

2025 NFHS SECTION 3 MEETING



CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA



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MEETING AGENDA

Friday, September 5, 2025

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration	Registration Booth
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception/Photos <i>Sponsored by Varsity Spirit and DragonFly</i>	Carolina Ballroom

Saturday, September 6, 2025

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Breakfast <i>Sponsored by Hometown Ticketing</i>	Carolina Ballroom
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Registration	Registration Booth
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Opening Session Burke High School Band	Carolina Ballroom
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	Speaker: Gervonder Brown Motivational Speaker/ Superintendent Executive Assistant (Fairfield County)	Carolina Ballroom
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Breakout Sessions Executive Directors Assistants/Associates Communications/Marketing Finance	(See Rooms Below) Middleton Room Carolina Ballroom Poinsette Parkview
12:00 PM	Free-Time (Lunch and Dinner on your own)	

Sunday, September 7, 2025

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Breakfast <i>Sponsored by Final Forms</i>	Carolina Ballroom
7:45 AM – 8:00 AM	Devotion	Poinsette
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Speaker: Dr. Jeff Holloway Topic: Concussions	Carolina Ballroom
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Breakout Sessions Executive Directors Assistants/Associates Communications/Marketing Finance	(See Rooms Below) Middleton Room Carolina Ballroom Poinsette Parkview
11:00 AM – 12:45 PM	Sports Panel Webb Wright (WCIV-TV), Moderator Panelists: Tim Cahill, Joyce Edwards Alexis Glover, Bill Waren	Carolina Ballroom
1:00 PM – 6:45 PM	Free-Time (Lunch on your own)	
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Dinner <i>Sponsored by Eventlink</i>	Carolina Ballroom

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, September 8, 2025

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Breakfast <i>Sponsored by PlayOn</i>	Carolina Ballroom
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Speaker: NFHS Staff Dr. Karissa Niehoff, Chief Executive Officer Davis Whitfield, Chief Operating Officer Mark Koski, Chief Marketing Officer Ron Nocetti, Board President/Executive Director CIF	Gold Ballroom
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Spouse & Guest Outing Lunch will be provided	Off-site (Meet in Lobby)
11:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Speaker: Dr. Akil Ross Superintendent, Lexington & Richland 5	Gold Ballroom
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch <i>Sponsored by iWanamaker</i>	Gold Ballroom
1:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Speaker: Debbie Antonelli Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer & CBS & ESPN Men's and Women's College Basketball Analyst	Gold Ballroom
2:00 – 5:45 PM	Free-Time	
6:00 – 9:00 PM	Dinner <i>Sponsored by TPG and Arbiter</i>	Charleston Visitor Center

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Breakfast <i>Sponsored SCAAA & SCACA</i>	Gold Ballroom



SCHSL COMMISSIONER'S WELCOME



Welcome to the 2025 NFHS Section 3 Meeting!

My staff and I are thrilled to welcome you to the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina. While we are here to conduct the business of the NFHS and Section 3, we also encourage you to take some time to enjoy all that this historic and vibrant city has to offer.

Charleston is steeped in history and culture, known especially for its Gullah-Geechee heritage and the artistry of Sweetgrass Basket Weaving. During your stay, we hope you'll explore the many tours and attractions available throughout the area.

While there are countless adventures available for you to partake in during your time in Charleston, I would be remiss if I didn't highlight a few must-see stops including:

- The Charleston Visitor Reception and Transportation Center where you can find information on all the tours and happenings in the Charleston area.
- The International African American Museum.
- The Historic Charleston City Market where you can shop for authentic local crafts and take a piece of Charleston home with you, including the aforementioned Sweetgrass Basket.

Thank you for joining us here in Charleston. We hope this meeting is both educational and enjoyable, and that you leave feeling enriched by both the business we conduct and the experiences you have.

Once again, welcome!

Sincerely,

Jerome Singleton, D.D.

Dr. Jerome Singleton
SCHSL- Commissioner

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Address of the Francis Marion Hotel?

387 King Street
Charleston, SC 29403
(843) 722 – 0600: <https://www.francismarionhotel.com/>

Meeting Attire?

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions are business casual.

What are the directions to the Francis Marion Hotel?

Please visit the Directions and Map page [here](#) for multiples directions on how to arrive at the hotel.

Things to do around Charleston?

For list of activities around the Francis Marion and in Charleston, visit <https://www.francismarionhotel.com/things-to-do/>

What is the Check In & Check Out Time at the Francis Marion Hotel?

Check-in time is 4:00 pm and Check Out time is 12:00 pm.

Can I check in early?

While we cannot guarantee check-in before 4:00 pm, we will do our best to honor any early check-in request when applicable. Luggage storage is available at any time on day of your arrival.

Where do I park at the Francis Marion Hotel?

There are two options available for parking for overnight guests. Self-parking is available at the City of Charleston owned parking garage adjacent to the hotel and is currently \$1.00 each 20 minutes with a maximum daily rate of \$24.00 per day (days starts and ends at midnight). **Parking is based on garage availability.** Parking is limited for over-sized vehicles and roof top carriers.

Current pricing for valet services is \$40 + tax per night and is billed directly to your guest room. Valet services are available at any time on the day of arrival (in and out privileges), and are good until 11:59 pm the day of departure. On arrival, please park in the valet lane on King Street and the bellman will unload your vehicle.

Parking is unavailable for vehicles taller than 7 feet. People who would like to park a vehicle of that size, may do so in the Visitor's Center Parking Garage located at 63 Mary St, Charleston, SC 29403.

Do you offer Room Service?

Yes. Please reference the menu placed in your room. Dial extension 2292 when you are ready to place your order.

What is Francis Marion Hotel's Cancellation Policy?

In the event the guest does not arrive at the hotel, (1) one room night will be charged unless the reservation is cancelled 72 hours prior to arrival for leisure and 1 week prior to arrival for Penthouse Suite and group attendee reservations.

What is the Smoking Policy?

The Francis Marion Hotel is a 100% non-smoking hotel.

Is there Wi-Fi at the Francis Marion Hotel?

Yes. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available to guests throughout the hotel. A Wi-Fi Code is provided at check-in.

SATURDAY SPEAKER GERVONDER BROWN



A charismatic Charleston native with deep Geechee-Gullah roots, **Gervonder Ronnette Brown** lights up every room she enters—whether she’s mentoring teens, captivating crowds with cultural storytelling, or inspiring audiences with her trademark blend of humor, real talk, and unstoppable faith.

For nearly a decade, Gervonder has transformed young lives as the fearless leader of the Elite Ladies of Fairfield County School District, a powerhouse mentoring program shaping girls in grades 7–12 into leaders, change agents, visionaries, and entrepreneurs. From dazzling Beautillion-Cotillions to HBCU Dance Camps, Father-Daughter Dances to districtwide MLK celebrations, her programs empower young ladies to become the best version of themselves—inside and out.

An in-demand speaker, emcee, and dance clinician, Gervonder travels the state championing education, community, and the rich Gullah-Geechee heritage through her “Island Gal” storytelling. She also proudly coaches the F.C. Diamond Elite Dance Team, sharing her passion for dance and cultural arts.

By day, she wears many crowns in Fairfield County School District as Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Board Clerk, and Convocation Host—while also serving local, state, and national educational office professionals.

A Winthrop University alumna with a BA in Sociology, minors in Dance and Social Science, and a graduate of Full Gospel School of Ministry, Gervonder lives by one core belief: walking out God’s plan produces supernatural results.

She’s fluent in both Spanish and Gullah, loves water adventures, seafood feasts, HGTV binges, and spending quality time with family and friends. Her next mission? Launching Blossom with G. Ronnette—her next chapter in empowering others to bloom where they’re planted.



Waterfront Park Fountain

SUNDAY SPEAKER DR. JEFFREY HOLLOWAY

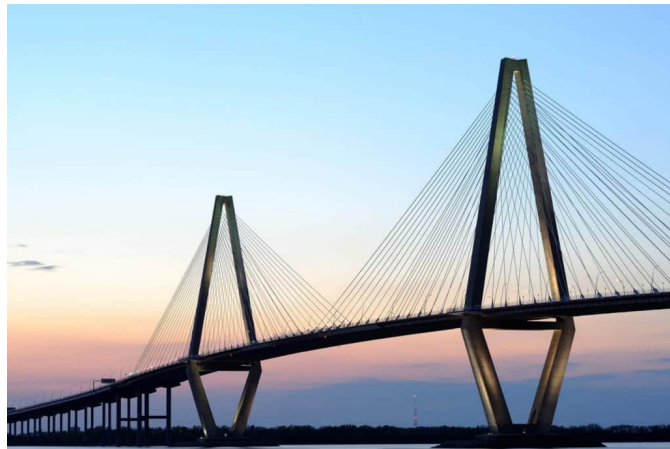


Jeffrey P. Holloway, MD, serves as medical director at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and the Pediatric Concussion Clinic at Prisma Health Children's Hospital–Midlands.

The Columbia, SC native received his bachelor's degree in biology from Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, and his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

He completed his residency in pediatrics at Prisma Health/ University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Columbia and completed a fellowship in primary care sports medicine at the University of South Carolina, Prisma Health Richland Springs Hospital.

Additionally, Dr. Holloway is a clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and is board certified in pediatrics and sports medicine.



Arthur Ravenel, Jr. Bridge

SUNDAY PANEL MODERATOR: WEBB WRIGHT



Webb Wright joined the ABC News 4 team in August 2023

Webb is a South Carolina native, born and raised in Florence, he graduated from South Florence High School. He graduated from Francis Marion University with a degree in English and minored in Mass Communications and Political Science before moving on to the University of South Carolina where he continued his education in the field of Mass Communications.

During his time at South Carolina, Webb worked for Phil Kornblut at the South Carolina Radio Network and as a weekend photographer at WIS-TV in Columbia.

Webb moved to Tennessee where he spent many years in Chattanooga, TN working for WDSI Fox 61 as a News Photojournalist and Sports Reporter. He then worked as a Weekend Sports Anchor at WRCB-TV and a Weekend Sports/News anchor and MMJ at WDEF News 12. He hosted a feature during that time called "Possum Picks" where he picked football games against Peanut the Possum from the Chattanooga Aquarium and various other animals from the Chattanooga Zoo. Later, Webb worked at the Fox affiliate doing long form sports features for the local high school sports show and halftime of televised high school football games. Most recently, Webb worked as a Photojournalist for WTVC-TV, where he won awards from the Tennessee AP and the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters.

Webb is happy to be back in South Carolina, closer to family. In his spare time, you can find him cheering way too hard for the Gamecocks, Cowboys, Lakers, and Padres. Webb also enjoys horror movies and horror movie conventions, a good dive bar, live music, reading, and sampling all the great new food in Charleston. If you have any story ideas feel free to send them my way at rwwright@sbgvtv.com.



Rainbow Row

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Tim Cahill has been officiating in South Carolina for twenty-one years. He currently officiates both football and basketball.

Throughout his tenure as an official, Cahill has officiated three State Finals in football, along with the North/South All-Star Game. In basketball, he worked one State Final and called the North/South All-Star Game.

In addition to being a member of the South Carolina Football Officials Association (SCFOA) and South Carolina Basketball Officials Association (SCBOA), he has served in two district roles and three statewide role.

From 2021 through 2023, Cahill served on the Executive Committee of the SCFOA, leading the organization as President in 2022. As President, he helped increase the number of new officials by utilizing a recruiting playbook he developed and passed on to member districts. The Association was also instrumental in laying the groundwork for an educational clinic, which finally came to fruition in 2025, and moving the statewide exam out of Columbia and into seven regional testing centers in 2025. During his time on the Executive Committee, the SCFOA adopted a new officials exam ("rookie test") for first, and second year officials.

In addition to serving as President, Vice-President, and Past President of the SCFOA, Cahill also served on numerous committees, including the Ratings Committee, the Clinic Committee, and the Review Board, serving as President in 2019.

Cahill served as Director of District 8 of the SCFOA for one year (2019), and in January, 2025, he began a three-year term. Prior to that, he was the Assistant Director from 2016-2018. Cahill's focus is primarily in the recruitment and training of new officials.

In addition to his officiating duties, Cahill is a Training, Scheduling, and Staffing Administrator for Lowe's.

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Joyce Edwards, now a sophomore at the University of South Carolina, has quickly established herself as one of the nation's premier young talents in women's college basketball. A key contributor for the Gamecocks, Edwards earned spots on the 2025 SEC First Team, the 2025 SEC All-Freshman Team, and the 2025 NCAA Final Four All-Tournament Team. She also excelled in the classroom, being named to the 2025 SEC Academic Honor Roll, and gained national recognition as an AP and USBWA All-America Honorable Mention.

During her freshman campaign (2024–25), Edwards etched her name into the Gamecock record book with several standout performances. She set the program record for offensive rebounds in an SEC game with 10 at Vanderbilt (Feb. 23, 2025), a mark that also tied for fourth-most offensive rebounds in any game in school history. She also set the freshman record for best free-throw percentage in a single game, going a perfect 8-for-8 against Florida (Feb. 13, 2025). In addition, she holds the South Carolina freshman records for most games played in a season (39) and highest free-throw percentage (.777).

Before arriving in Columbia, Edwards built a decorated legacy at Camden High School (Camden, S.C.), where she was one of the most dominant players in the history of the South Carolina High School League, participating in three sports (volleyball, basketball, and soccer). Her accolades included being named the Morgan Wootten National Player of the Year (2024), Gatorade National Player of the Year (2024), USA Today Girls Basketball Player of the Year (2024), and a McDonald's All-American (2024). She was also a two-time USA Today Athlete of the Year (2023, 2024), a two-time MaxPreps Female Athlete of the Year (2023, 2024), and a four-time South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association 3A State Player of the Year (2021–2024).

Her name is also etched in the SCHSL Palmetto's Finest. Edwards is ranked second in points in a career (3,966), third in most points in a season (940: 2024), and tied for fourth in most points in a game (52).

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Alexis Homer Glover is a veteran coach and educator with 44 seasons of high school volleyball experience. A former 4-year letter winner at the University of South Carolina, she began coaching at Spartanburg High School before returning to her hometown of Charleston in 1986 to lead volleyball and basketball at Wando High School. While she no longer coaches basketball, she remains a powerhouse in volleyball.

Glover has earned multiple Region Coach of the Year honors, twice named SCACA and High School Sports Report Coach of the Year, was the 2017 AVCA National Coach of the Year and the 2015 PrepVolleyball National Coach of the Year. She's led her teams to 4 state titles, 11 runner-up finishes, and numerous region championships, holding the record for most wins by a coach in South Carolina. In 2013, she was inducted into the SCACA Hall of Fame, and in 2019, Wando named its court in her honor.

She serves as AVCA Region 3 Chair and is on the Executive Board of the SC Coaches Association of Women's Sports. Now in her 37th year at Wando, Glover is Chair of the PE and Health Department. She and her husband Cregg have been married 36 years and have three children and two grandchildren.

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William "Bill" Warren is an accomplished athletic administrator and educator with over three decades of experience in South Carolina high school athletics. He currently serves as Athletic Director at Bishop England High School in Charleston, South Carolina. With over 30 years of service in athletic administration, athletic training, and coaching, he has made a lasting impact on high school athletics across the state.

His career includes leadership roles at Rock Hill and Northwestern High Schools, where he served as Athletic Director, Head Athletic Trainer, and basketball coach. He holds a Master's degree in Sports Science with a coaching emphasis

from the United States Sports Academy and a B.S. in Physical Education from the University of South Carolina.

A respected leader, Warren is a past president of the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association (SCAAA) and the South Carolina Athletic Trainers Association (SCATA). He has received numerous honors, including the 2024 NIAAA State Award of Merit, the 2022 Bruce D. Whitehead Distinguished Service Award, and the 2020 SCACA Athletic Director of the Year.

MONDAY PRESENTERS

NFHS STAFF



Dr. Karissa Niehoff
Chief Executive Officer
NFHS



Davis Whitfield
Chief Operating Officer
NFHS



Mark Koski
Chief Marketing Officer
NFHS



Ron Nocetti
Board President
Executive Director CIF



MONDAY SPEAKER

DR. AKIL ROSS, Sr.



Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr., is an experienced educator who currently serves as the Superintendent for Lexington-Richland School District Five.

He started his career in education in 2002 as a teacher and coach at Eau Claire High School in Columbia, South Carolina. In 2005, he joined Lexington-Richland School District Five, where he worked as an assistant principal and then became the principal of Chapin High School. In 2018, he left Chapin High School to become the Director of Secondary Education for the district.

Dr. Ross is also an accomplished author and an Affiliate Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of South Carolina. He left School District Five in 2018 to start HeartED, LLC, an educational consulting firm that shares lessons and strategies to help communities empower every child. In February of 2022, he was appointed the Superintendent of School District Five.

Dr. Ross earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University in 2002. In 2005, he obtained his master's degree in Secondary Educational Administration from the University of South Carolina. In 2009, he earned his educational specialist degree from South Carolina State University and in July 2012, he earned his doctorate in Curriculum Studies also from the University of South Carolina.

Throughout his career, Dr. Ross has received numerous professional recognitions and accomplishments. In 2017, he was named the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) Secondary Principal of the Year, and in 2018 he received the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Principal of the Year award. He was also featured in Principal Leadership Magazine, The Rotarian Magazine, and Columbia Business Monthly as one of the 50 Most Influential people in 2018. In 2020, Dr. Ross was named the University of South Carolina College of Education Adjunct Professor of the Year.

Dr. Ross served on the South Carolina High School League Executive Board from 2012-2018.

MONDAY SPEAKER DEBBIE ANTONELLI



Debbie Antonelli is a men's and women's college basketball analyst for ESPN and CBS in her 38th year calling college hoops, the last nine seasons on the CBS college hoops team for the NCAA men's tournament.

Antonelli was a 2-time captain and 3-year starter at guard for North Carolina State University (NC State) helping lead the Wolfpack to four NCAA Tournaments, two sweet 16s, two Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) regular season titles and one ACC Tournament title. Her career has landed her in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as winner of the Curt Gowdy Media Award in 2024, Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2022 and the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2021.

In January 2025, NC State honored Antonelli with NC State's "Ring of Honor" where her banner hangs in the rafters at Reynolds Coliseum. In May of 2025, the Mayor of Mount Pleasant named a gym, "The Debbie Antonelli Gymnasium" which will be affectionately called "The Deb".

Antonelli also has two Emmy Awards for her work in basketball.

Antonelli is a resident of Mount Pleasant, SC where she resides with her husband Frank, and is the mother of three young men, Joey, Frankie and Patrick. Her middle son, Frankie is a young man living with Down Syndrome and the motivation behind "24 Hours Nothing But Net," a 24 hour free throw shooting marathon fundraiser for Special Olympics. 24 Hours Nothing But Net has raised over \$1.4 million in the last 7 years for Special Olympics and her 7 year free throw percentage is 93%.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

- **2026: Tennessee**
- **2027: Florida**
- **2028: Georgia**

