



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

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Ashlan Troutman-Webb called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes for the September 16, 2025.  
 A motion to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2025.  
 Motion made by Ryan, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna.

**TREASURY REPORT**

Dena with bridge? Is now helping with treasury. No report.

**Old Business**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**



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**Investments from Vanguard:** Currently we have our bank accounts with Truist and then we have some investment with Vanguard. We would like to move investments to Truist Bank. It would be comparable interest rates, and make changing signature cards, and our approval processes much easier. Motion made by Ryan, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie.

Filling the Director position- Ashlan suggested Dustin Farron fill that vacancy. Motion approved by Tashana, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie.

Discussion of Partner Program – Core group of conference committee members meeting yesterday. It was suggested to restructure the tier groups for the conference. This will give us a bigger pool to reach into for News You Can Use and Training. This will make our sponsorships available all year round. They host virtual round tables. Carlos commented that we should reach out to Illinois GFOA and see if we can get a copy of their partner agreement so we have a better idea of their structure.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Annual Conference** – Dustin Farron – Present – Still working on a theme. When are we going to do budget? Ashlan said around April.
- **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



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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 – Governor not available. Sent out a lot of incentives for participating.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President-** Donna McGinnis – No report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President-** Tashana Rivers – No Report.

**Treasurer-** Ryan Lockett. No Report.

**Secretary-** Jennifer Fricks. Nothing to report

**Historian-** Cindy West. Nothing to report.

**Past President-** Linda Cook. Nothing to report.

**Director-** Melanie Chandler. Nothing to report.

**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 2:19 p.m. Motion to close Tashana Rivers, and a second by Dustin Farron.