



**SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

**LEGISLATIVE  
ADVOCACY**

**C O N F E R E N C E  
AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

**DECEMBER 1-3, 2023 • CHARLESTON MARRIOTT**

# **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 2024 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 ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**



# LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONFERENCE AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

## OBJECTIVES

- **SET SCSBA'S 2024 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM (DELEGATE ASSEMBLY)**
- **LEARN ABOUT PROPOSED STATE EDUCATION LEGISLATION**
- **GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE POWER OF COLLABORATIVE, PROACTIVE APPROACHES TO THE POLITICAL PROCESS**

**BOARD MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE 5 POINTS AND 7 HOURS OF CREDIT IN THE BOARDMANSHIP INSTITUTE FOR CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

## REGISTRATION

The member registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$250 per person through Nov. 10, 2023, and afterward increases to \$275. The conference registration fee is non-refundable but is transferable to anyone in the attendee's district or organization. The meeting is open to members only.

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 Ashleigh Hankwitz at [ahankwitz@scsba.org](mailto:ahankwitz@scsba.org) or **803-988-0240**.

## HOTEL

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

Rooms are available for \$145 for single/double occupancy, plus taxes and fees, through Nov. 10, 2023, or when the room block is full. The room reservation instructions will be provided to the district administrative assistants.

# AGENDA

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

**Delegate Assembly Orientation webinar:** Get online with SCSBA staff and school board members from across the state to get your questions answered and learn about the association's annual business meeting. Delegates from the state's 73 school district boards will convene to vote on key SCSBA business items. We will review how the meeting operates, the proposed slate of association officers and the proposed Legislative Resolutions that will guide the association's legislative efforts in 2024.

*Scott T. Price, SCSBA Executive Director*

*Debbie Elmore, SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations*

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

### Registration

5:30 – 7 p.m.

### S.C. Caucus of Black School Board Members meeting

*This meeting is open to all participants.*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

### Registration and breakfast break

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

8:30 – 10 a.m.

### First general session

#### Welcome and purpose

*Gail Hughes, SCSBA President, Dorchester Two*

**Legislative roundtable of K-12 issues:** Join us for the highly anticipated legislative roundtable session featuring state legislative leaders and their perspectives on what school boards should expect in 2024. Lawmakers from the House and Senate will field political commentary and questions on K12 education issues that will be up for debate and how board members can be effective advocates.

*The Honorable Neal Collins, member, K12 House Ways and Means Subcommittee and House Ways and Means Committee*

*The Honorable Shannon Erickson, chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee*

*The Honorable Shane Martin, member, K12 Senate Finance Subcommittee and Senate Finance Committee; chairperson of the Senate Corrections and Penology Committee*

*The Honorable Russell Ott, member, House Legislative Oversight Committee and House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee*

*The Honorable Vernon Stephens, member, Senate Family and Veterans' Services Committee and Judiciary Committee*

**Moderator:** *Scott Price, SCSBA Executive Director*

10 – 10:15 a.m.

### Beverage break

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

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

### Second general session

**A look at the new education funding dashboard:** Learn about the new Education Funding Dashboard that summarizes funding and expenditures for K12 education. The aim of the dashboard is to inform the public and provide transparency on school district finances in South Carolina. Developed by the S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) Office, it allows users to analyze and compare revenues, expenditures, academic achievement, and other data by district.

*Frank Rainwater, Executive Director, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

### Beverage break

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

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### Third general session

**Federal legislative update:** As Congress considers imminent priorities, including a final Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bill, a number of education issues still need resolution. Get an overview of federal K12 education issues and expectations for education policy

debates during the 2024 session of Congress.

*Representative, Bose Public Affairs Group, Washington, D.C.*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch** (Included in registration)

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

2 – 5 p.m.

**Delegate Assembly** (*Delegates are to sign in at 1:45 p.m.*)

Representatives of the state's 73 school district boards will elect SCSBA officers and set the association's legislative resolutions for 2024.

5 p.m.

**SCSBA board of directors meeting:** This meeting follows the annual business meeting and is open to all participants.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

**Registration and breakfast break**

● *Co-sponsored by Boykin & Davis, LLC*

8:30 – 9 a.m.

**Closing general session**

**Welcome**

*Scott T. Price, SCSBA Executive Director*

**Address by 2024 SCSBA president**

*Michele Branning, SCSBA President, Fort Mill*

9 – 10:30 a.m.

**What are other education groups advocating for in 2024?**

What are the issues topping the legislative agenda for teachers? What will be the focus of advocacy efforts of school administrators? Hear a roundtable discussion featuring representatives from various state education organizations to learn about the legislative issues they will be pushing or watching for.

*Phillip Cease, Director of Governmental Relations, S.C.*

*Department of Education (SCDE)*

*Sherry East, President, S.C. Education Association (SCEA)*

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

*Dr. Jerome Singleton, Executive Director, S.C. High School League (SCHSL)*

*Sandy Smith, Executive Director, S.C. Association of School Business Officials (SCASBO)*

*Representative, S.C. Association of School Administrators (SCASA)*

**Moderator:** *Michele Branning, SCSBA President, Fort Mill*

11 a.m.

**Closing remarks**

*Michele Branning, SCSBA President, Fort Mill*

## UPCOMING 2024 BOARDMANSHIP INSTITUTE CONFERENCES

**FEB. 15, 2024:** *New Board Orientation, Hilton Head Island, S.C.*

**FEB. 15, 2024:** *Board Chair Workshop, Hilton Head Island, S.C.*

**FEB. 16-18, 2024:** *SCSBA Annual Convention, Hilton Head Island, S.C.*

**FEB. 22-25, 2024:** *COSSBA Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas*

**TBD, 2024:** *2DAC (Two Days at the Capitol), Columbia, S.C.*

**JUNE 6, 2024:** *New Board Orientation Makeup, Columbia, S.C.*

**AUGUST TBD, 2024:** *School Law, Location TBD*

**OCT. 10, 2024:** *Beyond the Basics, Columbia S.C.*

**OCT. 24-25, 2024:** *Risky Business, Hilton Head Island, S.C.*

**DEC. 7-8, 2024:** *Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly, Charleston, S.C.*

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