# FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES May 22, 2024

The meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors took place at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

# 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, Village of 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

Immediate Past President, Frank DiPaolo, Chief Financial Officer, City of Dania Beach

# **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Mary-Lou Pickles, Certification

Sarah Simpson, Conference Program

Andrew Thompson, Educational Programs

Yeimy Guzman, Event Host

Kadem Ramirez, Professional Development

Elizabeth Walter, 2024 SOGF

Jean-Michel Neault, Technical and Legislative Resources

Jamie Roberson, Local Chapter Ad-Hoc

Shannon Ramsey-Chessman, Strategic Communications Ad-Hoc

# **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 Colvin called the May 22, 2024, meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors to order at 12:25 pm.

# PRESIDENT REPORT

#### Minutes

President Colvin presented the minutes from the March 8, 2024, FGFOA Board meeting for review.

Ms. Burns moved, seconded by Mrs. Almeida, to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2024, FGFOA Board meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

# **Administrative Services and Meeting Management Agreement**

Mr. Shamoun noted that the Administrative Services and Meeting Management agreements would be tabled for this meeting. They will be finalized and sent out again for review and approval at a future emergency meeting.

### **FGFOA Mission**

The mission statement was reviewed and updated at the Strategic Planning session April 25 & 26, 2024. It was reordered to be NEIL instead of LEIN to focus on President Colvin's networking theme for this year of "Making the Connection".

Ms. Almeida moved, seconded by Ms. Burns, to accept the mission as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

# 2024/2025 Budget

Paul reviewed the budget items showing an overall projected loss of \$13,000 based on increased dues and rates for School of Governmental Finance and 2025 Annual Conference built in. These numbers may change based on actual costs. School of Governmental Finance is proposed to have \$32,000 net income which should be low compared to actuals. These numbers are anticipating sponsorships at the School of Governmental Finance. The Leadership budget is \$10,000 higher to accommodate an increase in the cost to members to attend by \$500.

Mr. Schnirman moved, seconded by Ms. Teslia, to accept the 2024/2025 Budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

President Colvin announced that he is creating a Nominating Review Ad-Hoc committee to review the entire nominating process. It is to review the Policies and Procedures as well as to understand the demographics of the FGFOA membership. Mark Fostier will be the chair along with Jonathan McKinney and Mary-Lou Pickles serving as members. If anyone would like to serve on this committee, they can notify President Colvin. The suggestions brought forth by this committee will be presented to the Board for review.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next Board meeting will tentatively be on Friday, August 9, 2024, in the Orlando area.

**ATTEST:** 

Kelly Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer