

NEW BOARD ORIENTATION

Agenda June 6, 2024

8 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast Break
8:30 - 9 a.m.	Welcome and About SCSBA Scott T. Price, SCSBA Executive Director Michele Branning, SCSBA President, Fort Mill Schools
9 - 10 a.m.	 Board Member Roles and Responsibilities: Navigating Your Lane While Operating in District Traffic A clear understanding of your role and responsibilities as a school board member is necessary for effective governance. This session will cover both statutory and policy created duties to provide the road rules for your "rush hour" experience. Buckle your seatbelt and begin the journey of serving your community in one of the most important ways – educating its students. Stephanie Lawrence, SCSBA General Counsel and Director of Policy and Legal Services
10 - 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, <i>Senior Associate, White & Story, L.L.C.</i>
11:15 a.m 12:15 p.m.	School Finance 101 A review of the revenue sources available to school districts including local, state, and federal funding. We will discuss property taxes, the new state funding formula, the importance of a strong fund balance and other issues currently impacting the funding of education in South Carolina. Mellanie Jinnette, <i>Retired School District Chief Financial Officer</i>
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Included in registration)





1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Foiled by FOIA? This session will focus on the Board's decision-making process and include an in-depth discussion on the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. Board members will learn and gain an understanding of the procedures under FOIA and how to respond to requests for information and questions raised by various stakeholders and the media. Tierney F. Goodwyn, <i>Partner, Boykin & Davis, LLC</i>
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Beverage Break
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	Robert's Rules for Beginners A basic understanding of the rules of parliamentary procedure for your meetings is a critical tool for every school board member. This beginner-friendly session will help new board members gain a basic understanding of Robert's Rules of Order and how these rules can aid them in effectively participating in meetings. Rasheeda Cleveland, <i>Esquire, SCSBA Staff Attorney</i>
3:45 - 4 p.m.	Workshop Closing