

FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2022

The meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors took place at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, on Friday, November 4, 2022.

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President – Jonathan McKinney, Finance Director, City of Port Orange
Director, Bryan Cahen, Budget Director, City of Weston
Director, Nicole Jovanovski, Director of Finance, Sarasota County
Director Melissa Licourt, Budget Director, St. Johns River Water Management District
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

Jeremy Baker, Certification Committee (by phone at 10:00 a.m.)
Sharon Almeida, Event Host
Lewis Chazan, Professional Development
Nicole Gasparri, School of Governmental Finance
Derek Noonan, Co-Chair, Technical and Legislative Resources
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 November 4, 2022, meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors to order at 9:07 a.m.

PRESIDENT REPORT Minutes

President McKinney presented the minutes from the August 19, 2022, and October 12, 2022, FGFOA Board meetings for review.

Ms. Rabel moved, seconded by Ms. Licourt, to accept the minutes from the August 19, 2022, and October 12, 2022, FGFOA Board meetings editing the motion being made from Ms. Licourt to Ms. Burns under the Educational Programs Committee report for August 19, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment to Audit Committee

President McKinney made his appointments to the 2022-2023 Audit Committee choosing Shannon Ramsey-Chessman, Immediate Past President, Rip Colvin, Secretary-Treasurer and Jamie Roberson as the at-large member.

Mr. Cahen moved, seconded by Ms. Licourt, to approve the Audit Committee appointments as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT

Appointment to Nominating Committee

President-Elect DiPaolo made his appointments to the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee which will be Diane Reichard, City of Plant City, and Laura Reece, City of Fort Lauderdale.

Ms. Rabel moved, seconded by Ms. Licourt, to approve the Nominating Committee appointments as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

June 30, 2022 Financial Statements

Mr. Shamoun presented the June 30, 2022, Financial Statements for review and approval.

Mrs. Schnirman moved, seconded by Mrs. Jovanovski, to approve the June 30, 2022, Financial Statements as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Shamoun spoke with the Board about the League-wide initiative to look at enhancing the exhibit hall experience for vendors. This is something the League will be working on during the year with any recommendations to be implemented at the 2024 conference. Mr. Shamoun then presented the Membership and Investment reports for review.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Annual Conference Committee

Mrs. Jovanovski gave the Annual Conference Committee report on behalf of the committee chair. She presented a tentative schedule for the upcoming 2023 Annual Conference for review. The committee would like to send out a member survey on a preference for scheduling Ethics. No motion was needed. The committee suggested taking headshots for attendees at the upcoming Annual Conference. The details are yet to be decided, but the Board gave the committee a green light to pursue this option.

Educational Programs Committee

Mrs. Schnirman presented the Updated Educational Programs Committee Manual for review. The committee currently offers one webinar per month on average. However, they also recommended adding a second webinar in the following months: December, January, February, April, and May. The Board approved of the additional webinars as submitted by the committee, but no motion is necessary.

Certification Committee

Mr. Baker attended by phone to present the Certification Committee report. He gave an update on CGFO testing noting many issues regarding a consistent method to keep review and test questions updated and monitored; to determine frequency of review and testing opportunities; the method of the testing; and what the motivation is for a change to the testing method. After discussion the Board decided to table these items until the January 20, 2023, Board meeting. However, a survey regarding preferred testing dates for 2023 is allowed to go out to current CGFO's; no motion is needed.

He then presented a requested amendment to the current Certification Committee policy which would allow retired CGFO's to fully participate as active members. It clarifies the intent of Retired CGFO's to fully participate on the Certification Committee.

Ms. Licourt moved, seconded by Ms. Rabel, to clarify that a retired CGFO which is in good standing as a current FGFOA member may be fully involved on the CGFO committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Event Host Committee

Mrs. Almeida gave the Event Host Committee report with an update for the Annual Conference Tuesday Night Event presenting a cost estimate on two options previously approved by the Board. After a thorough discussion of the options, it was decided that the Sea World proposal presented the combination of experience for the members and cost. No motion is needed as this option is within the currently approved budget for the Tuesday Night Event.

Professional Development Committee

Mr. Chazan gave the Professional Development Committee report noting that sub-committees have been established to meet the Committee goals for this year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023, at the World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Resort in St. Augustine, FL.

ATTEST:



Rip Colvin, Secretary/Treasurer