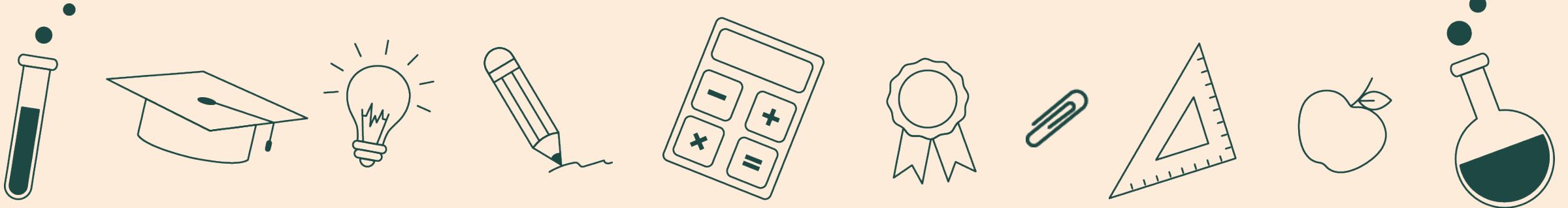




# General Information and Updates

SCSC Governance Training  
Lauren Holcomb – Executive Director



# Training Overview



1. Welcome & SCSC Updates, *SCSC Executive Director*
2. General Sessions (AM)
  - Transparency & Ethics, *SCSC General Counsel*
  - Financial Oversight, *SCSC Chief Operations Officer*
3. Breakout Sessions (PM), *SCSC Staff and External Experts*



# Welcome & SCSC Updates

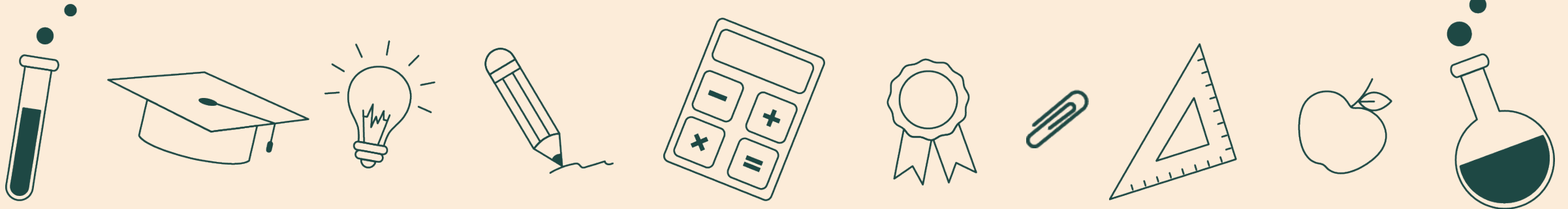


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# SCSC Overview





# History

The State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia was established via constitutional referendum in 2012. The purpose of the SCSC is to provide an avenue for additional public school choices through quality charter schools, either when a local board of education denies a petition for a charter school, or when a group desires to serve a broad geographic attendance zone.



# Mission



The mission of the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia is to improve public education by authorizing high quality charter schools that provide students with better educational opportunities than they would otherwise receive in traditional district schools.



# Vision



The vision of the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia is *advancing education through **innovative** and superior charter schools in every community.*



# SCSC Role



- Authorize High Quality Charter Schools
- Extend Autonomy and Provide Support
- Uphold Accountability in the areas of Academics, Operations, and Finances





# SCSC Staff



## Operations & Finance

Morgan Felts, *Chief Operations Officer*

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Kristen Easterbrook, *Director of Charter Development*

Naquita Smith, *Charter Development Coordinator*

## State Charter Schools Foundation

Michele Neely, *State Charter Schools Foundation President*



# State Charter Schools

The SCSC oversees 41 operational schools serving approximately 38,000 students all over the state of Georgia.

Our portfolio of schools:

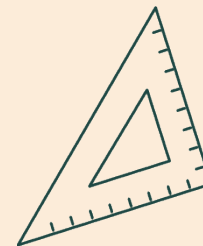
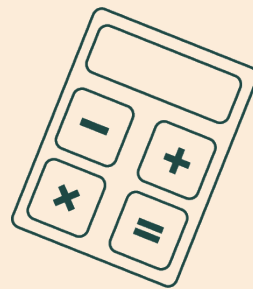
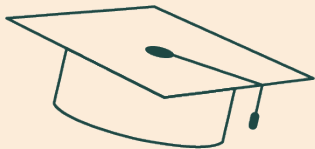
- Statewide virtual schools
- Project-Based Learning
- STEM/STEAM
- Classical Learning
- Language Immersion

Georgia is known nationally for the diverse and wide array of homegrown, community-based charter schools in our state.





# Governance Training



# State Charter School Governing Boards



Charter school governing boards hold the charter school contract with the SCSC.

The board is responsible for the academic, operational and financial performance of the school.

The board must be familiar with the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework.



# Governance Training Requirement



All state charter school governing board members are required to receive annual governance training.

Two Options:

- SCSC Training (no charge)
- State Board of Education-approved training provider (contract on your own)



# Governance Training Requirement



For the 2021-22 school year, the SCSC will offer Governance Training opportunities in two parts.

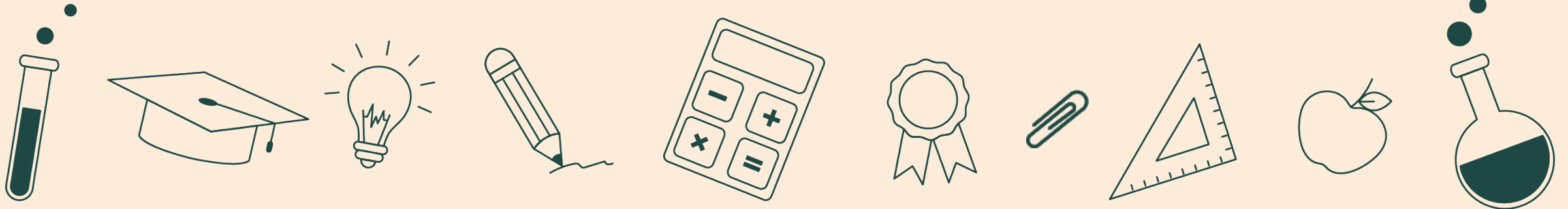
- **Part 1: A live, in-person session** (*you are here now*)
  - November 10 – Callaway Gardens
  - February 9 – UGA Center for Continuing Education
  - April 13 – Loudermilk Conference Center
- **Part 2: A live, virtual session**
  - December 7
  - January 25
  - March 23

Board members must attend one of the in-person session dates **AND** one of the live virtual sessions to fulfill the requirement.





# SCSC Updates



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1. Leadership Transition
2. Strategic Plan
3. Rules/Policies
4. Replication and Expansion Support





# SCSC Strategic Plan



Fulfilling the SCSC vision: Innovative and superior charter schools advancing education in every community.

## Strategic Plan Objectives:

- Increase charter school choice in communities with few or no options.
- Expand high-quality middle and high charter school choice.
- Increase the number of academically superior state charter schools.
- Promote pre-opening success for approved state charter schools.
- Empower all state charter schools to leverage autonomy, flexibility, and resources to meet the needs of their communities.
- Develop and maintain a strong internal foundation that aligns with and supports the SCSC's mission and vision.



# Replication and Expansion Support



Through a GEER II grant from Governor Kemp, Georgia launched the Strategic Charter School Growth Initiative, a partnership between the SCSC, SCSF and Ga Charter Schools Association. The Initiative aims to support petitioners in launching, replicating and expanding high performing charter schools. A federal Charter Schools Program grant will support the continuation of the Initiative.

Strategic Charter School Growth Initiative  
<https://findagacharter.org/>

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# Proposed Rules and New Policy



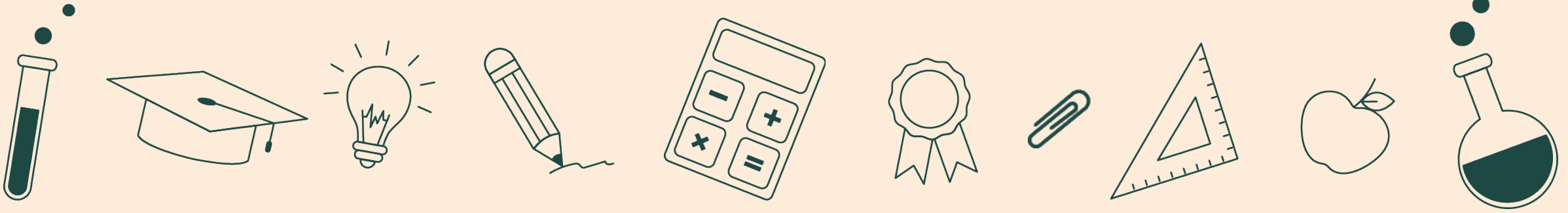
The SCSC board introduced new rules and a new policy at the January board meeting and we are soliciting feedback.

- Rule: State Charter School Sites & Facilities
- Rule: Probation & Suspension
- Policy: State Charter School Communication to the SCSC

Schools can submit feedback on the rules via the SCSC website through March 15, 2023 (website below is linked from the SCSC home page). Feedback on the policy will be utilized for guidance.

<https://scsc.georgia.gov/about-us/rules-regulations/proposed-rulemaking>





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