



**New Life Academy of Excellence
Whole Board Governance Team Training
Duluth, GA**

**AGENDA
March 21, 2026**

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Call to Order

Ms. Theresa Thomas
Board Chair

School Board Governance

GSBA Representative

Strategic Planning

What's Involved?

Who's Involved?

What's the Goal?

Statewide Model Code of Ethics

Eight Domains for the Governance Team

What about Governance Team Self-Assessment?

Questions and Answers

Completion of Department of Education forms

12:00 p.m. Adjournment

Training Workshop Objectives

Domain II- Strategic Planning

- The Board will review its preparations for the upcoming annual review of the strategic plan.

Domain I – Governance Structure

- The Board will discuss the roles of the board, the school principal/director and the collaboration required of the governance team.

Domain III – Board and Community Relations

- The Board will explain the importance of maintaining strong connection with the school community and the steps to make that happen.

Domain IV – Policy Development

- Board members understand and respect the difference between policy (board's responsibility) and procedure (administration's purview)

Domain V – School Board Meetings

- Review of effective, productive, transparent meetings

Domain VI – Personnel

- Distinction between the board and the principal/director in staff management

Domain VII – Financial Governance

- We will discuss education finance such that basic relevant information can be shared with members of the New Life Charter School community

Domain VIII – Ethics

- Discuss board member professionalism and conflict of interest