



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

All general session meetings will take place in the Willow Room

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014**

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

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

9:15 a.m.      **Review of Quality Charter School Standards**  
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**

- **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

12:00 p.m.      **Lunch, Peach Room**

1:00 p.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.

2:30 p.m.

**Breakout Sessions I**

- **Monitoring the Management Organization and Maintaining Financial Independence**, *Poplar Room*

This session will focus on best practices for monitoring and evaluating a school's relationship with a management organization

- **Evaluating School Leaders and Staff**, *Georgia Room*  
*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.

3:30 p.m.

**Break**

3:45 p.m.

**Breakout Sessions II**

- **Evaluating Board Capacity, Composition and Succession Planning**, *Georgia Room*

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 (subject to change)**, *Poplar Room*

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**, *Peach Room*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014**

8:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

9:00 a.m.

**Policy Development and Effective Governance**

- Process, topics, and issues related to effective board governance through policy development
- Emphasis upon complying with state board and charter commission rules, maintaining sound fiscal policy, and other issues
- Effectively using committees

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, Peach Room**

1:30 p.m. **Breakouts III**

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

2:30 p.m. **Conclude Day Two**

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