



FGFOA Member Spotlight: Stephen Timberlake

Stephen Timberlake serves as the Special Projects Manager for the City of Boca Raton’s Financial Services Department, where he leads financial planning and strategic initiatives supporting operational improvements, redevelopment, and long-term fiscal planning. He brings more than 25 years of experience across the public and private sectors and holds an MBA from Virginia Tech and a bachelor’s degree from Florida State University.

A Reflection on My FGFOA Journey and how it has Shaped My Career

Stephen’s connection to FGFOA began early in his career when he attended the FGFOA President’s Reception in 2002, where his father delivered his outgoing remarks as president. Although Stephen was working in the private sector at the time, the organization’s strong sense of fellowship made a lasting impression.

FGFOA later played a pivotal role in Stephen’s transition into public service. While exploring career opportunities in 2012, he attended an FGFOA conference where a single conversation led to an opportunity with the City of Boca Raton. Since then, FGFOA programs—including Boot Camp, the School of Government Finance, and the Annual Conference—have helped shape his leadership approach and deepen his understanding of municipal finance.

What I Am Most Passionate About in FGFOA

Stephen currently serves as the Board liaison to the Education/Webinar Committee and has previously chaired both the Legislative and Webinar Committees. These roles have allowed him to contribute to the organization while developing leadership and communication skills, reinforcing the sense of connection he first experienced

early in his career. Stephen values FGFOA's strong sense of community and encourages members to stay actively involved, noting that participation fosters both professional growth and meaningful connections.