



STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION OF GEORGIA
SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TRAINING
CALLAWAY GARDENS
MOUNTAIN CREEK INN
FEBRUARY 5-6, 2015

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015

8:00 a.m. **Registration**
Breakfast, Peach Room

9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Overview of Current SCSC Initiatives**
Lauren Holcomb, Director of Organizational and Resource Development

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.

2:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions I

- **Monitoring the Management Organization and Maintaining Financial Independence**, *Willow 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**, *Sweetbay 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**, *Willow 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**, *Sweetbay Room*
Lauren Holcomb, Director of Organizational and Resource Development
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, 2015

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast, *Peach Room*

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**

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**