

Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association
2026 Fall Conference Agenda - DRAFT

Wednesday - September 30, 2026				Registration 11am-5pm	Credits
1:00pm-1:05pm	Welcome and Opening Announcements - Mayor, City of Murfreesboro, TN			Mirabella	
	General Session 1 - Tennessee Economic Update				1 Hour
1:05pm-1:55pm	Dr. Bill Fox, Special Advisor to the Chancellor of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville			Mirabella	
	General Session 2 - Comptroller Update				1 Hour
2:00pm-2:50pm	Jason Mumpower, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury			Mirabella	
2:50pm-3:10pm	20-Minute Snack Break : Sweet Treats: Donut Holes wth Seasonal Sauces; Brownie Bites; Assorted Macarons;			Exhibit Hall	
	General Session 3 - Economic Development in the State of Tennessee - Attendee Donation Gift Giveaways				1 Hour
3:10pm-4:00pm	Jamie Stitt and Debbie Clabo, Asst. Commissioners for Business & Workforce Development, Tenn Department of Economic Development			Mirabella	
	General Session 4 -Panel on P-Cards - Attendee Donation Gift Giveaways				1 Hour
4:05pm-4:55pm	Panel on P-cards - Using P-Cards to Improve Your Procurement and Payable Process - Kari Bates, City of Oak Ridge; Chris Caldwell, Knox County; Ben Webster, Maury County			Mirabella	
5:00 pm-5:05pm	Wrap Up & Closing Announcements - Door Prize Giveaways- Attendee Gift Donations				
Thursday - October 1, 2026				Registration 7am-5pm	Credits
8:00 am - 8:05 am	General Session 5 - Rating Agency Update - Attendee Gift Donations Giveaways				1 Hour
8:05 am - 8:55 am	Chris Coveillo & Anik Hoque, Moody's Rating			Mirabella	
	General Session 6 -Keys to Civility- Attendee Gift Donations Giveaways				1 Hour
8:55am - 9:45am	Keys to Civility - Leah Frazier, MTAS Training & Development Consultant			Mirabella	
9:45am - 10:05am	20-Minute Snack Break: Sliced Fruit; Assorted Scones; Breakfast Breads; Berry & Yogurt Parfait Station			Exhibit Hall	
	Breakout Session 1				1 Hour
10:05am-10:55am	Oakleigh A: Sponsor Session - Gallagher: AI Governance in the Public Sector and How to Adopt Responsibly	Oakleigh B: School Session: TISA and Other Financial Updates & School Related Issues - MaryAnne Durski, Caryn Burkholder, Mary Stoutenburgh	Mirabella: TCRS Updates/Return to Work Status/Hazardous Duty Pay/Public Safety & the Bridge/Benefits for Elected Officials- Drew Freeman, Retire Ready/TCRS	Oakleigh A, B and Mirabella	
	Breakout Session 2				1 Hour
11:00am-11:50am	Oakleigh A: Sponsor Session - Eide Bailly: Budget Administration Best Practices	Oakleigh B: Utilities Update Session - Ben Johnson, Tennessee Comptroller Office	Mirabella: Continuing Disclosure/Bonds/Municipal Bond Issuers/EMMA Disclosure - Lillian Blackshear & Betsy Knotts - Bond Counsel for Bass, Berry & Sims	Oakleigh A, B and Mirabella	
11:50am - 1:00pm	Luncheon-TN Meat & Three: Chicken & Dumplings/Pot Roast w/vegs/salad/green beans/mac&cheese				
	General Session 7 - Common Audit Findings- Attendee Donation Gift Giveaways				1 Hour
1:00pm - 1:50pm	Common Audit Findings - Lee Ann West & Bryan Burklin, Local Government Audit, Comptroller of the Treasury			Mirabella	
	Breakout Session 4				1 Hour
1:55pm - 2:45pm	Oakleigh A: Sponsor Session - Merchant Cost Consulting: Peeling Back the Curtain: Demystifying Credit Card Processing	Oakleigh B: State of Tennessee Employee Health Options for Local Governments and Other HR Related Issues, Jessica Crosby	Mirabella: Hot Topics for Public Safety to include Pay Stipends/Massive Starting Salary Increases to Attract Employees/Lateral Hires/Season of	Oakleigh A, B and Mirabella	
2:45pm - 3:05pm	20-Minute Snack Break: Trail Mix Station; Assorted Sweet, Salty, Smoked & Crunchy Snacks			Exhibit Hall	
	General Session 8 - The Costs of Growth: When Population Increases Impact Local Government Finances - Attendee Donation Gi				1 Hour
3:05pm - 3:55pm	Panel: The Costs of Growth: When Population Increases Impact Local Government Finances: Kristine Brock, City of Franklin; Sierra Nolen Lowery, Town of Smyrna; Doug Lukonen, Maury County			Mirabella	
	General Session 9 - The Past & Present in Finance: A Motivational Discussion - Attendee Donation Gift Giveaways				1 Hour
4:00pm - 4:50pm	Motivational Discussion by Jerry Durham			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Specialized Knowledge/Fraud
4:55pm-5:05pm	Wrap Up & Closing Announcements - Door Prize Giveaways- Silver Sponsors				
6:00pm-9:00pm	Networking Dinner at Williamson Farms - Must Have Preregistered			Jaklands Mansion	
Friday - October 2, 2026				Registration 7am-Noon	Credits
8:00am - 8:30 am	Annual Business Meeting & Scholarship Awards/Door Prizes-Platinum & Gold Exhibitors			Mirabella	
	General Session 10 -Keynote Speaker - Attendee Donation Gift Giveaways				1 Hour
8:35am - 9:50 am	Keynote Speaker - Greg Stube			Mirabella	
	General Session 11 - Panel Discussion: Communicating & Developing Relationships with Elected Officials - Attendee Donation Gi				1 Hour
9:55 am-10:45 am	Panel: Communicating & Developing Relationships with Elected Officials: Janet Jennings, Town of Jonesborough; Marianna Edinger, Coffee County; Jeff Taylor, Clarksville- Montgomery County Schools; Lori Emery, Hixson Utility District			Mirabella	
10:45 am - 11:05 am	20-Minute Snack Break: Soft Pretzels with Cheese & Mustard; Cinnamon Sugar Churros w/Choc & Caramel			Exhibit Hall	
	General Session 12 - Penny Guidance				1 Hour
11:05 am-11:55 am	Penny Guidance - Courtney Swims, Chief of Staff, TN Department of Revenue & Matt Napolitano, Asst. General Counsel to the Office of General Counsel for the Comptroller of the Treasury			Mirabella	
	General Session 13 -Business Tax & Licensing Update - Attendee Donation Gift Giveaways				1 Hour
12:00 pm - 12:50pm	Business Tax & Licensing Updates, Jeremy Cain, Tenn Department of Revenue			Mirabella	
12:50pm-1:00pm	Wrap Up & Closing Remarks - Sponsor Recognition -Vendor/Sponsor Door Prize Giveaways - Exhibitors				