



Thursday, September 28, 2023
Policy Governance - FSBA Certified Board Member Forum

This is a 7-hour training designed to assist individual board members in understanding the full responsibility of policy development and oversight. Note: all attendees must bring a copy of district policies, OR have individual access to policies via mobile device or computer. Districts should not plan on sharing a copy or access to policies during this training.

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Subject **7:30 - 8:30 am Breakfast (outside the Dogwood Room in pre-function area)**

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Subject **8:30 am - 4:00 pm (Dogwood Room)**

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Presenters:

Carol Cook, FSBA Facilitator and Pinellas County School Board Member

April Griffin, FSBA Facilitator and former School Board Member

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**About Carol Cook**

Carol Cook has served on the Pinellas County School Board since November of 2000. She is a former teacher in Pinellas County. Prior to her election, Carol served on the Florida PTA Board of Directors for nine years. Her service included Pinellas County Council President, Vice President for Regions and Councils, Vice President for Leadership.

Carol has been awarded the Maureen M. Flynn Children's Angel Award for her advocacy work on behalf of children and youth. She is a recipient of the Florida School Music Association School Board Member of the Year. The Council of Great City Schools selected Carol as a finalist for School Board Member of the Year.

In addition to work in Pinellas County, and being on the FSBA Leadership Services Team, Carol represents FSBA on the Florida School Labor Relations Service Committee. Additionally, she has served several terms on Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) Board of Directors and worked on several FSBA committees chairing many of them.

Carol is a Certified Board Member and holds the distinction of Advanced Boardmanship Certification.

**About April Griffin**

April Griffin has been a consultant for the Leadership Services (department/program) since 2018. She is a former Alachua County School Board Member and Past President of the Florida School Boards Association. She was born in Seminole County and has lived in Alachua County since she graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Secondary Education. April and her husband Kevin now live in Putnam County. They have three grown sons and welcomed their first grand daughter, Navy Wren, to the family in 2022.

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