

2026

NEW BOARD ORIENTATION MAKE-UP

Agenda June 4, 2026

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast Break**
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome and About SCSBA**
Scott T. Price, SCSBA Executive Director
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **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
- Beth Branham, Esquire, SCSBA Past President, Former Board Member, Lexington School District Two*
- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Beverage Break**
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. **Avoiding the \$10,000 fine: What you need to know about South Carolina Ethics**
In this session, you will receive an overview of the Ethics Reform Act with an emphasis on the rules of conduct for school board members.
Meghan W. Dayson, Executive Director, S.C. State Ethics Commission
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Beverage Break**
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **What Board Members Need to Know to Understand School District Finance**
Board members will be provided general information on school finance, budgets and why their input and understanding are important.
Mellanie Jinnette, Retired School District Chief Financial Officer
- 12:15 - 1:30p.m. **Lunch (Included in registration) & Q&A**

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1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Don't Be Foiled by FOIA

This interactive session will provide an overview of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”). This session will discuss the role of governance in ensuring that provisions of FOIA are complied with by the District. Additionally, this session will provide board members with tools on how to respond to requests for information from the community in accordance with FOIA.

Charles Boykin, *Esquire, Senior Partner, Boykin & Davis, LLC*

Tierney F. Goodwyn, *Esquire, Partner, Boykin & Davis, LLC*

2:30– 3:00 p.m.

Workshop Closing

Scott T. Price, *SCSBA Executive Director*