

Beyond the Basics

The Business of Growth in South Carolina

Across South Carolina, county councils and municipalities are increasingly approving economic development incentives such as Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes (FILOT), Multi-County Industrial Parks (MCIP), Special Source Revenue Credits (SSRC), and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to recruit industry, spur redevelopment, and create jobs.

As these projects become more common, they are also raising important questions about school funding, local government finances, and community growth.

For school board members, understanding these incentives is essential. Whether your district is directly involved in a proposed project or simply affected by one, these decisions can have lasting implications for public education and your community.

This one-day workshop brings together leading legal experts, economic development professionals, local government leaders, and school board representatives to explain how these incentives work, why they are used, who negotiates them, and the role of school boards in the process. Through expert presentations, panel discussions, and real-world case studies, you'll gain the knowledge and confidence to engage in informed conversations and make thoughtful decisions when economic development opportunities arise.

Whether your district is facing a major economic development project today or could encounter one tomorrow, this workshop will equip you with the knowledge every school board member needs when those decisions reach your community.

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SCSBA Training Center

111 Research Drive • Columbia, SC 29203

Space is limited.

Registration

The registration fee is **\$165** for school board members through **September 24**, which is also the deadline for cancellations. After September 24, the registration fee will increase by **\$25** per board member.

To help prevent duplicate registrations, invoices and credit card charges, school board members should register through their

board secretary. For more information or assistance, contact **Ashleigh Hankwitz** at ahankwitz@scsba.org or 803.988.0240.

Boardmanship Institute

Board members will receive 5 points and 5 hours of credit for attendance and participation.