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Laura Allen Becomes GFOA President

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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 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.

“My focus this year is on our people,” said Allen. “Specifically, making sure GFOA members have the resources they need to effectively serve their communities, collaborating closely with our partners to help meet needs of our members, and supporting our talented and hardworking employees who make it all possible.”

She continued, “I see my term as President as an opportunity to give back to the organization that has helped me so much in my local government career.”

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**.

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

WHO: **GFOA Executive Board**

- 2023–2024 President [Laura Allen](#), CPFO, ICMA-CM, Budget Analyst III, Capital Budgeting, Maryland Department of Budget and Management.

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- 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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