STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION OF GEORGIA
SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TRAINING
CALLAWAY GARDENS
FEBRUARY 5-6, 2014

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will take place in the Willow Room.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014

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

9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Overview of Current SCSC Initiatives**
Bonnie Holliday

9:15 a.m. **Review of Quality Charter School Standards**
Elisa Falco, Georgia Charter Schools Association

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**
Elisa Falco, Georgia Charter Schools Association

- **Board Constitution and Roles**
  - Board capacity and filling it with the right people
  - Evaluating Board Capacity
  - 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**
Zenda Bowie, Georgia School Boards Association

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.

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2:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions I**

- **Monitoring the Management Organization and Maintaining Financial Independence**, *Poplar Room*
  Elisa Falco, Georgia Charter Schools Association
  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**, *Poplar Room*
  Elisa Falco, Georgia Charter Schools Association
  This session will focus on ways in which the governing board can assess current capacity and proactively plan for changes in board composition.

- **Best Practices in Chartering**, *Georgia Room*
  State Charter Schools Commission Staff
  SCSC staff will present the findings from a SCSC-commissioned study from Peabody College at Vanderbilt University focused on academic and operational practices commonly employed by high achieving start-up charter schools.

6:00 p.m. **Dinner and Networking Opportunity**, *Peach Room*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014

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

9:00 a.m. **Policy Development and Effective Governance**
Elisa Falco, Georgia Charter Schools Association

- Processes, 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**

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10:45 a.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. **Conclude Day Two**

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