

# **SOUTH CAROLINA COALITION OF BLACK COUNTY OFFICIALS**

**Wild Dunes Resort Boardwalk Inn Clubroom  
July 28, 2026, 3:00 to 5:00 PM**

## **MANAGING AI IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

### **Guest Speakers**



**CHARLES BOYKIN**



**AYINDE SIMON**

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# Speaker Profiles



## **AYINDE SIMON**

Ayinde Simon is the President and Co-Founder of Pathway Community Foundation and serves as one of the lead organizers of the HBCU Smart Cities Program. With a strong belief in the power of untapped talent, he is dedicated to empowering students and young innovators to become leaders in technology and innovation. Ayinde's work centers on building bridges between communities and the tech industry, designing programs that expose students to emerging technologies such as AI, IoT, GIS, and machine learning. He is a vocal advocate for reimagining how cities invest in local talent and how technology can be used to build a better, more efficient world for all.



## **CHARLES BOYKIN**

Charles J. Boykin is Sr. Partner with the law firm of Boykin & Davis, LLC. Charles received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Benedict College and both his Masters of Public Administration and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of South Carolina.

Prior to attending law school, Charles worked in public administration with the City of Anderson and Clemson University. Charles is certified by the Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification under the South Carolina Supreme Court and was the 2002 recipient of the Compleat Lawyer Award from the Alumni Association of the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Charles practices in all areas of education law, with an emphasis on board/superintendent relations, personnel, employment and labor, higher education, local government, construction, and civil rights. He has extensive trial experience and has practiced before all State and federal courts in South Carolina.

Charles was born and raised in Sumter, South Carolina. He resides in Columbia, South Carolina with his wife, Brenda. They have two adult children. Charles enjoys photography, archery and spending time with his family.

## PHILLIP TAYLOR, PRESIDENT

Phillip M Taylor, Sr., son of the late Bishop Lewis and the late Leviticus Taylor, is husband to Wanda Taylor, father of Emmanuel Holmes, Charese, and Phillip Taylor.

Taylor was born in San Diego, California. He grew up mainly in Walterboro, South Carolina, and graduated from Walterboro High School in 1987. He joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve and served active duty during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

He has gained many certifications and professional training throughout his life. He earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree and Applied Science/Basic Industrial Systems Technology certification from the Technical College of the Lowcountry in 2017.

Among the positions Taylor currently holds are Pastor of Saints Center Ministries, Bishop to ministries across the USA, nations across Africa, Pakistan, and India. He serves on Colleton County Council, is President of the South Carolina Coalition of Black County Officials, Vice-Chairman of the Walterboro-Colleton Airport Commerce, Chairman-Emeritus of the Colleton Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the South Carolina Association of Counties, Board Member of the Lowcountry Council of Governments and he is a 2025 graduate for the South Carolina Port Ambassadors. He works part-time with the Technical College of the Lowcountry as a Workforce Manager in the Kozak Center for Workforce Development at TCL Colleton. Taylor has led international missions in Uganda and Pakistan and facilitated international broadcast media through US and foreign radio stations, as well as a plethora of social media platforms. He and/or his programs have been officially recognized by the US Congress, South Carolina Legislature, SC Bar Association, US Office of Victims of Crime, and many organizations and institutions.

For example, he received the "Phillip M. Taylor, Sr. Humanitarian Award" in his honor, from Lowcountry Community Action Agency in 2017 and the Leadership and Community Service Award from the Technical College of the Lowcountry for 2014-2015.

