



IASB Joint Annual Conference 2025

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Melissa Buchberger
Board Member



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Art of School Boarding

- *The Art of School Boarding* by Jim Burgett
 - Practical advice for new board members
 - The role of a board member
 - Relationship building is essential to effective governance
 - Relationship building (and thus being a board member) is an art, not a science
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School Boarding That Makes A Difference

- *The Art of School Boarding* by Jim Burgett
- Emphasis on being a team player and building trust
- Emphasis on transparency and connection with community
- “Behind every successful school is a board that believes that students are first”



Dr. Anisha Jogee
Board Vice President





Governance Greatness

Building Trust,
Shaping Culture

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Presenters:
Dr. Anisha Jogee
Dr. Brian Kaye
Kevin Michael



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Leading Schools in a Highly Polarized World

- Collaborative engagement by diverse group of stakeholders to craft vision
- Foster transparency and cultivate trust share strengths and opportunities



Tiny Moments, Big Impact: Leveraging Everyday Interactions

- Tiny moments over time cultivate thriving culture
- Culture Pyramid: Relationships, Trust, Engagement, Courageous Conversations, Success

Delegate Assembly

- 444 IASB member delegates attended
- Delegates approved 1 resolution, 10 IASB Constitutional Amendments





Kevin Michael
Board Secretary



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

What Would You Do? presented by Patrick Allen, Director of Outreach and Training, IASB

- Round table discussions about different scenarios involving board behavior, policy/procedure, and protocols
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Intergovernmental Collaboration and Relationship-Building presented by Wilmette SD39

- Explanation of how partnerships between school district, village board, park district, public library, and parent groups, boost communication, collaboration, and student outcomes
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Greg Scapillato
Board President



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

What will Spring 2026 bring for school finance?

- Questions revealed financial stressors around the state
 - Unfunded mandates, TIFs, federal funding uncertainty
 - Long on discussion, short on answers
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How Student Voice and Community Engagement Lead to Success

- Student voice at Board level: meaningful representation
- Community engagement: Finance Committee
- reinforcement and reminder to continue our progress in this area



Deb Tranter
Board Member



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Zero to Breakthrough: Vernice “FlyGirl” Armour

- Create leaders who do not survive change, they command it.
 - There is no such thing as a dream out of reach.
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Trust, The Key to Successful Educational Leadership: David Horsager

- 8 Pillars of Trust: Clarity, Compassion, Character, Competency, Commitment, Connection, Contribution and Consistency
- A high trust culture strengthens academic excellence, relationships and the future of education.

Board Scenarios for New Board Members: IASB Training Directors

- Navigate real-world scenarios with other board members from across the state.
- Gather techniques, knowledge and strategies.

Best Session: Governance Greatness: Building Trust, Shaping Culture

Led by 3 members of our team: Anisha Jogee, Brian Kaye and Kevin Michael