

## **Municipal Governance and Policy and Freedom of Information Act in SC**

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**9:00 – 9:25 a.m.      Registration**

**9:25 – 9:30 a.m.      Welcome to Your Regional Council of Governments**  
*Council of Governments Facilitator*

**9:30 – 10:40 a.m.      Part 1: Municipal Governance and Policy (1-hour 15 min.)**

*Carolyn Sawyer, Moderator*

*Charlie Barrineau, Field Services Manager, Municipal Association of SC*

*Rick Osbon, Former Mayor, City of Aiken*

*Eric Shytte, General Counsel, Municipal Association of SC*

**10:40 – 10:50 a.m.      Break for Short Discussion/COG Presentation About Services**

**10:50 – 11:00 a.m.      Lunch — Participants Complete Lunch During Part 2 of the Program**

**11:00 a.m. – noon      Part 2: The Freedom of Information Act in SC (45 min.)**

*Carolyn Sawyer, Moderator*

*Charlie Barrineau, Field Services Manager, Municipal Association of SC*

*Jeff Shacker, Former Field Services Manager, Municipal Association of SC*

**Noon – 12:30 p.m.      Question and answer session via Microsoft Teams**

**12:30 p.m.      Training ends & Evaluation Survey**

**Note:**

Information on municipal governance in the *Handbook for Municipal Officials in SC*

Chapter 1 – The Governing Body

Chapter 3 – Municipal Meetings and Legislation

Chapter 8 – Municipal Officials, Departments, Boards and Commissions

**Note:**

Information about FOIA in the *Handbook for Municipal Officials in SC*

Chapter 9 – Freedom of Information and Ethics

### **Mark your calendar now for upcoming events and training sessions**

July 15 – 19      Association's Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC (MEO Graduation)

September 22      MEO Institute: "Municipal Economic Development" and "Forms of Municipal Government"

October 14      Advanced MEO Institute, Columbia, SC (*MEO graduates only*)

**On-demand classes are available at [www.masc.sc](http://www.masc.sc) (keyword: MEO).**