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2025: New Lawmakers, New Session

Join school board members from across the state for a **dynamic and informative weekend** in December. The SCSBA Annual **Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly** will help prepare you for the upcoming 2025 legislative session, which will feature newly elected Senate and House members, leadership changes, and key shifts in committee membership. **What will be the major issues for K12 education and other state services? What are other education organizations prioritizing?** Hear directly from state policy and political leaders as they share insights on possible legislative priorities expected to emerge and how these decisions could impact your district. This weekend promises **valuable discussions on both state and federal education issues**, with plenty of opportunities for your questions and input.

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OBJECTIVES

- ★ Establish SCSBA's 2025 Legislative Platform during the Delegate Assembly
- ★ Learn about possible state education legislation
- ★ Hear what issues other K12 organizations are planning to advocate for and against

Board members will receive 5 points and 7 hours of credit in the Boardmanship Institute for conference attendance and participation.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee through Nov. 15, 2024, is \$250 per person for SCSBA members. The fee includes lunch on Saturday. There is an additional \$25 fee for cancellations and registrations after the deadline. 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.

To help prevent duplicate registrations, invoicing, and credit card charges, we no longer accept registrations by individual members. 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 or 803.988.0240.

HOTEL

The Charleston Marriott is located at 170 Lockwood Boulevard, Charleston, South Carolina. A nightly room rate of \$145 for single/double occupancy, plus taxes and fees, is available through Nov. 15, 2024, or when the room block is full, whichever comes first. The room reservation instructions will be provided to the district administrative assistants.

Conference attendees must have registered for the conference prior to securing lodging associated with the event.

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AGENDA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Delegate Assembly orientation webinar Online

Join SCSBA staff and fellow school board members from across the state for an interactive webinar. Get an in-depth overview of the SCSBA Annual Delegate Assembly, which takes place during our Legislative Advocacy Conference. Learn about the meeting's procedures, the proposed slate of association officers and the key Legislative Resolutions that will shape SCSBA's legislative efforts in 2025. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and gain valuable insights into how to effectively participate in the delegate assembly.

Scott T. Price, SCSBA Executive Director

Debbie Elmore, SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Registration Lobby

5:30 - 7 p.m.

SC Caucus of Black School Board Members Meeting Opal room

This meeting is open to all participants.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration and breakfast break Crystal foyer

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8:30 - 10 a.m.

First general session Crystal ballroom

Welcome and purpose

Michele Branning, SCSBA President, Fort Mill Schools

Legislative roundtable of K12 and other issues - Join us for a must-attend roundtable session featuring key state legislative leaders who will share their perspectives on the top issues likely to shape the 2025 legislative agenda, with a focus on K12 education. Lawmakers

from both the House and Senate will offer political insights, address questions on the pressing education topics up for debate and discuss how school board members can be effective advocates for their districts.

The Honorable Brad Hutto, Senate Minority Leader and member of the Senate Education Committee

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

The Honorable Doug Gilliam, member, House Education and Public Works Committee and chairman of the Motor Vehicles Subcommittee

The Honorable Michael Rivers, member, House Education and Public Works Committee and Higher Education Subcommittee

The Honorable David Vaughan, member, House Education and Public Works Committee and K12 Subcommittee

Moderator: Scott Price, SCSBA Executive Director

10 - 10:15 a.m.

Beverage break Crystal foyer

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

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Second general session Crystal ballroom

Priorities of the state superintendent of education

- Don't miss this informative session to gain valuable insights into the 2025 budget recommendations and policy priorities of the state superintendent. Hear firsthand from the state's top education leader about the strategic direction and goals set to impact schools, educators and students.

The Honorable Ellen Weaver, South Carolina Superintendent of Education



Weaver

11:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Beverage break Crystal foyer

★ **Co-Sponsored by Boykin & Davis, LLC**

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

Third general session Crystal ballroom

Federal legislative update - Explore expectations for federal education policy and funding in 2025 and how they align with COSSBA's (Consortium of State School Boards Associations) legislative priorities.

Jared Solomon, Senior Policy Advisor, Bose Public Affairs Group, Washington, D.C.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (Included in registration) Emerald ballroom

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2 – 5 p.m.

Delegate Assembly Crystal ballroom

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

Representatives of the boards governing our state's 72 school districts will convene for the association's annual business meeting to elect officers and establish the association's 2025 legislative resolutions.

5 p.m.

SCSBA board of directors meeting Emerald salon one

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration and breakfast break Crystal foyer

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8:30 – 9 a.m.

Closing general session Crystal ballroom

Welcome

Scott T. Price, SCSBA Executive Director

Address by 2025 SCSBA president

Charles Govan, SCSBA President, Darlington County School District

9 – 9:30 a.m.

A Conversation with SCSBA Lobbyists – Join the association's experienced lobbyists for a discussion on the evolving political landscape of the South Carolina General Assembly in 2025. This session will explore the potential impacts of the November General Election results on education policy and funding, offering key insights into how the state's legislative dynamics may shift.

Mark Harmon, The Harmon Consulting Group, LLC

Duane Cooper, The Cooper Group, LLC

Moderator: Debbie Elmore, SCSBA Director of Governmental Relations

9:30 – 11 a.m.

What are other education groups advocating for in 2025? –

Discover the key issues shaping the legislative agenda for teachers and school administrators in this engaging roundtable discussion. Representatives from various state education organizations will share

insights into the top priorities for the upcoming legislative session, highlighting the areas they will be advocating for and closely monitoring.

Ryan Bailey, Director of Membership and Communications, S.C. Association of School Administrators (SCASA)

Phillip Cease, Director of Governmental Relations, S.C. Department of Education (SCDE)

Mary Rita Watson, Statewide Member Engagement Coordinator/ Government Relations, 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)

Moderator: Scott Childers, York School District One, SCSBA Region 13 Director

11 a.m.

Closing remarks

Charles Govan, SCSBA President, Darlington County School District

Upcoming 2025 Boardmanship Institute Conferences

Feb. 20, 2025 New Board Orientation, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Feb. 20, 2025 Board Chair Workshop, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Feb. 21-23, 2025 ... SCSBA Annual Convention, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

TBD Day at the Capitol, Columbia, S.C.

June 5, 2025 New Board Orientation Makeup, Columbia, S.C.

Aug. 23-24, 2025.. School Law, Charleston, S.C.

Oct. 9, 2025 Beyond the Basics, Columbia, S.C.

Dec. 6-7, 2025 Legislative Advocacy & Delegate Assembly, Charleston, S.C.