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**SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

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# **SCSBA's Annual Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly**

**sets the stage for all the action that takes place from January to June in our state's capital. Hear from state policy and political leaders and learn what will likely be the top K12 issues for the 2022 legislative session and the impact they may have on your school district. Bring your questions and prepare for a weekend discussing federal and state politics.**

**As a school board member, the educational future of the students you serve depends as much on the decisions made by the state legislature as those made in the board room. The time is now to take your leadership role as an active political advocate for public schools.**



# ADVOCACY

## Objectives

- Set SCSBA's 2022 Legislative Platform (Delegate Assembly)
- Learn about proposed state education legislation
- Get a forecast of the state's budgetary issues and how they may impact school funding
- Gain a better understanding of the power of collaborative, proactive approaches to the political process

Board members will receive 15 points and 7 hours of credit in the Boardmanship Institute for conference attendance and participation.

## Registration

The member registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$195 per person through November 5, 2021, and afterwards increases to \$220. The meeting is open to members only.

The deadline to cancel and receive a refund is November 5, 2021.

Registrations by individual members are no longer accepted to help prevent duplicate registrations, invoicing and credit card charges. School board members and district administrators must register through their board secretary, and associate members must register through their SCSBA company contact. For more information or assistance, contact Gwen Hampton at [ghampton@scsba.org](mailto:ghampton@scsba.org) or 803.988.0251.

## Hotel

The Charleston Marriott is located at 170 Lockwood Boulevard, Charleston, South Carolina.

Rooms are available for \$141 for single/double occupancy, plus taxes and fees, through November 5, 2021, or until the room block is full. The room reservation instructions will be provided to the district administrative assistants.

## Safety

Masks will be required in all conference areas. Because the number of attendees will not be limited, social distancing will be challenging in the conference meeting rooms; however, you will notice other mitigation measures, including hand sanitizer stations and directional signage. We kindly ask that you do not attend if you have any of the following: fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose or shortness of breath, or if you have been a close contact to someone who has COVID-19.

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# AGENDA

## Wednesday, December 1

Noon – 1 p.m.

### **Delegate Assembly orientation (virtual)**

Join us online to review, discuss and get your questions answered about the proposed 2022 Legislative Priorities and Statements of Belief that are to be presented during the association's annual business meeting, known as the Delegate Assembly.

## Friday, December 3

5:30 – 7 p.m.

### **Registration**

5:30 – 7 p.m.

### **SC Caucus of Black School Board Members**

This meeting is open to all participants.

## Saturday, December 4

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

### **Registration and breakfast break**

● *Co-Sponsored by White & Story, LLC*

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

### **First general session**

#### **Welcome and purpose**

Cheryl Burgess, *SCSBA President, Lexington School District Three*

#### **Legislative roundtable of K12 issues**

Join us for this year's highly anticipated legislative roundtable session featuring legislative leaders discussing their thoughts on what school boards should expect in 2022. In the style of a Sunday morning political talk show, legislators in the House and Senate

will field political commentary and questions on K12 educational issues and funding that will likely be up for debate in 2022. Hear their thoughts on education issues including teacher pay and state funding, redistricting and its impact on the 2022 elections and more. Lawmakers confirmed to attend so far include (others invited):

The Honorable Sean Bennett, *Chairman, Senate Finance K12 Subcommittee*

The Honorable Mike Fanning, *Member, Senate Finance Committee*

The Honorable Shane Martin, *Member, Senate Finance K12 Subcommittee*

The Honorable Karl Allen, *Member, Senate Education Committee*

The Honorable Rita Allison, *Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee*

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

### **Beverage break**

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

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

### **Second general session**

#### **Contrast: the pandemic's economic impact and what it may mean for South Carolina**

Get an overview of how the pandemic has impacted our state's economy, which helps to shape the state budget, and how the impact could affect the 2022-2023 state budget and beyond. Will the level of state revenue growth continue? How have record amounts of federal pandemic funding impacted the state's budget development? Learn the answers to these questions and more by one of the state's leading experts on state finances.

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

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.

### **Beverage break**

● *Co-Sponsored by Duff Freeman Lyon, L.L.C.*

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### **Third general session**

#### **Federal legislative update**

Gain insight about expectations for education policy during the next year of the 117th Congress. NSBA's federal advocacy priorities to ensure equity and excellence in public education will be discussed including teacher recruitment and retention as part of reauthorization efforts for the Higher Education Act, federal appropriations and investments in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), school safety, school infrastructure and education technology investments.

Deborah Rigsby, *Program Director, Lobbying and Federal Legislation, National School Boards Association*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch** (Included in registration)

2 – 5 p.m.

#### **Delegate Assembly**

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

Representatives of the state's 77 school district boards will elect SCSBA officers and set the association's legislative priorities and statements of belief for 2022.

5 p.m.

#### **SCSBA board of directors meeting**

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

## **Sunday, December 5**

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

#### **Registration and breakfast break**

8:30 – 9 a.m.

#### **Closing general session**

##### **Welcome**

Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

##### **Address by 2022 SCSBA president**

Jamie Devine, *SCSBA President, Richland One*

9 – 10:30 a.m.

#### **State education organizations roundtable**

Representatives from various state education organizations will discuss the K12 legislative issues their members will be advocating for or opposing in 2022. What are the issues topping the agenda of the state's teachers? What will be the focus of advocacy efforts of school administrators and school business officials? And most importantly, how will their issues intersect with school board priorities?

Cynthia Bennett, *Chief Diversity Officer, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce*

Sherry East, *President, South Carolina Education Association*

Lisa Ellis, *Founder and Board Member, SCforEd*

Patrick Kelly, *Director of Governmental Affairs, Palmetto State Teachers Association*

Katie Nilges, *Governmental Affairs Legislative Liaison*

Sandy Smith, *Executive Director, SC Association of School Business Officials*

TBD, *South Carolina Association of School Administrators*

11 a.m.

#### **Closing remarks**

Jamie Devine, *SCSBA President, Richland One*

## **Upcoming 2022 Boardmanship Institute Conferences**

January 22

**NSBA Equity Symposium**, Washington, D.C.

January 23-25

**NSBA Advocacy Institute**, Washington, D.C.

February 17

**New Board Orientation**, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

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**Board Chair Workshop**, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

February 17-20

**SCSBA Annual Convention**, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

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