



GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PLAN TRUSTEES®
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE | MARCH 24-27, 2025 | BRASELTON, GEORGIA

MONDAY | MARCH 24, 2025

9:00 AM: **Plan Sponsor – Affiliate Golf Outing** | Chateau Course | *Pre-registration is required.*
 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM: **Early Registration** | Paris Central Prefunction
 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM: **Wine Tasting** | Chateau Elan Tasting Room (Meet in the Winery Atrium) | *Pre-registration is required.*
 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM: **New Member Reception (Invitation Only)** | Jardin Des Tuileries (Paris Patio) & Monte Carlo
 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: **Welcome Reception** | *Sponsored by Scott + Scott Attorneys at Law, LLP* | Jardin Des Tuileries & Monte Carlo
 7:30 PM: **Dinner on Your Own**

TUESDAY | MARCH 25, 2025

7:00 AM – 4:30 PM: **Registration and Exhibits** | Paris Central Prefunction
 7:00 AM – 8:20 AM: **Breakfast** | Paris Ballroom I/II/III
 8:20 AM – 9:30 AM: **Welcome and General Session** | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII
 Tim Milligan, *GAPPT President, Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund*
1GS - On the Economic, Political, and Business Climate | Roger Tutterow, *Kennesaw State University*
 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: **Morning Break** | Paris Central Prefunction
 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM: **Breakout Sessions:**
2A - What Excites Your Actuary? | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII | Joe Griffin, *Foster & Foster* and Ed Koebel, *CavMac*
2B - The ABC's of Retirement Plans | Elan Ballroom | Ramona Bivins, *Clayton County Public Schools* and Lawrence Watts, *Nyhart*
 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM: **Breakout Sessions:**
3A - Market Cycle Spotlight: Private Markets | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII | Kevin Campbell, *Taurus Private Markets* and Sam Frymier, *Marquette*
3B - Pension Plan Administration: Best Practices for Trustees and Administrators | Elan Ballroom | Todd Flessner, *CBIZ*
 11:50 AM – 12:50 PM: **Networking Lunch** | *Sponsored by Wolf Popper* | Paris Ballroom I/II/III
 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: **General Session** | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII
4GS - What is Happening in Georgia? A Conversation with State Pension Leaders | Buster Evans, *Teachers Retirement System of Georgia*, Homer Bryson, *Peace Officers' Annuity & Benefit Fund*, Morgan Wurst, *Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund*, and Brian Smith, *Polen Capital Management (Panel Moderator)*
 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM: **Afternoon Break** | Paris Central Prefunction
 2:30 PM – 3:20 PM: **Breakout Sessions:**
5A - Social Security: A Deep Dive into the Calculations | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII | David Harris, *Gwinnett County Public Schools*
5B - Securities Litigation: The Most Underutilized Corporate Governance Tool in the Toolbox | Elan Ballroom | Mario Alba, *Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd* and Adam Savett, *Wolf Popper*
 3:30 PM – 4:20 PM: **Breakout Sessions:**
6A - A Journey to Retirement Preparedness: Empathy-Driven Employee Education and Communication | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII | Kerry Sette, *Voya*
6B - Navigating Markets in 2025: A Consultant's Perspective | Elan Ballroom | David Barnes, *NEPC*, Weston Lewis, *Callan*, and Frederick Bailey, *City of Savannah (Panel Moderator)*
 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: **Cocktail Reception** | *Sponsored by Capital Dynamics* | Jardin Des Tuileries & Monte Carlo
 6:30 PM: **Trolley Available to Downtown Braselton** (Will run a continuous loop until 10:00 PM)
Dinner on Your Own



WEDNESDAY | MARCH 26, 2025

- 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM: **Registration and Exhibits** | Paris Central Prefunction
- 7:00 AM – 8:20 AM: **Breakfast** | Paris Ballroom I/II/III
- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: **General Session** | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII
7GS - Legislative Update | Ed Emerson, *Morris Manning & Martin, LLP*
- 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: **Morning Break** | Paris Central Prefunction
- 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM: **Breakout Sessions:**
8A - Plan Sponsor Attendees Only Roundtable Discussion | Paris Ballroom I/II/III | Tim Milligan, *GAPPT President* and Ramona Bivins, *GAPPT Vice President*
8B - Affiliate Attendees Only Discussion | Elan Ballroom | AJ Baltozer, *GAPPT Affiliate Chair* and TBD, *Incoming Affiliate Vice Chair*
- 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM: **Breakout Sessions:**
9A - Emerging Market Debt: Does It Belong in a Portfolio? | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII | John Mensack, *Schroders*
9B - Actuarial Sound Contribution Rates | Elan Ballroom | Kevin Spanier, *Gallagher*
- 11:50 AM – 12:50 PM: **Annual Business Meeting Lunch** | *Sponsored by Gallagher* | Paris Ballroom I/II/III
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: **General Session** | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII
10GS - How Financial Markets' Evolution Has Affected Public Pension Investing | Tyler Bond, *National Institute of Retirement Security (NIRS)*
- 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM: **Afternoon Break** | Paris Central Prefunction
- 2:30 PM – 3:20 PM: **Breakout Sessions:**
11A - Infrastructure Update and Outlook | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII | Avery Brooks, *Global Infrastructure Partners*
11B - Foundation and Fundamentals of Defined Contribution Plans | Elan Ballroom | Youlanda Carr, *City of Atlanta* and Caroline Dorsey, *Morris Manning & Martin, LLP*
- 3:30 PM – 4:20 PM: **Breakout Sessions:**
12A - With Interest Rates Leveling, Do Real Assets Make Sense? | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII | Vishal Sadhasivan, *PFM Asset Management*
12B - Preserving and Enhancing Affordable Housing | Elan Ballroom | Sabrina Unger, *ARA* | *American Realty Advisors*, Pamela West, *Nuveen*, and Jon Breth, *Mariner (Panel Moderator)*
- 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: **Cocktail Reception** | Elan Ballroom
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM: **Annual Association Dinner** | *Sponsored by Saxena White* | Paris Ballroom I/II/III
- 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM: **Casino Night** | *Sponsored by Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP* | Pavillion

THURSDAY | MARCH 27, 2025

- 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM: **Registration and Exhibits** | Paris Central Prefunction
- 9:30 AM: **Breakfast** | Paris Ballroom I/II/III
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: **General Session** | Paris Ballroom IV/V/VI/VII
13GS - Ethics | Ed Emerson, *Morris Manning & Martin, LLP*

Session titles, presenters, and times are subject to change. All educational sessions and events take place at Chateau Elan. Please refer to the event app, GAPPT|ACCESS, for the most up-to-date schedule, session summaries, room assignments, and other important information.

For questions about the GAPPT or the Sixteenth Annual Conference, please contact info@gappt.org or 470-970-8830.

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