FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2026

The meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors met at the Florida League of Cities office, Orlando.

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President – Kelly Strickland, Director of Financial Administration, City of Sarasota
President-Elect – Melissa Burns, Finance Director, City of St. Augustine
Secretary/Treasurer – Bill Spinelli, Chief Financial Officer, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
Director, Sharon Almeida, Finance Director, Royal Palm Beach
Director, Nicole Jovanovski, Director of Finance, Sarasota County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller
Director, Melissa Licourt, Budget Director, St. Johns River Water Management District
Director, Anna Otiniano, Financial Services Director, City of Plantation
Director, Kadem Ramirez, Chief Financial Officer, Village of Wellington
Director, Sarah Simpson, Budget Manager, City of Aventura
Director, Allison Teslia, Management & Budget Director, City of Gainesville
Director, Stephen Timberlake, Special Projects Manager, City of Boca Raton

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 Strickland called the August 21, 2026, meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors to order at 9:02 am.

PRESIDENT REPORT

Minutes

President Strickland presented the minutes from the June 17, 2026 Board Meeting. No edits were made.
Mr. Timberlake moved, seconded by Mrs. Almeida, to accept the June 17, 2026, Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT

2027 School of Governmental Finance Committee Chair

President-Elect Burns presented Elizabeth Walter, Budget & Grants Manager, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, as her choice for the 2027 School of Governmental Finance Committee Chair. It was recommended for sub-chairs to be chosen in the coming years to train behind the chair to ensure a line of succession.
Mrs. Almedia moved, seconded by Ms. Licourt, to approve Elizabeth Walter as the 2027 School of Governmental Finance Committee Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

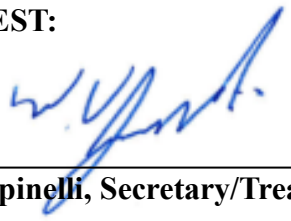
School of Governmental Finance Committee

Mr. Timberlake presented the tentative 2026 School of Governmental Finance program for review by the Board. The majority of sessions have speakers and descriptions, but a few are missing. The committee is seeking preliminary approval while giving the committee the ability to continue working to fill in these gaps.
Ms. Teslia moved, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez, to give preliminary approval of the School of Governmental Finance program. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The date for the next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 28, 2026. This will be held in conjunction with the School of Governmental Finance at the Clearwater Beach Sheraton Resort on Sand Key.

ATTEST:



Bill Spinelli, Secretary/Treasurer