



VIRTUAL GOVERNANCE TRAINING SESSIONS

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Governance Training Virtual Sessions

Required Sessions

Session Link	The Governing Board's Role in Financial Oversight <i>Carmen Freemire, SCSC Director of School Finance</i> SCSC school boards are responsible for providing financial oversight, including establishing financial policies and procedures, evaluating near-term fiscal health, and setting a strategy to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability. This presentation will discuss best practices, including laying a strong foundation, assessing compliance and holding staff accountable.	FINANCE
	SCSC and SBOE Rules You Should Know <i>Erin Wright, SCSC Deputy General Counsel</i> The flexibility exercised by state charter schools to implement their innovative or unique programs must occur within the parameters of applicable state regulations. Governing boards should understand these regulations at the start of decision-making to avoid being caught off guard during implementation of actions or policies. This presentation will cover State Charter Schools Commission and State Board of Education regulations that should influence state charter school governance and operations.	LEGAL REQUIREMENTS
	Academic Accountability Updates <i>Katie Manthey, SCSC Director of Research and Evaluation</i> <i>Scott Riley, SCSC Academic Evaluation Manager</i> The measures used to evaluate state charters' academic performance have required alteration in recent years due to pandemic-related data disruptions. The academic section of the SCSC's performance framework will regain some normalcy this year with the state's resumed release of academic growth and other CCRPI indicators. This session will cover which measures will be used to evaluate schools' academic performance during the 2022-2023 school year, the SCSC's methods of comparison, as well as our plan to address the recently approved changes to the state's accountability tool.	ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY
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Session Link	Assessment and Accountability Overview <i>GADOE Assessment and Accountability</i> Governing Board Members will receive an overview of Georgia's various assessments, both formative and summative, and the state's accountability tool, the Career and College Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI), from specialists at the Georgia Department of Education.	ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY

Session Link	<div> Federal Grant Management FINANCE </div> <p><i>Carmen Freemire, SCSC Director of School Finance</i> <i>Michele Neely, SCSF President</i></p> <p>State charter schools receive federal grants to support positive student outcomes and to build stronger schools. This presentation will provide information about the distinct purposes of federal grants, the fiduciary responsibilities of the governing board, connecting a budget to student objectives, the importance of collecting and reporting student and expenditure data, and helpful best practices. Presenters will review federal grant basics and discuss ways your charter school LEA can manage them effectively for the best results.</p>
Session Link	<div> Civil Rights: Students LEGAL REQUIREMENTS </div> <p><i>Cerrone Lockett, SCSC General Counsel</i></p> <p>Although charter schools can waive many state education requirements, they must adhere to all obligations impacting civil rights. This presentation will provide an overview of civil rights legislation impacting students and the related obligations of charter school-Local Education Agencies (LEAs).</p>
Session Link	<div> Contracting Best Practices LEGAL REQUIREMENTS </div> <p><i>Erin Wright, SCSC Deputy General Counsel</i></p> <p>As required by law and a school's charter contract, the SCSC holds a school's governing board accountable for substantive control over school operations and student performance. The board must ensure that vendor relationships lead to successful performance and meet legal obligations. This session will highlight best practices related to the selection, negotiation, and monitoring of contracts.</p>
Session Link	<div> Student Discipline LEGAL REQUIREMENTS </div> <p><i>Tiffany Leach, SCSC Associate General Counsel</i></p> <p>State charter schools must ensure compliance with student discipline laws. This session provides an overview of relevant state and federal student discipline laws, including the code of conduct, bullying policies, and disciplining students with disabilities in accordance with the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).</p>
Session Link	<div> Inclusive Education LEGAL REQUIREMENTS </div> <p><i>Cerrone Lockett, SCSC General Counsel</i></p> <p>State charter schools must ensure that students with disabilities have equal access to charter school programs and activities. This session is designed to identify common compliance concerns in the context of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1972 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related legal obligations.</p>