

# 2025 ISBA New Board Member Academy Agenda

*Get Your Feet Wet 101: An introduction to school board governance.*



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**10:00 – 10:10: Introduction to ISBA:** Who are we? What services do we offer? How can board members make the most of their membership?

**10:10 – 11:30: Boardmanship 101:** Set yourself up for success in your first year of service with a practical introduction to the roles of the board and superintendent, how those come together to form a leadership team, and tips for establishing yourself as an effective member of your board.

**11:30 – 11:45: Break**

**11:45 – 12:30: Board meeting 101:** Get into the basics of board meetings, the public-facing aspect of board meetings, how school boards use Roberts Rules of Order, public participation, agenda development and board member input, and strategies for being a more effective board member at the table.

**12:30 – 1:00: Lunch**

**1:00 – 2:15: Communication 101:** Engage in a session about one of the most challenging aspects of school board governance: effective communication. Gain a better understanding of the function of consensus decision-making, what is legal and ethical, and what is not.

**2:15 – 2:30: Break**

**2:30 – 3:45: Board/Superintendent relationship 101:** Hear from a panel of experienced board members and superintendents as they discuss the dynamics between the board and the superintendent and strategies for maintaining a highly functional and effective leadership team.

**3:45 – 4:00: Final Q and A and adjourn**