

2026 BOARD CHAIR WORKSHOP

FEB. 19, 2026 · EMBASSY SUITES MYRTLE BEACH

Agenda

- 8 - 8:30 a.m. **Registration and beverage break**.....*Westminster hallway*
Co-sponsored by **Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.**
- 8:30 - 9 a.m. **Welcome and Purpose** *Kensington C*
Janet Graham, SCSBA President-elect, Horry County Schools
- 9 - 10 a.m. **Board Leadership** *Kensington C*
Join this panel of school board members from around the state as they discuss challenges and opportunities in their communities. Hear some of their best practices related to communicating with stakeholders, managing constant change, adapting policies and budgets, and working cooperatively with district administration.
Debora Brunson, Orangeburg County School District
Scott Childers, York School District I
Quincy Sutton, Lexington School District Four
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- 10 - 10:15 a.m. **Beverage break**.....*Westminster hallway*
Co-sponsored by **Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.**
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. **Understanding the role of Board members in employment matters/investigations** *Kensington C*
This session will provide board chairs with an understanding of the due process rights of professional and classified employees, how administrative investigations of employment matters are conducted, and what the Board's role is in reviewing employment matters that come before the Board.
Kathy Mahoney, Attorney, Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.
Vernie Williams, Attorney, Halligan Mahoney & Williams, P.A.
- 11:15- 12:15 p.m. **Order in the Boardroom: Robert's Rules of Order for Board Chairs** *Kensington C*
Effective board leadership requires more than a gavel. It requires clarity, confidence, and a firm grasp of meeting procedure. This session is designed specifically for board chairs and those preparing to step into the role. It will provide a practical, real-world guide to using Robert's Rules of Order to lead efficient, fair, and productive meetings.
Westley P. Cox, Esquire, West Cox Law Firm, LLC

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- 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch** *(Included in registration)*..... *Kensington G*
*Co-sponsored by **White Story & Hicks, LLC***
- 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Understanding the S.C. Freedom of Information Act** *Kensington C*
This session will review the key provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and provide guidance to school board members.
Ashley Story, *Partner, White Story & Hicks, LLC*
- 2:45 - 3 p.m. **Workshop closing and door prizes** *Kensington C*
Janet Graham, *SCSBA President-elect, Horry County Schools*