



Board Members			Committee Chairs		
President	Ashlan Troutman-Webb	Present	Annual Conference	Dustin Farron	Present
1 st Vice President	Donna McGinnis	Present	Career Development	Kristan Oblein	Present
2 nd Vice President	Tashana Rivers	Absent	Communications	Mikhale Pogue	Present
Treasurer	Vacant	NA	Government Relations/Strategic Planning	Carlos Encinas	Present
Secretary	Jennifer Fricks	Present	Membership	Grant Conaway	Present
Director	Melanie Chandler	Present	Scholarship/Awards	Jonathon Smith	Present
Director	Tamara Ellison	Present	Technical Resources	Ben Meadows	Present
Past President	Linda Cook	Present	Technical Resources	Sue Joe	Present
Director	Marlena Joseph	Present			
Director	Ryan Lockett	Present			
Historian	Cindy West	Absent			

CALL TO ORDER

President Ashlan Troutman-Webb called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the September 16, 2025 will be held for next meeting since they are unavailable today.

TREASURY REPORT

None this meeting.

Old Business

Discuss Spring Training Siminar- Linda Cook – Dates were set for March 17th & 18th from 9 to 4 PM at the Gwinnett CVIOG Campus. We do not have list of classes yet. Do we need to decide on sessions first and then select vendors or see what the vendors would like to offer to teach? Kristan suggested we reach out via email to see what topics they would like to train on. We will start with the diamond sponsors. It was suggested to use the conference polls asking what topics the attendees would like to see discussed in future conferences as some topic ideas. Laura Glenn may be interested in teaching some classes. Linda said we will probably offer hour-long sessions. They have reserved room 165 that



holds 78 and then 3 rooms for breakout sessions. We discussed revising a speaker interest form to be used going forward. Kristan and Linda are going to revise it. Kristan is going to work on getting speakers figured out. Linda asked about meals. Ashlan said they attached a “food in the classrooms policy,” and a list of caterers that have been used in the past. Linda is going to review the food in the classrooms policy. We discussed breakfast options. We will possibly do a continental breakfast and maybe a box lunch. We will discuss further. We are looking to open registration in late January or early February.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Discuss Role Transitions-** This can be busy for some roles. There are a lot of new faces on committees. Ashlan thanked everyone for their time, commitment, and expertise to volunteer with GGFOA. She appreciates everyone taking time to serve. Some things that could help include reviewing our governing documents such as the bylaws, policies & procedures, strategic plans will all help you to assume roles and be a valuable resource. Ashlan introduced Sue Joe to everyone. She discussed Sues duties and how much she helps GGFOA. Ashlan then talked about Google Drive, which Sue can help everyone access.
- **Adopt FY26 Budget-** We are adopting a continuation of our FY 2025 budget. We will revisit the budget in the Spring. Ashlan requested a motion to adopt as a continuation. Motion by Ryan Lockett, and second by Tamara Ellison.
- **Approve New CPFO Scholarships (2)-** National GFOA offers these scholarships at no charge to state chapters. The cost of enrollment is \$1200 for two years of participation. They make 2 scholarships available to each state. There is no cost to offer them from us. We need to build out criteria. They have 10 attempts to access the CPFO exam. There’s recorded seminars. The scholarship gives two years of access to the program. There are two available scholarships each year. We need approval from the board to approve these, and then we can work with Jonathon to offer these new scholarships. Criteria that we have discussed includes that applicants must have completed Level I and Level II certifications. Ashlan requested a motion to approve contingent on that and them continuing it on the national level. Motion made by Linda Cook, and second by Ryan Lockett.
- **Discover Merchant Settlement-** We received a letter from Discover Card Merchant Settlement stating that if you accepted or processed Discover Cards between 2007 and 2023, you could be eligible to get a payment from a class action settlement. Ashlan would like board’s approval to participate. A motion to participate by Donna McGinnis, and second by Melanie Chandler.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Annual Conference** – Dustin Farron – Present – Dustin stated that we received feedback from conference. Athens was better than the last time the conference was in Athens. The app was well received. The food trucks, and Sunday night Murder Mystery event were negatively reviewed. And the review on the keynote speaker were mixed.
- **Career Development** – Kristan Oblein – We have a webinar tomorrow. The website pertain to the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, Local Government Compliance Dashboard, reporting requirements, compliance status and the eligibility for status state grant funds. Thanked Tamara.
- **Communications** – Mikhale Pogue – No report.
- **Government Relations/Strategic Planning** – Carlos Encinas – The Government Attorney's Law section of the State Bar is hosting a CLE at the at the General Georgia General Assembly on January 6. The state legislature convenes every January for about four months to start the legislative session for the year. And that is a CLE, but it's not just designed for attorneys, it's all for any individuals who are interested in learning more about the legislature branch. The topics to be covered include, but are not limited to, constitutional interpretation, how a bill really becomes a law in Georgia, sovereign immunity, open records, professional ethics and AI speakers will include Chief Justice, Nells Peterson, Senator, Bo Hatchet, and Representative, Rob Leverett. It should be an interesting time.
- **Membership**- Grant Conaway – No report.
- **Scholarship/Awards**- Jonathon Smith – All recipients for scholarship raffle have either received their prizes or have been contacted about their prizes. We sold 486 tickets at the conference. Regarding CPFO scholarship – Jonathon contacted Eric Roach from National GFOA. Their only requirement is an active GFOA membership, so if anybody has any ideas as to what our requirements should be, Jonathon is going to start writing up an application in the next month.
- **Technical Resources**- Ben Meadows – No Report.



OFFICER AND DIRECTOR DISCUSSION:

President- Ashlan Troutman-Webb – No report.

1st Vice-President- Donna McGinnis – No report.

2nd Vice-President- Tashana Rivers – No Report.

Treasurer- Vacant. Nothing to report.

Secretary- Jennifer Fricks. Nothing to report

Historian- Cindy West. Nothing to report.

Past President- Linda Cook. Nothing to report.

Director- Melanie Chandler. Offered to help Mikhale Pogue if needed.

Director- Tamara Ellison. Nothing to report.

Director- Marlena Joseph. Nothing to report.

Director- Ryan Lockett. Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Ashlan Troutman-Webb adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m. Motion to close Tamara Ellison, and a second by Melanie Chandler.