

Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association
2026 Fall Conference Agenda - DRAFT_2

Wednesday - September 30, 2026				Registration 11am-5pm	Credits
1:00pm-1:10pm	Welcome and Opening Announcements - Mayor Shane McFarland, City of Murfreesboro, TN			Mirabella	
	General Session 1 - Tennessee Economic Update				1 Hour
1:10pm-2:00pm	Dr. Bill Fox, Special Advisor to the Chancellor of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Economics
	General Session 2 - Comptroller Update				1 Hour
2:05pm-2:55pm	Jason Mumpower, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Specialized Knowledge
2:55pm-3:15pm	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
3:15pm-4:05pm	Jamie Stitt and Debbie Clabo, Asst. Commissioners for Business & Workforce Development, Tenn Department of Economic Development			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Economics
	General Session 4 -Panel on P-Cards - Attendee Donation Gift Giveaways				1 Hour
4:10pm-5:00pm	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; Drew Hawkins, Comptroller of the Treasury-State of Tennessee			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Management Services
5:00 pm-5:10pm	Wrap Up & Closing Announcements - Door Prize Giveaways- Attendee Gift Donations				
Thursday - October 1, 2026				Registration 7am-5pm	Credits
8:00 am - 8:10 am	Opening Greeting; General Session 5 - Rating Agency Update - Attendee Gift Donations Giveaways				1 Hour
8:10 am-9:00am	Chris Coveillo & Anik Hoque, Moody's Rating			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Finance
	General Session 6 -Keys to Civility- Attendee Gift Donations Giveaways				1 Hour
9:05am - 9:55am	Keys to Civility - Leah Frazier, MTAS Training & Development Consultant			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Personal Development
9:55am - 10:15am	20-Minute Snack Break: Sliced Fruit; Assorted Scones; Breakfast Breads; Berry & Yogurt Parfait Station			Exhibit Hall	
	Breakout Session 1				1 Hour
10:15am-11:05am	Oakleigh A: Sponsor Session -AI Governance in the Public Sector and How to Adopt Responsibly, Gallagher - Wes Dozier & Marisa Combs Smith	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	CMFO/CCFO = Financial (A, B, & C) CPA = Information Technology (A) CPA = Finance (B) CPA = Personnel/Human Resources (C)
	Breakout Session 2				1 Hour
11:15am-12:05pm	Oakleigh A: Sponsor Session - Best Practices in Budget Administration, Eide Bailey - Scott Catlett and Amber Haston	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	CMFO/CCFO = Financial (A, B, & C) CPA = Finance (A) CPA = Specialized Knowledge (B) CPA = Finance (C)
12:05- 1:10pm	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
1:10pm - 2:00pm	Common Audit Findings - Lee Ann West, Local Government Audit, Comptroller of the Treasury			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial (A, B, & C) CPA = Auditing (Governmental)
	Breakout Session 3				1 Hour
2:10pm - 3:00pm	Oakleigh A: Sponsor Session - Peeling Back the Curtain: Demystifying Credit Card Processing, Merchant Cost Consulting - Mike Cannata	Oakleigh B: Benefits by the Numbers: Costs, Contributions and Scenario Planning , Jessica Crosby, State of Tennessee	Mirabella: Hot Topics for Public Safety to include Pay Stipends/Massive Starting Salary Increases to Attract Employees/Lateral Hires/Season of Retirements - David Moore & Donald Pannell, MTAS Public Safety Consultants; Clint Shrum, CTAS Public Safety Consultant and Jeff Stewart, Bradley Co. Fire Chief	Oakleigh A, B and Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial (A, B, & C) CPA = Specialized Knowledge (A) CPA = Personnel/Human Resources (B) CPA = Personnel/Human Resources (C)
3:00pm - 3:20pm	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 Gift				1 Hour
3:20pm - 4:10pm	Panel: The Costs of Growth: When Population Increases Impact Local Government Finances: Kristine Brock, City of Franklin; Dave Santucci, Town of Smyrna; Doug Lukonen, Maury County; Cassie Wheeler, Montgomery County			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Finance
	General Session 9 -Que' Sera' Sera' - Attendee Donation Gift Giveaways				1 Hour
4:15pm - 5:05pm	Motivational Discussion by Jerry Durham			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Personal Development
5:05pm-5:15pm	Wrap Up & Closing Announcements - Door Prize Giveaways- Silver Sponsors				
6:00pm-9:00pm	Networking Dinner at Williamson Farms - Must Have Preregistered				
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				1.5 Hours
8:35am - 9:50 am	Keynote Speaker - Greg Stube: HUMAN AFTER ALL: Lessons Learned from the Battlefield and.....Along the Way			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Personal Development
	General Session 11 - Panel Discussion: Communicating & Developing Relationships with Elected Officials - Attendee Donation Gift				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	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Communications and Marketing
10:45 am - 11:05 am	Exhibitor Give Aways Before Break - 20-Minute Snack Break: Soft Pretzels with Cheese & Mustard; Cinnamon			Exhibit Hall	
	General Session 12 - Penny Guidance				1 Hour
11:05 am -11:55 am	Penny Guidance - Courtney Boynton, Deputy Commission/COO, TN Department of Revenue & Matt Napolitano, Asst. General Counsel to the Office of General Counsel for the Comptroller of the Treasury			Mirabella	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Finance
	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	CMFO/CCFO = Financial CPA = Taxes
12:50pm-1:00pm	Wrap Up & Closing Remarks - Sponsor Recognition				