Florida Government Finance Officers Association



Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct

The Florida Government Finance Officers Association is a professional organization dedicated to promote and improve the quality of financial accountability, management, and communications by and for all governmental units in the State of Florida by providing training and individual development for governmental financial professionals in technical finance related areas and other aspects of financial management.

To further these goals, we the members of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association are enjoined to adhere to legal, moral, and professional standards of conduct in the fulfillment of our professional responsibilities as set forth in this Code of Ethics in order to enhance the quality of our performance.

We shall conduct ourselves with integrity in all working and networking relationships with public officials, employees, peers and the citizens whom we serve.

We shall not condone or allow the issuance of any false or misleading financial information or omit any information that is essential to making an informed decision.

We shall prepare and present financial information in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles.

We shall abide by all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Florida and those of our individual local jurisdictions.

We shall not be involved with or by our actions condone any illegal activity.

We, as members of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, shall conduct ourselves in a professional and ethical manner.

We shall conduct ourselves objectively and not seek or accept personal gain that would influence the conduct of our official duties.

We shall not use public resources for personal gain.

We shall not reveal or improperly use confidential information.

We shall accurately represent our professional qualifications, education, and affiliations.

We shall promote equal employment opportunities and oppose any discrimination, harassment or other unfair employment practices.

It is the responsibility of the individual member to adhere to this Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct and to report any suspected ethics or conduct violations to the Executive Director of the Association and notice shall be provided to the elected Board of Directors. Enforcement shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall timely review each reported ethics or conduct violation and shall determine if sanctions may be taken by the Board of Directors which may include the suspension of membership and/or the permanent expulsion of the member from the association.