



**Florida Government Finance Officers Association, Inc
Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Teams Call

9:00 a.m.



FGFOA Mission

2024-2025

The FGFOA is dedicated to being your professional resource by providing opportunities through Networking, Education, Information and Leadership.

Networking

- Promoting relationships among peers
- Cultivating strong relationships with other organizations
- Enhancing relationships with the Local Chapters

Education

- Creating balanced and cost-effective educational programs
- Utilizing various methods of delivery
- Enhancing cooperative training partnerships
- Promoting attainment and retention of certified officials

Information

- Delivering information through innovation
- Providing feedback and analysis on emerging legislative and technical issues
- Facilitating information sharing for members

Leadership

- Providing opportunities for individual development
- Recognition of the FGFOA's governmental finance expertise
- Recruiting, mentoring and promoting leaders within our organization
- Recognizing member achievements

ATTENDANCE - FGFOA BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2024

PRESENT

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OFFICERS

Rip Colvin
Nicole Gasparri
Kelly Strickland

DIRECTORS

	1st Term	2nd Term
Sharon Almeida	2023-2026	
Lorrie Brinson	2023-2026	
Melissa Burns	2019-2022	2022-2025
Nicole Jovanovski	2022-2025	
Missy Licourt	2021-2024	2024-2027
Anna Otiniano	2024-2027	
Rebecca Schnirman	2022-2025	
Allison Teslia	2024-2027	

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

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Frank DiPaolo

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Rip Colvin	Big Bend Chapter
Jennifer Walker	Central Florida Chapter
Edward Linsky	Florida First Coast Chapter
Rebecca Spuhler	Gulf Coast Chapter
Lynn Stone	Hillsborough Chapter
Jennifer Cole	Nature Coast Chapter
Kristin Thompson	North Central Florida Chapter
Tracey Stevens	Palm Beach Chapter
Mindy Miller	Panhandle Chapter
Kathleen Campbell	South Florida Chapter
Kevin Greenville	Southwest Chapter
Teri Butler	Space Coast Chapter
Jamie Roberson	Treasure Coast Chapter
Lory Irwin	Volusia Flagler Chapter

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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



Florida Government Finance Officers Association, Inc.

2024-2025 Certification Committee

Agenda Item

2024-2025

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Karin Lu

Jonathan McKinney

Karen Malcolm

Tanra-Lee Milson

Susan Nabors

Michael Perry

Liliya Sablukova

Alicia Sheffield

Scott Simpson

Kelly Strickland

Allen Weeks

Denese Williams

Chelsie Wilson

Katherine Woodruff

Meeting Date: November 13, 2024

Title of Item: GFOA Scholarship

Executive Summary, Explanation or Background:

President Rip Colvin recently found out that the GFOA offers scholarships annually to their CPFO Program. Each state association can award two scholarships per year (calendar, or whichever cycle the organization follows) 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.

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The committee voted via email to take advantage of this opportunity for 2024 with the following roll out plan:

Sending an email to the CGFOs who earned their designation between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024 to let them know about the opportunity, the GFOA membership requirement, etc., and ask those who are interested to provide their GFOA membership number to us within a specific deadline. The two scholarships would be selected from that pool by a lottery drawing, with the winners announced in December 2024.

In the future, the committee would formalize an application process that will include all CGFOs. The committee overwhelmingly favors a process that is open all CGFOs, and not based on any specific achievement such as our CGFO of the Year.

Recommended Action:

Board approval to offer the two Scholarships to all CGFOs who earned their designation between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024 for calendar year 2024 through a lottery drawing.

Mary-Lou Pickles

Committee Chair

November 5 2024

Date

NEXT MEETING:

January 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., Drury Plaza Hotel, 1690 Raymond Diehl Road, Tallahassee

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