



AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14, 2026



Submitted by Elisha Crowell, Secretary

The Nashville Area Chapter held a luncheon meeting at the Double Tree Hotel and via live streaming on Microsoft Teams, on Monday, September 14, 2026.

President Donna Jewell called the meeting to order. Melvin Jones, Jr. gave the invocation.

Donna announced that the minutes from the last luncheon are on the website and would be considered approved if no one had any changes.

Donna recognized and welcomed 19 new members (Brian Jefferies, Alexandra, King, Brian Runion, Keona Smith, Haley Tucker, Emma Shaw, Justin Wood, Matthew Cutright, Shelia Maxwell, Robert Balgemman, Reagan Wells, Christopher Ramos, Oscar Fernandez, Ever Balladares, Sandra Pirtskhalava, Caleb Henry, John Tidwell, Julissa Hurtado, Lauren Montgomery) since the last meeting, 6 first-time guests (Jeff Lilly, Samuel Nave, David Shelton, Scott Schlag, Caroline Trull, and Amiya Fellows), and several members from other chapters attending this luncheon meeting.

Lela Shadrick introduced our speakers, Tara Bergfeld and Allison Pams. Tara Bergfeld, Senior Policy and Fiscal Advisor with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's Office of Local Government Finance, and Allison Pams, Principal Research Analyst with the Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability, spoke about "Navigating LEA Budgets and Education Funding in Tennessee."

Bethany Graves won the in-person door prize and Mark Graubner won the virtual door prize.

Donna called for announcements from the various committees.

ReKeba Doss, professional certification co-chair, announced three new CGFMs, Justin Garcia, Jennifer Bounnara, and Mark White. She also promoted the national 'Take a CGFM Exam This September, Get One Free' campaign. A CGFM candidate that takes any CGFM exam in September will receive a complimentary voucher for another exam, and the free voucher can be used through December 31, 2026.

Kelly Armes and Mary Anne Queen, community service co-chairs announced that, for the 26th year, the September community service project is collecting school supplies and monetary donations for Alex Green Elementary.

There was no further business, and Donna adjourned the meeting.