



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Laurie Puckett	Dena Bosten
Vita Dotson	Linda Cook
Alisha Gamble	Amy Bennett
Cindy West	Sheryl Bowman
Angie Sorrow	

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Leslie Wilder	Chiquita Danzy
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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT:**

John Hulse	Holly Murkerson
Carlos Encinas	Anna Payne
Jennifer Fricks	
Ashlan Troutman-Webb	

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS ABSENT:**

Shenandra Usher	Susan Van Nus
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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Laurie Puckett called the meeting to order at 10:02.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2020 meeting was made by Linda Cook and seconded by Angie Sorrow. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The auditors should be in contact soon to start the audit process. Continue to look at the 2020 budget information. Adopt 2021 Budget in June. Alisha Gamble made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Angie Sorrow seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Strategic Plan** – Laurie started the discussion regarding the Strategic Plan. The plan is a good plan and is good until 2023. It will be time to review and revise the Strategic Plan in 2023. The plan is a very optimistic plan. However, all members are volunteers and trying to complete all items.

One goal of the Strategic Plan is to have 1100 members by 2023. We are currently between 600 and 700 members. It also states the Executive Board needs to be representative of the state.



An annual survey of the membership is mentioned several times throughout the Plan. Use the Conference Survey as the annual survey. This would reach half of the membership. We need to look at using another survey to reach all members. Maybe send a survey to members who did not attend the conference. Have a survey consisting of questions from each of the committees as well as general questions. Laurie will come up with a list of questions, just to start the process. Survey Monkey only allows 10 free questions.

The Strategic Plan references a Code of professional values of GGFOA. The GGFOA's Code of Ethics is on our website and is downloadable as a PDF. Maybe we should have a New Member Section on the website. Work with membership committee to reach out to the new members and members not renewing their membership.

The strategic plan states 22% of investments are to be used for scholarship purposes. Currently we have excess cash that we may want to invest. John stated we have an investment policy to guide us.

- **Policies and Procedures** – Laurie shared the Policies and Procedures on screen. All changes and concerns were discussed. Changes will possibly be finalized at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Website** - Anna Payne updated the board on the issues with the website: the manual payment entry tool was recently activated at the same time we switched to a new server and the inability to run reports. Not sure if the two are related. Also, members receiving expiration notices after renewing by check.
- **CVIOG and Career Development Chair** – Laurie turned the discussion over to John Hulsey. John stated that he enjoyed working with the Board very much and has much respect and admiration for the members. He is transitioning to work more with the Public Finance Leadership Academy and will be resigning as Career Development Chair. John has served as Career Development Chair for 13 or 14 years.



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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Annual Conference** – Met Thursday, and had a great and productive meeting. Continue to plan for a live conference as well as exploring a virtual option. Reviewing the speaker survey forms and pull together a schedule.
- **Career Development** – John Hulsey stated there are three upcoming Webinars: March 24, April and June 16.
- **Communications** – Holly Murkerson stated she had been in contact with Ramona Carver, she has been helping with the next newsletter and hopes to have it distributed by mid-May. She will continue to reach out to people for articles.
- **Government Relations/Strategic Planning** – Carlos Encinas stated in the midst of the 2021/2022 legislative session. There are two bills to bring to GGFOA, not sure that GGFOA wants to take a position. Both bills have the same aim: to have overlapping governments (School Boards, County and Municipal Government) to intervene in a validation when a local government is trying to issue bonds. Laurie stated she read where GGFOA did not take positions on bills. Anna mentioned we have members from Counties, Cities and School Boards.
- **Memberships** – No report.
- **Scholarships/Awards** – Laurie stated Susan Van Nus was not here, but submitted a report : “Hello, everyone.

It’s always great to hear when our GGFOA scholarship recipients have achieved! Congratulations to 2 scholarship recipients for earning their Certified Finance Officer Program – Level I certification: Rashonda Favors, City of Stockbridge; and Kamaria Powell, City of Norcross.

Since our October Executive Board meeting, new Public Finance Leadership Academy Scholarships were established with 2 recipients for the inaugural class: Alisha Gamble, City of Flowery Branch; and Judy Smith, Jackson County Water & Sewerage Authority. Both are very active with GGFOA as members and as leaders. According to the PFLA class schedule, they should already have attended 3 of the 15 courses, and we hope to hear about their experience.

The GFOA Leadership Academy was supposed to take place in 2 weeks in Charleston, SC but GFOA has delayed the Academy due to certain states’ travel restrictions (CA counties for example) still in place. However, our Academy Scholarship recipient, Valerie Prince, is still determined to go when the green light is given. Valerie is the Director of Administrator/CFO for Cobb & Douglas Public Health.



The 2021 GGFOA Scholarship Applications will open next month.

We are planning to conduct the fall fundraiser and look forward to hearing the conference plans thus far.

Thank you,

*Susan Van Nus*

GGFOA Scholarship Committee Chair  
City of Suwanee”

- **Technical Resources** – Anna Payne stated received an email from Constant Contact regarding converting the Legacy emails. She wanted to let Holly know about it. She will also get with Holly about the email Blasts.

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS DISCUSSION:**

President Laurie Pucket – Leslie Wilder is moving and will no longer be able to serve as a director. Thank you for your time today and for volunteering.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Dena Bosten – no comment

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Angie Sorrow – no comment

Treasurer – Sheryl Bowman – Thank Angie for help with transition.

Secretary – Cindy West – no comment

Historian – Alisha Gamble – Thank you to John, his hard work and contributions to GGFOA.

Past President – Chiquita Danzy – no comment

Director – Vacant

Director – Vita Dotson – no comment

Director – Amy Bennett – no comment

Director – Linda Cook – Ashlan and Jennifer are doing a great job with the conference. Thank you John for your work. Look at the travel reimbursement policy. Change speakers to keynote speaker.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alisha Gamble made the motion to adjourn and Angie Sorrow seconded it. **The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.**

