

INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS



August 4 – August 5, 2025
WILD DUNES RESORT, ISLE OF PALMS

You must be present for the entire class period to receive transcript credit. Registrants who do not attend the session or who leave early will not receive credit for their certificate. It is your responsibility to complete and return the record of attendance that your instructor will distribute at the end of the class. Credits are valid for four years. If a county official does not graduate within the four-year period, expired credits will be removed from his/her record. Participants are eligible to earn credit for Level II courses after graduating from Level I or earning credit for at least six Level I courses.

Monday, August 4

- 9:00 A.M.–3:30 P.M. **Registration– Prefunction Area**
- 10:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. **Level I: Managing and Conducting Meetings [E]**
SGP Conference Center, Palms Ballroom 1-5
- Instructors:* *John Deloache, Senior Staff Attorney*
 SC Association of Counties
- Helen T. McFadden, Attorney*
 Kingstree, SC
- 10:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. **Level II: Measuring and Reporting County Performance**
Sweetgrass Inn, Osprey 1-4
- Instructor:* *William E. Tomes, Executive in Resident*
 Joseph P. Riley Jr. Center for Livable Communities, College of Charleston
- 1:00 P.M. **Graduation Photos for those not able to attend General Session**
SGP Conference Center, Palms Ballroom 6-8
- 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. **Boxed Lunches - for Registered Institute Participants and Speakers only**
SGP Conference Center, Palms Ballroom 6-8
- 2:00-5:00 P.M. **Level I: Ethical Leadership and Public Service* [R]**
Sweetgrass Inn, Osprey 1-4
- Instructors:* *Michael Burchstead, Partner*
 Burr & Forman, LLP
- Eric Robinson, Public Service Associate*
 Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia
- 2:00-5:00 P.M. **CANCELLED: Level I: Public Speaking [E]**
Palmetto Hall (Behind SGP Conference Center)
- Instructor:* *Sara Nalley, Professor Emerita*
 Communication and Theatre, Columbia College

[R]–Level I Required Course

[E]–Level I Elective Course

*Approved for three hours planning/zoning continuing education

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2:00– 5:00 P.M. **Level II: From Concept to Completion: Financing a Public Project**
SGP Conference Center, Palms Ballroom 1-5

Instructors: *Katherine DeMoura, Principal, Regional Business Development Leader*
McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture

Ray E. Jones, Partner
Parker Poe Attorneys and Counselors at Law

Clay Killian, Principal
Parker Poe Consulting

Brent Robertson, Managing Director
Stifel Institutional

Tuesday, August 5

8:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M. **Registration– Prefunction Area**

9 A.M. - NOON **Level I: Building an Effective County Team [E]**
Palmetto Hall (Behind SGP Conference Center)

Instructor: *Walt McBride, Senior Public Service Associate*
Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia

9 A.M. - NOON **Advanced: Crisis Management Strategies and Communication**
Sweetgrass Inn, Osprey 1-4

Instructors: *Reba Campbell, Founder and CEO*
Medway Group

Brandon Ellis, Director of Emergency Services
Georgetown County

Mario Formisano, Deputy County Administrator
Dorchester County

Josh Morton, Emergency Management Director
Saluda County

Wednesday, August 6

9 A.M. - NOON **Group Recognition of Graduates & Certificates during General Session**
SGP Conference Center, Palms Ballroom

Graduates unable to attend the conference general session will receive mailed certificates

NOON **Group Pictures for Institute of Government Graduates**
SGP Conference Center, Palms Ballroom, Near the Stage