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Virginia School Boards Association
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2025 VSBA ORIENTATION FOR NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS/ SUPERINTENDENTS

JANUARY 28, 2025
HILTON RICHMOND DOWNTOWN

About the Orientation

Few roles are as vital to our communities as school board members. VSBA is here to empower you and ensure a strong start. Our Annual New Member Orientation not only covers core subjects but also values your unique voice and role within the governance team. Your perspective is key to your board's success.

Why Attend?

- The annual VSBA New Member Orientation Training is designed to equip you with essential knowledge and skills.
- All newly elected and appointed school board members/Superintendents within the last year, this is your opportunity to gain invaluable insights and guidance.
- Gain valuable insights on effective advocacy for your community.
- Learn strategies for teamwork and collaboration with fellow board members and the superintendent.

Prepare to make your voice heard, collaborate effectively, and become an integral part of your school board's governance team. We look forward to seeing you at this informative and engaging event!



WORKSHOP AGENDA: TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

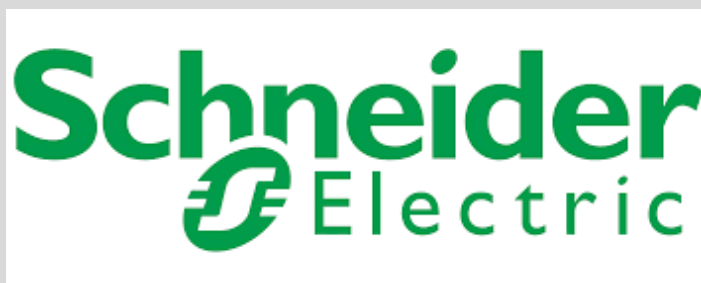
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| 9:00 am | Welcome
Dr. Jowanda Rollins-Fells, VSBA President |
| 9:30 am | Welcome to Your Association
Gina Patterson, VSBA Executive Director
Samantha Bosserman, VSBA Deputy Executive Director |
| 10:15 am | The Board/Superintendent Relationship - Roles, Responsibilities, and Ethics
Dr. Sarah Calveric, Superintendent, Caroline County Public Schools
Dr. Jowanda Rollins-Fells, Board Member, Caroline County Public Schools, VSBA President |
| 11:00 am | Networking Break |
| 11:10 am | School Law
Lesley Rigney, Director of Legal and Policy Services, VSBA |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch & Learn: Collaborating with Your Local Appropriating Body as a New Board Member
Ruth Larson, Board of Supervisors, James City County |
| 1:00 pm | Parliamentary Procedure
Donald Garrett, Professional Registered Parliamentarian |
| 2:15 pm | School Board Budget Basics
Dr. Michael Thornton, Consultant, VSBA |
| 3:00 pm | Adjournment |

LODGING INFORMATION:

A block of rooms has been reserved for attendees at the Hilton Richmond Downtown, 501 E Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219, for the nights of January 26 & 27, 2025. Please make your hotel reservations directly by visiting the link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?cityhcn=RICRDHH&groupCode=VSBA&arrivaldate=2025-01-26&departuredate=2025-01-28&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

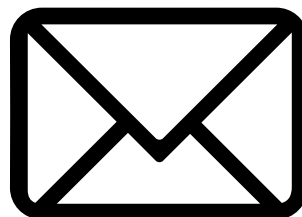
Inform the reservation staff you are attending the Virginia School Boards Association Conference to receive the special rate of \$179 per night (Run of House). The deadline for the reserved block is December 27, 2024. If reservations are made after the December 27 deadline, the group rate may not be available.

Thank You to Our Sponsor:



REMINDER:

Nametags must be visible to be admitted to ALL VSBA meetings and conferences.



COSTS:

Registration: \$250
Late Registration: \$300
(After January 14)

Please mail payment to:
VSBA
200 Hansen Road, Suite 2
Charlottesville, VA 22911

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The deadline for cancellations is January 14, 2025. Cancellations must be received in writing via email to mikaela@vsba.org by January 14 and will incur a \$50 cancellation fee. Cancellation requests received after January 14 and no shows will not be refunded. Substitution of an individual may be made at any time.

If a meeting or conference is canceled and/or postponed due to inclement weather, registration fees will be automatically transferred to the rescheduled date of the conference. If attendees are unable to attend the rescheduled date, a substitution can be made, or the school division will be credited the registration fee to use for future events.