

## 2018 GFOASC Board of Directors

### (#1) Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors shall have general charge, management and control of the affairs, funds and properties of the Association.

#### Lenessa E. Hawkins, MBA



A Hartsville, South Carolina native, Ms. Hawkins earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Financial Management from Clemson University and a Master Degree in Business Administration from Francis Marion University. She was previously an active member and CGFO with the GFOASC before starting this phase of her career as a Finance Director in the State of North Carolina in 2006. She has completed numerous classes and earned several certificates at the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill during her time in North Carolina. She also earned her North Carolina Local Government Finance Officer Certification before returning to South Carolina.

Currently, Ms. Hawkins is serving as the Finance/HR Director with the City of Lake City, SC. She started her public finance career with Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments in 2001, followed by several years with the City of Creedmoor, NC and the Town of Sharpsburg, NC as their Finance Officer. Ms. Hawkins is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association, the International City/County Management Association, and the Association of Public Treasurers of the US & Canada.

Ms. Hawkins feels that as a public servant, one should always be willing to serve in different capacities when afforded the opportunity, such opportunities create learning, giving and enrichment experiences that help everyone improve their environment. Hence, she currently serves as a member of the Rotary Club, Lions Club and is on the Lake City Boys and Girls Club and Technology Center Board of Directors. Her dedication to improving the vocation of public service and her personal servanthood are reasons why she should be elected to the Board of GFOASC, as well as her openness to learn from others on the Board while yet ascertaining how she can be of service to her Association members.

Ms. Hawkins is the proud daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee and Eva Mae R. Hawkins of Hartsville, SC, the very proud mother of one son, Zion L.A. Hawkins and the proud aunt of two nieces, Alezie and Kaylah. She has one brother, Lydell ("Del") M. Hawkins also of Hartsville, SC. Ms. Hawkins has a "bucket list" that includes a Mission Trip somewhere in South America, to see the sun rise and set in the same day on the east and then west coasts respectively, and to visit Paris for at least seven to ten days.

#### Angela B. Gunter, CGFO



Angela has been an employee of the Aiken County Finance Department for twenty nine years. She began her career with the county as an Accounts Payable Clerk and moved through the ranks to Payroll Clerk, Budget Officer, Grants Coordinator, Accounts Manager and is now the Assistant Finance Officer. She received two degrees from Aiken Technical College: an Associates Degree in Business, Major in Accounting and an Associates Degree in Business, Major in Management. Angela has been a member of the Government Finance Officers Association since 1992 and has attended almost every spring and fall conference held over the last 25 years. She earned the designation of Certified Government Finance Officer in 1994.

Angela served as GFOASC Secretary from 2009 to 2010. She has served on the CGFO Certification Committee, Ethics Committee and Fall Conference Committees. Angela is married to Manuel and they have four children, Kip, Thomas, Wayne and Gracie. She also has five grandchildren, Farah, Kiley, Andrew, Hayden and Raleigh.

Angela teaches the 1st through 4th grade Sunday School class at Amazing Grace Baptist Church in Beech Island and is a choir member, VBS teacher, counselor in the "Master's Club" and works with the nursing home ministry to National Health Care. She has served many years in the capacity of "Team Mom" for several baseball, football, softball, volleyball and soccer teams.

#### Allison Williams Houpt



Allison Williams Houpt is the Program Manager of Administrative Services at the SC Office of the Comptroller General where she has been since 2013. She is the Finance, Procurement, and Human Resources Director for the agency. Prior to working at the SC Office of the Comptroller General, Allison worked at the SC Department of Insurance for 8 years in the Accounting Division. She was responsible for accounts payable, payroll, and supervised accounts receivable.

Allison has been a member of the GFOASC since 2011. She was a first time attendee at the 2016 Fall Conference and knew then that she wanted to be more active with the GFOASC. Allison served on the 2017 Spring Conference Committee and is currently serving on the 2017 Membership Committee and the 2017 Fall Conference Committee. She has had so much fun on these committees, learning the process, meeting new people, and building relationships, she hopes to have the opportunity to become more involved in 2018!

Allison lives in Columbia with her husband, son, and daughter. Allison loves to read, practice pilates, have dance parties with her kids, and laugh!!

#### Matt Efird, MPA, CPFO



Matt Efird is the Budget Administrator for the City of Greenville, a role he has held since 2014. In that position, he is responsible for the development and execution of the City's \$180m+ budget and \$50m+ 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), development of the City's 5-year financial forecast, active management of the City's debt portfolio and supervision of Internal Audit, Performance Measurement and departmental consulting. Prior to joining the Greenville team, Matt served as Assistant to the Town Manager for the Town of Carrboro, NC and in several management positions with the City of DeLand, FL. A generalist by nature, Matt has served in multiple Interim roles during his career, including 8 months as Interim Town Manager, and six-month stints as Transit Director, Finance Director and Economic & Community Development Director; as well as full-time posts in Operations Management, Human Resources, and Risk Management.

**What can he offer as a GFOASC Board Member?** With a career involving multiple disciplines in three states, Matt can combine an outsider's big-picture perspective with a finance officer's practical knowledge to add depth and breadth to the GFOASC mission of promoting the professional competence of the people entrusted with the critical role of managing the public's business.

#### Professional Association Memberships:

Current:  
GFOA  
GFOASC  
International City/County Management Association  
SC City/County Management Association  
SC Municipal Finance Officers Clerks and Treasurers Association

Past:  
NC City/County Management Association (2009 – 2014)  
FL City/County Management Association (2005 – 2009)

Education & Certifications: Bachelor's Degree – Finance (Stetson University)  
Master's Degree – Public Administration (University of Central Florida)  
Certified Public Finance Officer (GFOA)  
Certificate in Governmental Accounting (University of Georgia)