



Leading Your County Governing Board: An Orientation for County Board Chairs

December 16, 2020, 9:30 a.m. – noon

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Getting to Know You

Ronnie Smith, Martin County Commissioner and NCACC President

9:50 a.m. Answering Your Questions about Your Legal and Procedural Responsibilities

Amy Bason, Deputy Director and General Counsel, and Paige Worsham, Associate General Counsel, NCACC

This segment will touch on key points from the prerecorded session on legal and procedural responsibilities of the board chair, which is available for viewing online at www.ncacc.org/chairs. Bring your questions and observations to engage in a moderated discussion on rules and procedures, setting the agenda, managing public comment, and more!

10:20 a.m. Meetings and More: Leading the Board, Working with Staff

Veteran Board Chairs: Johnnie Carswell, Burke County; and Linda Rouse Sutton, Lenoir County; facilitated by Jason King, NCACC

County Managers: Tony Brown, Halifax County; and Rick French, Alexander County; facilitated by Neil Emory, NCACC

County Attorneys: Heather Baker, Jackson County; Whitney Parrish, Lee County; and John Roberts, Orange County; facilitated by Amy Bason and Paige Worsham, NCACC

There is no substitute for experience, and one of the Association's objectives is to provide a forum for county officials to interchange ideas and experiences. These 20-minute, moderated panel discussions will allow participants the opportunity to interact with 1) veteran board chairs on how they navigated a real-world scenario; 2) county managers on setting expectations with appointed staff; and 3) county attorneys on when and why to consult your legal counsel.

Note: The program will break for 10 minutes at roughly 10:40 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Call for the Question: Unresolved Issues

Facilitated by David Nicholson, Outreach Associate, NCACC

What questions do you have that are still unresolved? The floor is open.

11:50 a.m. Closing: Setting the Example for Leadership

Kevin Leonard, Executive Director, NCACC

This final session will recap and summarize the day with an offering of strategic and practical tips on effective leadership. What personal skills are required to lead? Why is it so important to build relationships and coalesce others around major issues? What are the behaviors that a leader should model for not only other board members, but members of the community?