



Orientation for Newly Elected Council Members

Wednesday, December 9, 2026
DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbia

AGENDA

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| 9:30 a.m. | Registration |
| 10:00 a.m. | Welcome
<i>Cecil M. Thornton Jr., SCAC President & Calhoun County Council Vice Chairman</i>
<i>Tim Winslow, Executive Director, SCAC</i> |
| 10:10 – 10:35 a.m. | Role of Council & Council Members
<i>Anna B. Berger, Senior Director of Operations, SCAC</i> |
| 10:35 – 11:45 a.m. | Overview of the State Ethics, Government Accountability and Campaign Reform Act
<i>Meghan W. Dayson, Executive Director, SC State Ethics Commission</i> |
| 11:45 a.m. – Noon | Insurance & Risk Management Services for Counties
<i>Robert E. Benfield, ARM, AINS, Director of Insurance Services, SCAC</i>
<i>Van Henson, Director of Risk Management Services, SCAC</i> |
| Noon – 12:45 p.m. | Lunch |
| 12:45 – 2:00 p.m. | Budget Basics & Funding Sources
<i>Anne Harty, CPA, CGFO-SC, Vice President – Operational Consulting</i>
<i>First Tryon Advisors</i> |
| 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. | Powers & Forms of County Government
<i>Joshua C. Rhodes, Deputy Executive Director & General Counsel, SCAC</i> |
| 2:30 – 2:40 p.m. | Break |
| 2:40 – 3:20 p.m. | Fundamentals of Rules of Procedure
<i>John K. DeLoache, Senior Staff Attorney, SCAC</i> |
| 3:20 – 4:20 p.m. | Overview of the Freedom of Information Act
<i>M. Kent Lesesne, Of Counsel, SCAC</i> |
| 4:20 – 4:30 p.m. | Final Thoughts & Wrap-Up |



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