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**New President, President-Elect, Executive Board Members of  
Government Finance Officers Association for 2023–2026**

(Chicago, Illinois–May 23, 2023)

**WHAT:** **Laura Allen**, CPFO, ICMA-CM, Budget Analyst III, Capital Budgeting, Maryland Department of Budget and Management, became the 2023–2024 president of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) during the annual business meeting of its 117th Annual Conference, May 21–24, 2023, in Portland, Oregon. She has been on GFOA’s Executive Board since 2019 and has served as the Association’s 2022–2023 president-elect.

Also at the business meeting, the Association’s members elected a new GFOA president-elect and five new members of the Association’s Executive Board.

**Tanya Garost**, CPA, CA, Chief Administrative Officer, District of Lake Country, British Columbia, is the new GFOA president-elect. She will succeed Allen as president of GFOA in June 2024 at the 118th Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. Garost has served on the Executive Board since 2020.

The five new members-at-large of the Executive Board will each serve a three-year term beginning immediately. New board members are: **Timothy Ewell**, CGFM, Chief Assistant County Administrator, County of Contra Costa, California; **Edward Gin**, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, Illinois Housing Development Authority; **Debra Roberts**, CPA, Deputy Executive Director/CFO, State of Maryland–Maryland Teachers & State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans; **David P. Schmiedicke**, Finance Director, City of Madison, Wisconsin; and **Diane Waldron**, CPA, Comptroller, City of Bristol, Connecticut.

**WHY:** According to the GFOA [bylaws](#), the election of the Executive Board members shall be at the annual business meeting by voting members of the Association.

**WHEN:** At the Association’s annual business meeting on May 23, 2023, at the Oregon Convention Center, 2022–2023 GFOA President **Terri Velasquez**, CPA, CPFO, Finance Director, City of Aurora, Colorado, passed the gavel to **Laura Allen**.

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Allen will serve on GFOA’s Executive Board for one year as president.

GFOA members attending the Annual Conference elected five members-at-large to serve on the Executive Board from 2023 through 2026 and a president-elect for 2023–2024.

**WHO: GFOA Executive Board**

- 2023–2024 President [Laura Allen](#), CPFO, ICMA-CM, Budget Analyst III, Capital Budgeting, Maryland Department of Budget and Management.
- 2023–2024 President-Elect [Tanya Garost](#), CPA, CA, Chief Administrative Officer, District of Lake Country, British Columbia.
- 2023–2026 [member-at-large positions](#).

[View](#) GFOA Executive Board.

**Voting GFOA Members**

- GFOA active government [members](#) work for cities, counties, towns, school districts, state, provincial, federal government, and other special districts in the United States and Canada.

For information about GFOA’s 117th Annual Conference, visit [GFOA’s website](#).

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