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VSBA Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents

JANUARY 23, 2024 | RICHMOND DELTA MARRIOTT



There are few elected or appointed positions as crucial to the future of our communities as school board members. VSBA is here to empower you in your new role and ensure you hit the ground running. In addition to the core curriculum, our VSBA Annual New Member Orientation Training recognizes the importance of your individual voice and your role within a governance team. We believe that your unique perspectives and contributions are invaluable to the success of your local school board.

Why Attend?

- **Comprehensive Training:** Our annual VSBA New Member Orientation Training is designed to equip you with the essential knowledge and skills required for your role. We'll delve into the legal aspects of being a school board member and explore key areas of responsibility.
- **All New Members Welcome:** All newly elected and appointed school board members within the last 12 months are strongly encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to gain invaluable insights and guidance.
- **Mentorship and Collaboration:** If possible, we encourage you to attend alongside a mentor school board member and/or your superintendent. This collaborative approach ensures that you not only gain knowledge but also build relationships that will strengthen your ability to work together as a team.
- **Your Voice Matters:** During this event, you'll discover how to leverage your voice effectively to advocate for the needs and aspirations of your community.
- **Hybrid Option:** Can't attend in person? No problem! We offer a virtual option, making it accessible for everyone.
- **Effective Teamwork:** Collaboration is at the heart of every successful school board. Understanding how to work cohesively as a governance team is essential. Discover strategies for building strong relationships with your fellow board members and superintendent.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

- 8:15 am Registration**
- 9:00 am Welcome and Overview**
Dr. Cardell Patillo, President, VSBA
- 9:05 am Welcome to Your Association: The Board/Superintendent Relationship - Roles, Responsibilities, and Ethics.**
Gina Patterson, Executive Director, VSBA
Rodney Jordan, Board Member, Norfolk City Public Schools
Samantha Bosserman, Deputy Executive Director, VSBA
- 10:30 am Networking Break**
- 10:45 am School Law Update Session**
Elizabeth Ewing, Director of Legal and Policy Services, VSBA
- 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn: Working with Your Local Appropriating Body as a New Board Member**
Ruth Larson, Board of Supervisors, James City County
- 12:45 pm Parliamentary Procedure**
Donald Garrett, Professional Registered Parliamentarian
- 2:00 pm School Board Budget Basics**
Dr. Michael Thornton, Consultant, VSBA
- 3:00 pm Adjournment**



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!

LODGING INFORMATION:



A block of rooms has been reserved for attendees at the Richmond Delta Marriott, 555 East Canal Street, Richmond, VA 23219, for the nights of January 21 & 22, 2024. Please make your hotel reservations directly by visiting the link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1656609251497&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Inform the reservation staff you are attending the Virginia School Boards Association Conference to receive the special rate of \$162 (Run of House). The deadline for the reserved block is January 1, 2024. If reservations are made after the January 1 deadline, the group rate may not be available.



REMINDER:

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



COSTS:

Registration: \$245
Late Registration: \$295

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Registration for VSBA meetings is only open to VSBA members and affiliate members. Please reach out to your school division clerk to register for this event. For business affiliate members, please contact Mikaela Coffey for registration at mikaela@vsba.org.

The deadline for cancellations is January 8, 2024. Cancellations must be received in writing via email to mikaela@vsba.org by January 8 and will incur a \$50 cancellation fee. Cancellation requests received after January 8 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. If you would like to view the recording instead of attending in person, please contact Mikaela Coffey no later than Friday, January 12, 2024 at mikaela@vsba.org.

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