



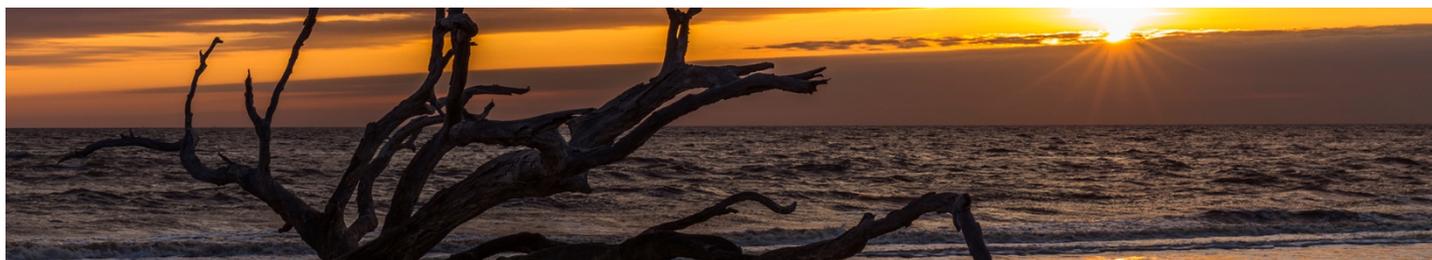
**GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PLAN TRUSTEES®**  
**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE | MARCH 23-26, 2026 | JEKYLL ISLAND, GEORGIA**

**MONDAY | MARCH 23, 2026**

9:00 AM: **Plan Sponsor – Affiliate Golf Outing** | Jekyll Island Golf Club (Pine Lakes Course) | *Pre-registration is required.*  
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM: **Early Registration** | Marshside Registration  
1:00 PM: **Dolphin Boat Tour** | *Pre-registration is required.*  
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM: **New Member Reception (Invitation Only)** | Ben Porter Salon/Oceanside Lobby  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: **Welcome Reception** | Ben Porter Salon/Oceanside Lobby | *Sponsored by Wolf Popper*  
7:30 PM: **Dinner on Your Own**

**TUESDAY | MARCH 24, 2026**

6:00 AM **Optional Attendee and Guest Beach Walk** | Beach Village Walk Crossover  
7:00 AM – 4:30 PM: **Registration and Exhibits** | Marshside Registration and Marshside Lobby  
7:00 AM – 8:15 AM: **Breakfast** | Ballroom EG  
8:15 AM – 9:30 AM: **Welcome and General Session** | Ballroom FH  
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** | Marshside Lobby  
10:00 AM – 10:50 AM: **Breakout Sessions:**  
**2A – Ripple Effects: How Large Salary Increases Impact Public Retirement System Funding** | Ballroom FH | Ed Koebel, *CavMac*  
**2B – Plan Trustees Essentials** | Meeting Room 7/8/9/10 | Tracy Ransom, *Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund* and Lawrence Watts, *Nyhart*  
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM: **Breakout Sessions:**  
**3A – Board Governance: A Georgia Plan Perspective** | Ballroom FH | Brandt Barlow, *Peace Officers Annuity & Benefit Fund* and David Will, *David Will Law Firm*  
**3B – The AI Infrastructure Boom** | Meeting Room 7/8/9/10 | Stephanie Aliaga, *JP Morgan Asset Management*  
11:50 AM – 12:50 PM: **Networking Lunch** | Ballroom EG | *Sponsored by Nuveen*  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: **General Session** | Ballroom FH  
**4GS – Retirement in America** | Dan Doonan, *National Institute on Retirement Security (NIRS)*  
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM: **Afternoon Break** | Marshside Lobby  
2:30 PM – 3:20 PM: **Breakout Sessions:**  
**5A – Legislative Update** | Ballroom FH | Ed Emerson, *Seyfarth Shaw LLP*  
**5B – Are Benchmarks Still Relevant?** | Meeting Room 7/8/9/10 | Brandon Zureick, *Johnson Asset Management*  
3:30 PM – 4:20 PM: **Breakout Sessions:**  
**6A – A Peek Behind the Private Markets Curtain: Strategies, Structures, Risks and Opportunities** | Ballroom FH | Kevin Campbell, *Taurus Private Markets*, Jay DeWaltoff, *DWS*, Gabe Sturzoiu, *Ares Management*, and Weston Lewis, *Callan LLC (Panel Moderator)*  
**6B – Selecting the Right Investment Vehicle** | Meeting Room 7/8/9/10 | Tyler Grumbles, *Mariner*  
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: **Cocktail Reception** | Ben Porter Salon/Oceanside Lobby | *Sponsored by Saxena White*  
6:30 PM: **Dinner and Evening on Your Own**



### WEDNESDAY | MARCH 25, 2026

- 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM: **Registration and Exhibits** | Marshside Registration and Marshside Lobby
- 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: **Breakfast** | Ballroom EG
- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: **General Session** | Ballroom FH  
**7GS – Social Security: Past! Present! Future?** | David Harris, *Gwinnett County Public Schools*
- 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: **Morning Break** | Marshside Lobby
- 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM: **Breakout Sessions:**  
**8A – Plan Sponsor Attendees Only Roundtable Discussion** | Ballroom EG | Tim Milligan, *GAPPT President* and Ramona Bivins, *GAPPT Vice President*  
**8B – Affiliate Attendees Only Discussion** | Meeting Room 7/8/9/10 | AJ Baltozer, *Outgoing GAPPT Affiliate Chair* and Allison Corbally, *Incoming GAPPT Affiliate Vice Chair*
- 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM: **Breakout Sessions:**  
**9A – Investment Consultant Roundtable** | Ballroom FH | David Barnes, *NEPC*, Paul Troup, *AmRET*, Sam Frymier, *Marquette Associates*, and Rick Light, *City of Atlanta (Panel Moderator)*  
**9B – What Worked, What Changed, and What Comes Next: The Evolution of Death Audits** | Meeting 7/8/9/10 | John Bikus, *The Berwyn Group*, Shanan Heppard, *City of Albany*, Mark Rhein, *Salem Trust*, and Matt Hamby, *City of Flowery Branch (Panel Moderator)*
- 11:50 AM – 1:00 PM: **Annual Business Meeting Lunch and Installation of Officers** | Ballroom EG
- 1:10 PM – 2:00 PM: **Breakout Sessions:**  
**10A – Investing in Community: Unlocking Public Pension Potential in Affordable Housing** | Ballroom FH | Pamela West, *Nuveen*  
**10B – Behavioral Finance: Arbitraging Human Emotion for Investment Success** | Meeting 7/8/9/10 | Dan Bakalarz, *Unison Asset Management*
- 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM: **Afternoon Break** | Marshside Lobby
- 2:30 PM – 3:20 PM: **Breakout Sessions:**  
**11A – Navigating Today’s Cybersecurity Landscape** | Ballroom FH | Tiffany Garcia, *CBIZ Risk & Advisory Services*  
**11B – Securities Litigation: How a Case is Built** | Meeting 7/8/9/10 | Ross Shikowitz, *Bleichmar Fonti & Auld LLP*
- 3:30 PM – 4:20 PM: **Breakout Sessions:**  
**12GS – What’s Going on in the Southeast? A Conversation with Retirement System Leaders** | Ballroom FH | Dexter Cunningham, *City of Birmingham*, Tim Johnson, *City of Jacksonville*, Morgan Wurst, *Georgia Firefighters’ Pension Fund*, and Brian Smith, *Polen Capital Management LLC (Panel Moderator)*
- 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: **Cocktail Reception** | Ben Porter Salon/Oceanside Lobby
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM: **Annual Association Dinner** | Ballroom AC
- 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM: **Casino Night** | Ballroom D | *Sponsored by Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman LLP*

### THURSDAY | MARCH 26, 2026

- 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM: **Registration and Exhibits** | Marshside Registration and Marshside Lobby
- 9:00 AM: **Enhanced Continental Breakfast** | Ballroom FH
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: **General Session** | Ballroom FH  
**13GS - Ethics** | Caroline Dorsey, *Seyfarth Shaw LLP*

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

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