

FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2022

The meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors took place at Staybridge Suites in Vero Beach, on Friday, August 19, 2022.

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President – Jonathan McKinney, Finance Director, City of Port Orange
President – Elect, Frank DiPaolo, Director of Finance, City of Dania Beach
Secretary/Treasurer – Rip Colvin, Executive Director, Justice Administrative Commission
Director, Melissa Burns, Director of Finance, City of Atlantic Beach
Director, Bryan Cahen, Budget Director, City of Weston
Director, Nicole Jovanovski, Director of Finance, Sarasota County
Director, Olga Rabel, Inspector General, Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Director, Rebecca Schnirman, Director of Financial & Support Services, Palm Beach County
Director, Bill Spinelli, Chief Financial Officer, Brevard County Sheriff's Office

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Lorrie Arevalo, Conference Program
Sharon Almeida, Event Host
Lewis Chazan, Professional Development
Nicole Gasparri, SOGF 2022
Stephen Timberlake, Co-Chair, Technical and Legislative Resources

STAFF

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

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum, President McKinney called the August 19, 2022, meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors to order at 9:02 am.

PRESIDENT REPORT

Minutes

President McKinney presented the minutes from the June 24, 2022; June 29, 2022; and July 29, 2022 FGFOA Board meeting for review.

Mr. Colvin moved, seconded by Ms. Rabel, to accept the minutes as presented for the June 24, 2022; June 29, 2022; and July 29, 2022, meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Leadership 2023

Mr. Shamoun presented the Membership and Investment reports for review.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Conference Program Committee

Mrs. Arevalo gave the Conference Program Committee report explaining the need for a Public Speaking class that will provide instruction as well as participation/demonstration at the 2022 Annual

Conference. J. Lenora Bresler was suggested as an option for this role as she comes highly recommended by the FGFOA Leadership participants. The Board agreed that she would be a good option and gave the Committee authorization to move forward.

The Committee also brought forward a suggestion that the Ethics class to be held at the 2022 Annual Conference be moved from its typical slot on Wednesday morning to Sunday morning giving more flexibility for other sessions during the week when most participants arrive. This change in schedule also allows those wanting to take both Investments and Ethics to have that option available as they are both very well attended. This may increase member satisfaction. No formal motion was made.

Educational Programs Committee

Ms. Burns gave the Educational Programs Committee report indicating the Committee members are busy choosing the webinar speakers and schedule for 2022-2023. A list of topics was presented for Board review. Ms. Licourt will take the suggestion of offering Ethics as a webinar back to the Committee for their input.

Event Host Committee

Mrs. Almeida brought forward the 2022 School of Governmental Finance Committee “themes” for the Hospitality Suite chosen by the Committee as well as a scribbler pad for a welcome gift. The Board like the gift idea and gave verbal approval to purchase it. Staff will purchase this gift in the appropriate quantities.

The 2022 Annual Conference Tuesday Night Event suggestions were well received with each having their own merits. Disney Springs was the favorite chosen by the Board. The Board gave staff direction to get pricing and specific event details for approval. The committee will bring these specific updates forward at a future meeting.

Professional Development Committee

Mr. Chazan brought forth the Professional Development Committee’s suggestion of an “Emerging Leaders Program” which could be more formalized than a networking event and would be separate from the Mentor/Mentee program. It would offer regular Zoom calls with pre-set discussion topics hosted by an FGFOA leader such as a Past-President or Lifetime Achievement Award Winner. The Board approved of this concept, but no formal motion was made.

School of Governmental Finance Committee

Ms. Gasparri gave the School of Governmental Finance Committee report stating the 2022 School of Governmental Finance schedule of sessions and speakers is completely full noting the awesome help of the sub-committee chairs; Jennifer Desrosiers, Jeanette Haynes, Tanya Quickel, Elizabeth Walter, Tammy Wilson, and Katherine Woodruff. Mr. Shamoun and staff are creating a speaker template which is to be used for each PowerPoint presentation submitted for use at Annual Conference and the School of Governmental Finance going forward. Any presentation not submitted using this template will be rejected.

Technical and Legislative Resources Committee

Mr. Timberlake noted the Technical and Legislative Resources Committee will have its first meeting on September 8th, 2022 to discuss upcoming issues facing the Board such as the GASB exposure draft and a review of the Basic Government Resource Manual. The Committee will also review key 2023 legislative session dates. President McKinney noted that all committee Policy and Procedure documents are to be reviewed and updated this year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at the Luminary Hotel in Fort Myers.

ATTEST:



Rip Colvin, Secretary/Treasurer