



STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION OF GEORGIA
SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TRAINING
CALLAWAY GARDENS
OCTOBER 9-10, 2014

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014

8:00 a.m. **Registration**
Breakfast

9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Bonnie Holliday

9:15 a.m. **Principles of Effective Charter School Governance**

- **Review of Quality Charter School Standards**
- **The Fundamentals**

This session will review the purpose of a board in a charter context with a specific focus on: organizational purpose, fiduciary duties, personal and organizational accountability, ethics, the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information Acts, prioritizing governing documents, and risk management.

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. **Principles of Effective Charter School Governance Continued**

- **Board Constitution and Roles**
 - Board capacity and filling it with the right people
 - Board and CEO relationship
- **Quality Board Leadership**
 - Governance vs. Management – the delicate balance of power
 - Top priorities for boards
- **Policy Development and Effective Governance**
 - Process, topics, and issues related to effective board governance through policy development
 - Emphasis upon state board and charter commission rules, maintaining sound fiscal policy, and other issues
 - Effectively using committees

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

- 1:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions I**
- **Monitoring the Management Organization and Maintaining Financial Independence**
This session will focus on best practices for monitoring and evaluating a school's relationship with a management organization
 - **Evaluating School Leaders and Staff**
Bethany LeMoyne, Georgia Department of Education
This session will focus on implementing the Teacher and Leader Keys Effectiveness systems to evaluate school leaders and staff.
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. **Breakout Sessions II**
- **Evaluating Board Capacity, Composition and Succession Planning**
This session will focus on ways in which the governing board can assess current capacity and proactively plan for changes in board composition.
 - **Academic Monitoring/Using Student Achievement to Inform Instruction**
This session will focus on ways in which a school can examine student achievement data to improve the quality of instruction in the school and meet performance goals.
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner and Networking Opportunity**
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014**
- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. **Effective Governance of Board Meetings**
This workshop provides instruction on the proper parliamentary procedures to follow in the conduct of a local board meeting, development and managing of the agenda, dealing with public input, handling and making motions, roles and responsibilities of governance team members during the meeting and team building.
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 p.m. **Operating as a Charter School and a Local Education Agency**
Gregg Stevens and Terence Washington, State Charter Schools Commission
- **Fulfilling Legal Requirements**
 - **Fulfilling Financial Requirements**
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. Breakouts III

- **Case Studies/Best Practices**
What can be learned from highly effective charter schools and what can be learned from schools that closed?
- **New Charter 101**
This session will is specifically geared toward newly approved state charter schools that have not yet opened.

2:30 p.m. Conclude Day Two

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