



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chiquita Danzy	Laurie Puckett
Leslie Wilder	Tina Wetherford
Dena Bosten	Amy Bennett
Alisha Gamble	Sheryl Bowman
Cindy West	Angie Sorrow
Jennifer Fricks	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT:

Linda Cook	John Hulsey
Ramona Carver	Carlos Encinas
Anna Payne	Peter Floyd
Judy Smith	Susan Van Nus
Ashlan Troutman-Webb	

CALL TO ORDER

President Chiquita Danzy called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. and recognized our sponsors and contributors and thanking for being part of GGFOA and supporting us every year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the for the 2019 Business Luncheon Meeting call was made by Tina Wetherford and seconded by Don Goings. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Angie Sorrow presented the 2019 financial report and audit. A statement of financial position for the calendar year end October 31, 2019 was provided in the Treasurer's Report and emailed to all members. The total assets and total liabilities are \$378,348. For 2019 our total revenue was \$371,061 and total expenses were \$290,833, with ending net assets of \$363,581. Our financial statement was prepared by Mauldin & Jenkins auditors and we do have clear opinion.



APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion to adopt the financial reports of 2019 was made by Connie Powell and seconded by Leslie Wilder. **The motion passed unanimously.**

GGFOA- YEAR IN REVIEW

Chiquita stated this year's theme is an understatement. We have all had to adapt to change. It is all part of growing and evolving. She stated she is proud to be a part of this organization. She stated she hopes everyone has taken advantage of these free webinars that are offered. She stated another training opportunity has been given for middle to upper management to advance their leadership skills called the "Public Finance Leadership Academy." We have also continued to foster a relationship with our UGA student chapter, and hope to have more student chapter members in the future. She appreciated being the president and looks forward to GGFOA being bigger and better.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Annual Conference:** Linda Cook stated it is a whole new world, but the good news is that you do not have to navigate it by yourself. We are fortunate to have knowledgeable teachers not only at Carl Vinson Institute, but vendors who give up their time and your fellow GGFOA members are always standing by. She stated she had never had a virtual conference, but knew it was the right thing to do. She stated Dave Lakly, John Hulsey, Melanie Kearns have all worked numerous hours converting the conference to a virtual platform. Anna Payne has been keeping all the members informed and making sure everything is up to date on the website. Ashlan Troutman-Webb has worked diligently with all the speakers to ensure we have relevant topics. Karine Brooms, former conference committee chair, has been a tremendous help with working with our vendors. She thanks others for helping with the PowerPoints and the conference and she hopes everyone will enjoy the conference.
Ashlan Troutman-Webb stated she was looking forward to serving as the conference chair for next 2 years and she thanked Linda Cook for all her help.
- **Career Development:** John Hulsey- We will continue with our Wednesday's News. Since we have been offering CPE credit for the webinars, the enrollments have increased. He thanked our Associate members and business partners for helping with the webinars. He reminded everyone to visit the GGFOA Education and Training page on the website to view archived webinars. He posted a link displaying details for the Public Finance Leadership Academy program. He encouraged members to apply for the two scholarships that will be awarded for the program.



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- **Communications:** Ramona Carver thanked everyone for working so hard to have this wonderful conference and has been involved with helping with the newsletter. She thanked everyone who has submitted articles and contributed to the newsletter. The next newsletter will be the Fall newsletter. Anyone wishing to join, please do not hesitate to reach out.
 - **Membership:** Judy Smith thanked everyone for joining us in the virtual conference. We are happy to report the membership continues to remain strong. We have maintained a steady membership base with a growth of 1% since September 2019. Full memberships make up 87% of the total membership, associate members make up 11%, students and educator members make up 2% of the total membership. Over the next year, we hope to increase membership by broadening our scope. Total Membership by category including those giving free one-year memberships as of September 30, 2020 are: Member-723, Associates-88, Educators- 5, Retiree-1, and Students-5.
 - **Scholarship/Award-** Susan Van Nus stated the purpose of the Scholarship committee. She stated for 2020 we had six categories of GGFOA scholarships with 13 scholarships awarded, including six scholarships to attend this virtual conference. She stated we expect to have our annual scholarship raffle fundraiser back in full swing in 2021. She encouraged anyone who wanted to serve on a committee to email their interests at ggfoa@ggfoa.org. She thanked Anna Payne for all her help updating the scholarship information on the website.
 - **Technical Resources:** Anna Payne announced our website was recently updated with newest codes and the banner ads have been refreshed. She wanted to highlight a few resources available on the website such as the free Wednesday's News You Can Use, archive webinars, information about our scholarship offers, financial documents and board meetings, awards page, conference information, photos and contact information for our board and committee members, and our sponsors and vendors information. She gave a quick update on the manual payment tool being developed that will save us time and money to process payments, is near completion. She thanked the board members and committees for all their hard work and that she looked forward to serving another year as the Technical Resources chair.
 - **Governmental Relations:** Carlos Encinas stated he will continue to provide GGFOA the legislative session updates and administer the long-range strategic plan. He stated he is hoping to have meetings discussing legislative priorities for GGFOA. If you would like to get involved, please let us know.



RECOGNITION OF CARL VINSON LOCAL FINANCE OFFICER CERTIFICATIONS

John Hulsey recognized the following members in attendance for achieving their Local Finance Officer Certificates:

Finance Level I Certificate awards:

- Donna Ballard – Rockdale County Government
- Katrina Banks – Clayton County Water Authority
- Amanda Carmichael – City of Griffin
- Michael Eaton – City of Albany
- Mamie Jackson – Pierce County Board of Commissioners
- Holly Murkerson – Grady County Board of Commissioners
- Kamaria Powell – City of Norcross
- Suzanne Schultek – Monroe County Board of Commissioners
- Derrick Turner – City of Lawrenceville
- Barbara Vargo – Putnam County Board of Commissioners
- Caitlin Lewis – City of Gainesville
- Danny Lamonte – City of Springs
- Emily Mills – Newton County Water & Sewage Authority
- Tashana Rivers – Dekalb County Government
- Christian Roach – Catoosa County Government

Finance Level II Certificate awards:

- Donna Ballard – Rockdale County Government
- Typhanie Ansley – Hall County Government
- Lee Ann Bartlett – Fayette County Government
- Joe Perez – City of Lawrenceville
- Angelique McDonald – City of Dahlonega
- Felicia Adams – Heard County Board of Commissioners
- Audrey Segars – City of Hartwell
- Wanda Smith – Forsyth County Government



RECOGNITION OF 2019-2020 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Chiquita Danzy recognized the 2019-2020 officers and committee chairs for their dedication and service:

1st Vice President – Laurie Puckett

2nd Vice President – Dena Bosten

Treasurer – Angie Sorrow

Secretary – Sheryl Bowman

Historian – Tina Wetherford

Past President – Alisha Gamble

Director – Jennifer Fricks

Director – Leslie Wilder

Director – Amy Bennett

Director – Cindy West

Annual Conference Chair – Linda Cook

Career Development Chair – John Hulsey

Communication Chair – Ramona Carver

Membership Chair – Judy Smith

Scholarships/Award Chair – Susan Van Nus

Government Relationships Chair – Peter Floyd

Technical Resources Chair – Anna Payne

PRESENTATION OF THE SERVICE AWARD

Chiquita Danzy gave Linda Cook an honorable recognition for her dedication and hard work. Chiquita Danzy awarded the service award to John Hulsey. Chiquita Danzy awarded the service award to Melanie Kearns.

PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT’S AWARD

Chiquita Danzy awarded the president’s award to Laurie Puckett.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Susan Van Nus announced the following scholarship awards:

Certificate in Public Financial Management:

Deborah Upshaw – City of McDonough

GFOA Leadership Academy Scholarship:

Valerie Prince – Cobb & Douglas Public Health



Level I Certified Financial Officer Scholarship:

Jeanne Bradley – Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County

Steven Mayfield – Forsyth County Board of Commissioners

Donna Todd – Putnam County Board of Commissioners

Level II Certified Financial Officer Scholarships:

Abby Branam – Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Annual Collage Scholarship:

Ted Moeller – University of Georgia

Jim Pehrson Conference Scholarship:

Janice Beckham – Camden County Board of Commissioners

Kim Dockery – City of St. Marys

Teresa Duval – City of Social Circle

Lee Siefert – City of Centerville

Kimberly Spencer – Coastal Plain Regional Library System

Glenda Worsham – City of Climax

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Alisha Gamble presented the 2020-2021 board members:

President – Laurie Puckett

1st Vice President – Dena Bosten

2nd Vice President – Angie Sorrow

Treasurer – Sheryl Bowman

Secretary – Cindy West

Director – Leslie Wilder

Director – Vita Dotson

Director – Amy Bennett

Director – Linda Cook

Historian – Alisha Gamble

Past President – Chiquita Danzy

A motion to approve the slate of officers for 2020-2021 was made by Susan Van Nus and seconded by Ashlan Troutman-Webb. **The motion passed unanimously.**

OATH OF OFFICE:

John Hulsey administered the Oath of Office to the 2020-2021 board members.



NEW PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

Laurie Puckett stated it is an honor to serve as the new President of GGFOA. She has been a member for 20 years. Laurie stated GGFOA has helped her all throughout my career and she is very thankful to give back to GGFOA. Laurie stated her goal for GGFOA in the upcoming year is to make sure that GGFOA is prepared to serve our members changing needs. We will be looking at our mission statement and updating our strategic plan to make sure we are meeting the right goals. One of the things she would like to see is for GGFOA, as an organization to provide feedback to GASB on their projects. She stated if you are interested in such a committee to please let her know. Laurie expressed her gratitude to all who have served on the committee or board. She encourages everyone to get involved. She thanked Linda Cook and the conference committee, John Hulsey, and Melanie Kearns for putting together the virtual platform for the conference.

Laurie introduced the 2020-2021 Committee Chairs:

Annual Conference Chair – Ashlan Troutman- Webb & Jennifer Fricks

Career Development Chair – John Hulsey

Communications Chair – Holly Murkerson

Government Relations/Strategic Planning Chair – Carlos Encinas

Membership Chair – Shenandra Usher

Scholarship/Awards Chair – Susan Van Nus

Technical Resources Chair – Anna Payne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laurie stated if you have not completed your evaluations for sessions attended, please remember to do so to ensure the CPE awards process goes smoothly. Also please visit the conference website and visit the sponsors and exhibitor's webpage.

John Hulsey gave away two gift cards.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jamie Brooks and seconded by Linda Cook. **The motion passed unanimously.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:00 PM