well-functioning groups: a shared respect and trust that recognizes the contribution of each individual, a feeling of cohesiveness, shared goals for the board, leadership within the board (often the board president), shared values, and agreement on the board's operating rules. The importance of school board responsibilities and the limited time and experience of individual board members make effective functioning as a group all the more important.

Michele Branning, *SCSBA Board of Directors, Fort Mill Schools*

Jamie Devine, *SCSBA President-elect, Richland One*

Charles Govan, *SCSBA Board of Directors, Darlington County School District*

Daniel Martin, *SCSBA Board of Directors, Lexington School District Four*

Lisa Wells, *SCSBA Board of Directors, Greenville County Schools*

4 p.m. **Workshop closing** Ballroom 1