



2026 ASBA New Board Member Institute

A FOUNDATION
FOR BOARD
LEADERSHIP

START STRONG!

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
DoubleTree by Hilton Hot Springs or Virtual

AGENDA

7:30 REGISTRATION & FULL BUFFET BREAKFAST

Visit Vendor Exhibits in Lakeview Room

8:30 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Shannon Moore, Executive Director, Arkansas School Boards Association

8:35 SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE: ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, & BEST PRACTICES

Doris Parham, ASBA Board of Directors President & Bearden Board of Education President

9:45 BREAK

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10:00 SCHOOL BOARD ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES IN DISTRICT FINANCE: FUNDING, BUDGET DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, & AUDIT

Zebulon Prothro, Superintendent, Beebe School District

11:10 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS RECOGNITION

11:45 NETWORKING LUNCH

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12:45 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT/EXECUTIVE SESSION/ETHICS & OTHER CRITICAL LEGAL ISSUES

Bequette, Billingsley & Kees, P.A.

1:50 BREAK

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2:05 SCHOOL SAFETY & STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Jerry Keefer, Director of Safe Schools Unit, Arkansas Department of Education

3:15 FINAL REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

Shannon Moore, Executive Director, Arkansas School Boards Association

**VENDOR EXHIBITS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE LAKEVIEW ROOM AT THE DOUBLETREE.
ATTENDEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THEIR TABLES DURING BREAKS!**