

**FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 23, 2024**

The meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors took place at the School of Governmental Finance at the Renaissance World Golf Village in St. Augustine.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

President – Rip Colvin, Executive Director, Justice Administrative Commission  
President-Elect – Nicole Gasparri, Director of Strategic Management and Professional Development, Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller  
Secretary-Treasurer – Kelly Strickland, Director of Financial Administration, City of Sarasota  
Director, Sharon Almeida, Finance director, Royal Palm Beach  
Director, Lorrie Brinson, Business Manager, Affordable Housing Services, Hillsborough County BCC  
Director, Melissa Burns, Fiscal Director, State Attorney's Office 4th Judicial District  
Director, Nicole Jovanovski, Director of Finance, Sarasota County  
Director, Melissa Licourt, Director, St. Johns River Water Management District  
Director, Anna Otiniano, Financial Services Director, City of Plantation  
Director, Rebecca Schnirman, Director of Financial & Support Services, Palm Beach County  
Director, Allison Teslia, Management & Budget Director, Lake County

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Sarah Simpson, Conference Program  
Andrew Thompson, Educational Programs Committee  
Yeimy Guzman, Event Host  
Jamie Roberson, Local Chapter Ad-Hoc Committee  
Kadem Ramirez, Professional Development  
Elizabeth Walter, 2024 SOGF  
Shannon Ramsey-Chessman, Strategic Communications Ad-Hoc Committee  
Jean-Michel Neault, Technical and Legislative Resources

**LOCAL CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

Lynn Stone, Hillsborough Chapter  
Ed Linsky, First Florida Chapter  
Teri Butler, Space Coast Chapter

**STAFF**

Paul Shamoun, Florida League of Cities  
Karen Pastula, Florida League of Cities  
Jill Walker, Florida League of Cities

**CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum, President Colvin called the October 23, 2024, meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors to order at 9:41 am.

**PRESIDENT REPORT**

**Minutes**

President Colvin presented the minutes from the August 23, 2024, Board meeting minutes for review.

**Ms. Licourt moved, seconded by Mrs. Strickland, to accept the August 23, 2024, minutes as submitted.**

**Motion passed without objection.**

### **Audit Committee Assignments**

President Colvin presented his recommendations to serve on the Audit Committee according to FGFOA Policies and Procedures.

**Mrs. Almeida moved, seconded by Ms. Licourt, to approve President Colvin's recommendations to serve on the Audit Committee. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Lifetime Achievement Award Committee Assignments**

President Colvin presented his recommendations for people to serve on the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. There was concern as to whether his nominations conformed to the FGFOA Bylaws, so the assignment was tabled for review.

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT**

President-Elect Gasparri noted that she will present her selections for the Nominating Committee at the next Board meeting on January 17, 2025, meeting. No motion was made.

### **SECRETARY-TREASURER**

#### **Financials**

Secretary-Treasurer Strickland presented the Financials Ending June 30, 2024.

**Mrs. Schnirman moved, second by Ms. Teslia to approve the Financials ending June 30, 2024, as presented. Motion passed without objection.**

President Colvin returned to the Lifetime Achievement Award assignments noting that his selections did fall in line with the current bylaws.

**Ms. Licourt moved, seconded by Ms. Brinson, to approve President Colvin's recommendations to serve on the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. Motion passed unanimously.**

President Colvin then recognized the Local Chapter Presidents in attendance giving them each an opportunity to give an update of activities and current membership.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

#### **Membership Report**

Mr. Shamoun presented the membership report noting that as of today our membership is 1,791. No motion was made.

#### **Investment Report**

Mr. Shamoun presented the investment report noting that we will not renew the CD but will instead put it into a money market account since the rates are better there and easier access to funds. No motion was made.

#### **Budget Amendment**

Mr. Shamoun presented a budget amendment noting the two areas which were amended. The Annual Conference and the CGFO budgets were affected reflecting an increase of the refreshment breaks budget and a reduction to the Monday lunch budget.

**Ms. Licourt moved, second President-Elect Gasparri, to pass the budget amendment as presented. The motion passed without objection.**

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

**Certification Committee**

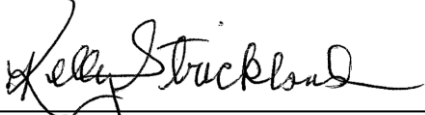
Ms. Licourt presented the Certification Committee report on behalf of the Chair. The first item was Certification Reciprocity with GFOA noting that GFOA accepted our terms and drafted an MOU which outlines the criteria we provided for CPFOs to earn their CGFO, and that CGFOs and CPFOs who earn their dual certifications under the agreement are subject to the renewal processes and requirements of each separate certification. Additional details in the MOU deal with: the promotion of the partnership, exchanging of proprietary and confidential information, logo use, and other standard contract terms.

**Mrs. Strickland moved, second President-Elect Gasparri to approve the Certification Reciprocity with GFOA and MOU as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next Board meeting will be on Friday, January 17, 2025, Drury Inn, Tallahassee.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Kelly Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer**