

2023

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**new board
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Agenda June 8, 2023

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration and breakfast break

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and About SCSBA

Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*

Gail Hughes, *SCSBA President, Dorchester Two*

Understanding roles and responsibilities

- 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

10:00- 10:15 a.m.

Beverage break

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

School Board Ethics

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

11:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

School finance 101

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.

Mellanie Jinnette, *Retired Chief Financial Officer*

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12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

Lunch (*Included in registration*)

1:15 - 2:30 p.m.

The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: what you need to know

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.

Kathryn L. Mahoney, Esquire, *Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.*

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Beverage break

2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Welcome to Section B: An Introduction to School Board Governance and Operations Policies

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*

4:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Workshop Closing