

## THANK YOU TO OUR INSTRUCTORS . . . . .



**Nathan Abbott, CISA, CFE, EA**

Assistant Director of Information Systems, Division of Local Government Audit  
Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Nathan serves as the Assistant Director of Information Systems within the Tennessee Comptroller’s Division of Local Government Audit. Nathan contributes his expertise to the audit team by delivering technical assistance to its members. He also oversees the Information Systems auditors within the division.

Nathan joined the Comptroller’s Office in 1996, spending one year with the Division of State Audit before transferring to the Division of Local Government Audit. Throughout his service Nathan has taken on increasing responsibilities within the division and supported internal efforts as well as professional organizations to help further government accountability. In 2023, Nathan was promoted to Assistant Director.

Nathan is a graduate of Freed Hardeman University, where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. He is a Certified Information Systems Auditor, Certified Fraud Examiner, and an Enrolled Agent with the Internal Revenue Service. Nathan is also a graduate of both the Tennessee Government Management Institute and the Tennessee Government Executive Institute.



**Brian Baldwin**

Finance Director  
Blount County

Brian serves as Finance Director for Blount County where he leads financial planning, budget development, and fiscal accountability for county operations. With over 20 years of experience in finance, Brian has worked across both the healthcare and government sectors, managing complex budgets and navigating highly regulated environments.

He holds an MBA, which supports his disciplined, data-driven approach to budgeting and financial decision-making. Throughout his career, Brian has focused on aligning budgets with strategic priorities, improving transparency, and ensuring long-term financial sustainability. He is recognized for his ability to translate complex financial information into clear, actionable insights that support informed decision-making.

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### **The Honorable Rollen “Buddy” Bradshaw**

Mayor, Loudon County

1990 Graduate of Loudon High School

2013 Graduate of Roane State Community College with a major in Elementary Education

Has been married to his wife Elizabeth for 25 years, has 3 children Ashley and son-in-law Justin, Del and daughter-in-law MacKenzie, and Dane. He has 1 granddaughter, Shiloh, and Rollen Delano Bradshaw IV will be here in August.

- September 1, 2014- present Loudon County Mayor
  - Built a record \$18,000,000+ fund balance as Chair of the Budget Committee
  - Board of Directors of Tellico Reservoir Development Agency
  - -Vice Chair 2014-16
  - -Chair 2016-18, 2022-24
- Past Board of Directors Loudon County Habitat for Humanity
- Advisory Council for Our Place (day care for dementia residents living with family in Loudon County)
- TACIR member 2018-2023 as appointed by Lt. Gov. Randy McNally
- Current member of the Tennessee Local Development Authority
- Loudon County currently has 8 out of 9 clean audits from the State Comptroller



### **Ana Brantley**

Senior Standards Research and Compliance Specialist, Division of Local Government Audit

Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Ana Brantley works as the Senior Standards Research and Compliance Specialist in the Tennessee Comptroller’s Office, Division of Local Government Audit. In this role, she leads the division’s efforts to research and implement new accounting and auditing standards and provides technical training on their application.

Ana began her career in public accounting at KPMG and has since held various roles within the Division of Local Government Audit. She holds a Master of Accountancy and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Tennessee.

She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

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### **Kristine Brock**

Assistant City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer  
City of Franklin

Kristine has served as Assistant City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer for the City of Franklin, Tennessee since January 2017. Formerly, she was Director of Management and Budget for the City of Maryville, Tennessee and Budget Director for Gwinnett County, Georgia. Kristine began her career as a financial advisor with a national independent municipal advisory firm. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Maryville College (TN) and a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management with a concentration in Public Finance from Carnegie Mellon University (PA). Kristine has been serving in the public finance sector since 1999.

Kristine has been a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) since 2003, became a Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) in 2012 and currently serves on GASB's Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC). She has also been involved in various capacities in the State of Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association (TGFOA) and was the organization's President in 2019. She also served six years on GFOA's Debt Committee.

A native of Seymour, Tennessee, Kristine and husband Jesse reside in Franklin.



### **Yolanda Dillard**

Training and Development Consultant  
UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS)

Yolanda Dillard is a Training and Development Consultant with the UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) serving municipalities in West Tennessee. Since joining MTAS in January 2020, Yolanda designs, develops and delivers impactful learning experiences for municipal audiences. She is a Certified Professional in Training Management (CPTM™) and a certified facilitator in Everything DiSC® Workplace.

Yolanda is a 20-year veteran and retired commissioned officer of the US Air Force and the Tennessee Air National Guard. She holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. She is a proud Memphis native where she lives with her husband, Korliss, a senior-level firefighter and officer in the Memphis Fire Department.

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**Brad Harris, CPA, CMFO, CPM**

Finance and Accounting Consultant  
UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS)

Brad currently works for the University of Tennessee, Institute for Public Service’s Municipal Technical Advisory Service. He serves cities throughout Tennessee as a finance and accounting consultant. He has taught frequently statewide for various organizations as well as nationally for the Government Finance Officers Association. He has taught in the CMFO program and UT’s MPA program for over 12 years. His passion is to make and measurable difference in the lives of the many cities he serves annually through MTAS.

Brad has served as the agency director for the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Records (TAMCAR) and served as the 2022 president of the TN Government Finance Officers Association. He previously served as the City of Athens finance director, and the Rhea County finance director. Before that he worked for CPA firms in the east and middle TN areas focusing primarily on tax issues. His is driven by his passion to make a real and measurable difference in the lives of those he serves daily. He lives in Dayton, TN with his lovely wife Beth, and is the proud father of Hannah and Katie, and granddaughters Lily and Madison.



**Douglas D. Lukonen**

Finance Director  
Maury County

Doug is currently the Finance Director (i.e., CFO) of the Maury County Office of Financial Management, which oversees the financial operations for Maury County Government and Maury County Public Schools. In this role, he and his team has posted clean audits, improved efficiency, implemented new software packages, trained future finance directors, and streamlined procedures into the 21st century.

Doug is a proud alumni of Middle Tennessee State University, and he achieved a Masters of Accountancy degree in 2015. He has come to distinguish himself as Chairman of the Maury County Opioid Abatement Committee, Chairman/founder of the Middle Tennessee Finance Directors (MTFD) organization, Maury Alliance Finance Committee member, a board member for Local Government Corporation, and a member of the MTSU Accountant Alumni Ambassador Board. He also earned his CCFO designation as part of the first ever class of the program in 2019.

Beyond the professional endeavors, Doug devotes time to the care of his family. His wife, Abby, and his daughter, Darcie, are always his loving focal point away from work. Doug possesses a multitude of hobbies. You are likely to find him in perpetual motion, particularly running marathons, cycling, and competing with friends in a gym or on the back nine of a golf course.

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### **Amanda McGraw**

Deputy Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer  
Tennessee Department of Revenue

Amanda began working for the Department of Revenue in 2011 as assistant director of Financial Control. She was promoted to director two years later, and she became chief financial officer in 2015. Amanda graduated from Cumberland University with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting. Amanda has worked in state government since 2009. Prior to working for Revenue, she worked for the Treasurer's Office.



### **Rachel Nichols**

Finance Director  
City of Gallatin

Rachel was born and raised in Gallatin TN, graduated from Gallatin High and now serves as Gallatin's Finance director. She graduated from Murray State Univ with a BS in Mathematics and a minor in Business Administration. She began her work in the government finance world in 1991 with Sumner County government and progressed through various roles at the county over the next 17 years. In 2008 she was approached about the opening at the City of Gallatin and felt like it was an opportunity to come home (her mother worked in the Gallatin finance department when Rachel was a child, and she played in the very same halls where she now works). Rachel is currently in her 18th year as Gallatin's finance director. She loves family, food/cooking and football.



### **Steve Osborne**

Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Finance  
Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Steve is an Assistant Director in the Tennessee Comptroller's division of Local Government Finance where is responsible for assisting with oversight of Tennessee cities, counties, utilities, and other governmental entities with areas directly related to fiscal health, including debt and budgetary compliance. He leads the division's development of guidance, training, and financial metrics that support financial health for local governments.

Prior to joining the Comptroller's Office in 2011, he worked as an equity analyst with Avondale Partners covering the restaurant and consumer goods sectors. He was also the owner and manager of a Tennessee small business for over 15 years and formerly worked the municipal bond desk at J.C. Bradford. Steve holds undergraduate degrees from Austin Peay State University and Belmont University and an MBA from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. Steve is a Certified Public Finance Officer, a 2025 graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute, and a graduate of LEAD Tennessee.

Steve and his wife, Juanita, reside in Nashville, Tennessee with their three children.

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### **Penny Owens, NIGP-CPP, CPPO**

Purchasing Agent  
City of Knoxville

Penny has nearly 35 years' experience in public procurement, both local and federal government, which covers nearly all aspects of procurement. She spent 16 years at the Oak Ridge National Lab in procurement and the past 18 years at the City of Knoxville. She currently serves as the City's Purchasing Agent, leading the Purchasing Division, which includes the City's surplus property sales, the Mailroom, and the Supplier Outreach Program.

Penny holds a bachelor's degree in business, an NIGP-Certified Procurement Professional (NIGP-CPP) certification, and a Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO) certification. Penny is an active member of the East Tennessee Purchasing Association (ETPA), the Tennessee Association of Public Purchasing (TAPP), and NIGP, The Institute for Public Procurement. Penny is a past President of both ETPA and TAPP and currently serves as a committee chair for both chapters. She is a senior consultant on NIGP's Consulting team and serves on the NIGP-CPP Test Development Committee. ETPA awarded Penny the 2016 Buyer of the Year and Volunteer of the Year award, the 2021 Manager of the Year award, and was recognized as NIGP's Volunteer of the Year in 2023.

Penny lives in Knoxville with her son Beck, bonus son Taylor, cats Levi and Harmony, and a goofy Great Dane named Cornelius.



### **Tommy Sneed**

Chief Compliance Officer  
Tennessee Department of Revenue

Tommy is the Chief Compliance Officer for the Department of Revenue. He oversees criminal tax investigation, vehicle anti-theft, regulatory inspection, and internal audit functions of the Department.

He previously worked as an Investigative Auditor with the Office of Health Services and the State Comptroller's Office. He has an accounting degree from Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Tommy grew up on a tomato farm in Rhea County that was recently designated a Tennessee Century Farm by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University. The program recognizes farms owned by the same family for at least 100 years. Tommy and his wife, Teresa, enjoy walks at the Nashville Zoo and finding Tennessee waterfalls. Tommy also enjoys researching whimsical Tennessee histories. He can sometimes be found giving historical ghost tours around the capitol.