

# 2023

south carolina school boards association  
**new board  
orientation**



## Agenda

- 8 - 8:30 a.m.     **Registration and beverage break** .....*Foyer*  
Co-sponsored by *White & Story, LLC*
- 8:30 - 9 a.m.     **Welcome and About SCSBA**.....*Ballrooms ABC*  
Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*  
Gail Hughes, *SCSBA President, Dorchester Two*
- 9 - 10 a.m.     **Understanding Roles & Responsibilities**.....*Ballrooms ABC*
- 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 Branham, Esquire, *SCSBA Past President, NSBA President 2019-2020, Lexington School District Two*
- 10 - 10:15 a.m.     **Beverage break**.....*Ballrooms ABC*  
Co-sponsored by *White & Story, LLC*
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.     **School Board Ethics**.....*Ballrooms ABC*  
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.
- Alex Sherard, *Senior Associate, White & Story, LLC*
- 11:15- 12:15 p.m.     **School Finance 101**.....*Ballrooms ABC*  
Board members will be provided general information on school district finance from general fund to pupil activity and everything in between. Where does the funding come from and how do we get it?
- Mellanie Jinnette, *Retired School District Chief Financial Officer*
- 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.     **Lunch (Included in registration)** .....*Sabal Palm Ballroom*  
Co-sponsored by *McMillan Pazdan Smith*
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.     **SC Freedom of Information Act: What you need to know**.....*Ballrooms ABC*  
Join us for a review of the basic requirements of South Carolina’s FOIA, focusing on school board obligations regarding board meetings and the disclosure of public records.
- Kathryn Mahoney, *Esquire, Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.*

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2:30 - 2:45 p.m. **Beverage break**.....*Foyer*  
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2:45 - 4 p.m. **Welcome to Section B: An Introduction to School Board Governance and Operations Policies** .....*Ballrooms ABC*  
This session will provide an overview of the policies that establish the board's internal operating procedures. Attendees will review important B Section policies to better understand their roles and responsibilities as new board members.

Stephanie Lawrence, *SCSBA General Counsel, Director of Policy & Legal Services*

4 - 4:15 p.m. **Workshop closing and door prizes**.....*Ballrooms ABC*  
Gail Hughes, *SCSBA President, Dorchester Two*