

FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2024

The meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors took place via Microsoft Teams video call on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President – Rip Colvin, Executive Director, Justice Administrative Commission
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, 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
Immediate Past President, Frank DiPaolo, Director of Finance, City of Dania Beach

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Mary-Lou Pickles, Certification Committee
Yeimy Guzman, Event Host
Jamie Roberson, Local Chapter Ad-Hoc Committee
Kadem Ramirez, Professional Development
Elizabeth Walter, 2024 SOGF
Jean-Michel Neault, Technical and Legislative Resources

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 November 13, 2024, meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors to order at 9:00 am.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Certification Committee

Mrs. Pickles presented the presented an opportunity where GFOA offers scholarships annually to their CPFO Program. Each state association can award two scholarships per year to their members. The scholarship covers the \$1,200 enrollment fee, which includes two years and ten exam attempts. The only requirement is that they have a paid/current GFOA membership. Even though we will have a Reciprocity Agreement with GFOA, which will give CGFOs the right to register for \$600 with one year of participation and 5 exam attempts, recipients of this Scholarship will have two years to finish and 10 exam attempts.

Ms. Licourt moved, seconded by Mrs. Schnirman, to approve notifying all people earning their CGFO designation between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024 to let them know about the opportunity and its terms offering 2 scholarships annually. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

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

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Strickland". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kelly Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer