

**FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**February 10, 2026**

The meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors met virtually via Teams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

President – Nicole Gasparri, Director of Strategic Management and Professional Development, Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller  
President-Elect – Kelly Strickland, Director of Financial Administration, City of Sarasota  
Secretary-Treasurer – Melissa Burns, Finance Director, City of St. Augustine  
Director, Sharon Almeida, Finance Director, Royal Palm Beach  
Director, Nicole Jovanovski, Director of Finance, Sarasota County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller  
Director, Anna Otiniano, Financial Services Director, City of Plantation  
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Director, Bill Spinelli, Chief Financial Officer, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office  
Director, Allison Teslia, Management & Budget Director, City of Gainesville  
Director, Stephen Timberlake, Special Projects Manager, City of Boca Raton  
Immediate Past President, Rip Colvin, Executive Director, Justice Administrative Commission

**STAFF**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum, President Gasparri called the February 10, 2026, meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors to order at 9:34 am.

**PRESIDENT REPORT**

**Nominating Committee**

President Gasparri presented the results from the recent board applications for an open seat vacated by Mrs. Schnirman. They accepted the application for Sarah Simpson, Budget Manager, City of Aventura. Her seat will expire on June 30, 2026. She will then be able to reapply for a complete term.

**Mrs. Otiniano moved, seconded by Mrs. Almeida, to accept Sarah Simpson, Budget Manager, City of Aventura as an FGFOA Board Member. Motion passed without objection.**

**Lifetime Achievement Committee Selection**

President Gasparri chose her committee members for the 2025-2026 Lifetime Achievement Committee. The members are as follows: Chair - Nicole Gasparri, Chief Administrative Officer, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller, Palm Beach County; Officer - Kelly Strickland, Director of Financial Administration, City of Sarasota; Members - Diane Riechard, Retired; Linda Davidson, Retired; Sharon Almedia, Finance Director, Village of Royal Palm Beach; Diane Martinez, Chief Financial Officer, Escambia County - Housing Finance Authority.

**Mrs. Jovanovski moved, seconded by Ms. Burns, to approve the Lifetime Achievement Committee members as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT**

### **2026-2027 Committee Chairs**

President-Elect Strickland presented her selections for the 2026-2027 Committee Chairs as follows: Certification Committee - Jonathan McKinney, Conference Program Committee - Ben Salz, Educational Programs Committee – Wayne Meyer, Event Host Committee – Tameka Blake, Local Chapter Committee - Jamie Roberson, Professional Development Committee – Kadem Ramirez, and for the School of Governmental Finance Committee – Elizabeth Walter. The Technical and Legislative Resources Committee Chair is still to be decided.

**Mrs. Almeida moved, seconded by Ms. Teslia, to approve the 2026-2027 Committee Chairs as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT**

### **Financial Statements Ending June 30, 2026**

Ms. Burns presented the Financial Statements for the period Ending June 30, 2026. It was reviewed by the Board and questions were answered by Mr. Shamoun.

**Mrs. Almeida moved, seconded by Ms. Strickland, to approve the Financial Statements for the period Ending June 30, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Annual Conference Program Committee**

#### **Annual Conference Program Schedule**

Mrs. Otiniano presented the Annual Conference Program Committee noting some moderators are still being confirmed. The board confirmed that Associate members can moderate sessions, but that Board members should be given the option to choose first, then it can be opened up to the general membership to choose from the remaining options.

**Mr. Timberlake moved, seconded by Ms. Teslia, to approve the Annual Conference Program as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next Board meeting will be Friday, April 17, 2026, in conjunction with 2026 Leadership at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando, 8978 International Drive.

**ATTEST:**



**Melissa Burns, Secretary/Treasurer**