



GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PLAN TRUSTEES®
TWELFTH ANNUAL TRUSTEE SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2026 | HYATT PLACE | CLASSIC CENTER | ATHENS, GEORGIA

- * **Breakout session required for CRPF™ Basic Course participants.** Unless noted, sessions are held in Athena Ballroom AB.
- * **Breakout session required for CRPF™ Advanced Course participants.** Unless noted, sessions are held in Athena Ballroom CD.
- * **Breakout session for Continuing Education Course and Networking Only participants.** Unless noted, sessions are held in Athena Ballroom E.
- * **Breakout session for DCPF™ participants.** Unless noted, sessions are held in Athena Ballroom I. (Note: The DCPF™ Course sessions are on Tuesday only. Course participants are encouraged to attend CE Course sessions on Monday, September 28, 2026).

Due to accreditation purposes, ONLY registered CRPF™ and DCPF™ Course participants are allowed in those sessions. All other attendees are encouraged to attend Continuing Education Course sessions.

MONDAY | September 28, 2026

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| 7:00am: | Registration Opens Athena Ballroom Pre-Function |
| 7:15am – 8:15am: | Full Buffet Breakfast Sponsored by Ariel Investments Athena Ballroom G |
| 8:15am – 9:20am: | Welcome Tim Milligan, GAPPT President, Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund
1B - "Ethics", 1A – Ethics, 1CE - Ethics Ed Emerson, Seyfarth Shaw LLP Athena Ballroom E |
| 9:20am – 9:35am: | Morning Break Athena Ballroom Pre-Function |
| 9:35am – 9:50am: | Breakout Sessions:
"Introduction to the CRPF™ Basic Course" CRPF™ Leadership Team
"Introduction to the CRPF™ Advanced Course" CRPF™ Leadership Team
"ChatGAPPT: A Discussion with the GAPPT Leadership" Tim Milligan, GAPPT President, Greg White, GAPPT Board Development Committee Chair, Anthony Xeureb, GAPPT Board Development Committee Vice Chair, Sue Reynolds, GAPPT Executive Director |
| 9:50am – 10:40am: | Breakout Sessions:
2B - "Public Retirement Plan Basics" Brandt Barlow, Peace Officers' Annuity & Benefit Fund
2A - "Types of Public Retirement Plans and Current Trends" Mark Rhein, Salem Trust Company
2CE – "U.S. Microeconomic Outlook" Seamus Smyth, Virtus Investment Partners |
| 10:50am – 11:40am: | Breakout Sessions:
3B - "Plan Governance" Paul Gaudet, Callan LLC
3A - "Building, Measuring & Maintaining a Portfolio (Part 1)" Matthew Buxton, Loomis Sayles, L.P.
3CE - "Real World Lessons of Transitioning from Investment Consultant to OCIO" Allison Corbally, U.S. Bancorp Asset Management and Greta Tinaglia, Fulton County Schools Employees' Retirement Fund |
| 11:40am – 12:35pm: | Networking Lunch Sponsored by Saxena White Athena Ballroom G(FH) |
| 12:40pm – 1:30pm: | Breakout Sessions:
4B - "Georgia State Law and Public Retirement Systems" David Will, David Will Law Firm
4A - "Building, Measuring & Maintaining a Portfolio (Part 2)" Dustin Finley, Sage Advisory Services
4CE – "Scheme Liability Under Rule 10b-5: (a) (c)rash Course" Brittney Balser and Thomas Sperber, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP |
| 1:40pm – 2:30pm: | Breakout Sessions:
5B - "Best Practices for Fiduciaries" David Harris, Gwinnett County Public Schools
5A - "Building, Measuring & Maintaining a Portfolio (Part 3)" Mike Dirstine, PGIM Fixed Income
5CE - "Differing Approaches to Meeting Public Plan Obligations: A Conversation" Russell Kamp, Ryan ALM, Inc., Chris Greco, Waycross Partners, Greg White, Mariner (Panel Moderator) |
| 2:30pm – 2:50pm: | Afternoon Break Athena Ballroom Pre-Function |
| 2:50pm – 3:40pm: | Breakout Sessions:
6B - "Plan Administration and Understanding Plan Documents" Scott Baur, Resource Centers LLC
6A - "Alternative Investments: Institutional-Level Insights" Kevin Campbell, Taurus Private Markets
6CE - "Private Equity and Small Cap Equities: Valuation, Liquidity, and Implications for Strategic Asset Allocation" Casey Cass, Barrow Hanley Global Investors |
| 3:50pm – 4:40pm: | Breakout Sessions:
Basic Course Review Session (Day 1) CRPF™ Leadership Team
Advanced Course Review Session (Day 1) CRPF™ Leadership Team
7CE – "Legislative Update" Ed Emerson, Seyfarth Shaw LLP |
| 5:30pm – 6:30pm: | Networking Reception Sponsored by Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP Parthenon |
| 6:30pm: | Dinner on Your Own |

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

7:15am:	Registration Opens Athena Ballroom Pre-Function
7:15am – 8:40am:	Breakfast Athena Ballroom G
7:15am – 8:40am:	Breakout Sessions: "Introduction to the DCPF™ Course" DCPF™ Subcommittee
8:40am – 9:30am:	Breakout Sessions: 7B - "Equity Market Fundamentals" Megan Anderson, <i>Winslow Capital</i> 7A - "Evaluation of Service Providers and the RFP Process" Chris Reynolds, <i>U.S. Bancorp Asset Management</i> 8CE - "Bond Management 2.0: How the Next Generation of Bond Portfolios is Being Influenced by Technology & AI" Rob Williams, <i>Sage Advisory Services</i> 1DC – "Foundations of Defined Contribution (DC) Plans" Weston Lewis, <i>Callan LLC</i>
9:30am – 9:50am:	Morning Break Sponsored by Wolf Popper Athena Ballroom Pre-Function
9:50am – 10:40am:	Breakout Sessions: 8B - "Understanding Fixed Income Markets" Matt Boden, <i>BCM Fixed Income</i> 8A - "Public Retirement Plans Regulatory Environment" Caroline Dorsey, <i>Seyfarth Shaw LLP</i> 9CE - "Plan Sponsor Only Roundtable Discussion" Tim Milligan, <i>Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund</i> Athena Ballroom G 2DC – "Plan Governance and Fiduciary Responsibilities" Matt Nowak, <i>Marquette Associates</i>
10:50am – 11:40am:	Breakout Sessions: 9B - "Beyond Traditional Allocation: Alternative Investments" Laura Stolfi, <i>Churchill Asset Management</i> 9A - "A Deep Dive into the Consultant Report" David Barnes, <i>NEPC</i> 10CE - "Actuarial Assumptions, Funding Concepts, and Retirement Plan Design" Malichi Waterman and Robert Burrell, <i>Segal</i> 3DC – "Investments and Participant Communication" Yaniv Rubina, <i>OpenArc</i>
11:40am – 12:35pm:	Networking Lunch Sponsored by Nuveen Athena Ballroom G(FH)
12:40pm – 1:30pm:	Breakout Sessions: 10B - "Asset Allocation Essentials" John Sherman, <i>Federated Hermes</i> 10A - "Establishing a Rate of Return Assumption" Joe Griffin, <i>Foster & Foster</i> 11CE – "Pension Plan Hygiene" Eric Atwater, <i>Aon</i> 4DC – "Contributions, Eligibility, and Participant Management" Lawson Hauptfuhrer and Kyle Kane, <i>T. Rowe Price</i>
1:40pm – 2:30pm:	Breakout Sessions: 11B - "Your Consultant and Performance Evaluation" Ian Janecek, <i>CBIZ</i> 11A - "Pension Plan Funding and Managing Unfunded Liabilities" Lawrence Watts, Jr., <i>Nyhart</i> 12CE – "Recent Development (and Challenges) in Alternatives in Georgia" Kevin Campbell, <i>Taurus Private Markets</i> , Ashely Wolff, <i>Ares Management</i> and Morgan Wurst, <i>Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund (Panel Moderator)</i> 5DC - "Plan Operations, Loans, Distributions, and Compliance Testing" Matson Hutchins, <i>Mariner</i>
2:30pm – 2:50pm:	Afternoon Break Sponsored by Wolf Popper Athena Ballroom Pre-Function
2:50pm – 3:40pm:	Breakout Sessions: 12B - "Understanding Actuarial Concepts" Lisa Bjornson, <i>Gallagher</i> 12A - "Economic Cycles and Their Impact" Tyler Grumbles, <i>Mariner</i> 13CE - "A Fresh Look at Asset Allocation" Christopher Gibson, <i>Atlanta Capital</i> 6DC – "Audits, Recordkeeping, Risk Management and Best Practices" Richard Reed, <i>Segal</i>
3:50pm – 4:40pm:	Breakout Sessions: Basic Course Review Session (Day 2) CRPF™ Leadership Team Advanced Course Review Session (Day 2) CRPF™ Leadership Team 14CE - "The Evolving Landscape of U.S. Infrastructure Financing" Matt Woods, <i>DWS</i> DCPF™ Course Review Session DCPF™ Subcommittee
5:30pm – 6:30pm:	Networking Reception Sponsored by Robins Geller Rudman & Dowd Parthenon
6:30pm:	Dinner on Your Own

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

7:30am:	Continental Breakfast Available Athena Ballroom G(HI)
8:00am:	Course Exam Check-In Athena Ballroom Pre-Function
8:00am – 9:30am:	CRPF™ Basic Course Examination Athena Ballroom F CRPF™ Advanced Course Examination Athena Ballroom F DCPF™ Course Examination Athena Ballroom F

Session titles, presenters, and times are subject to change. All educational sessions occur at the Classic Center. Please refer to the event app, GAPPT/ACCESS, for session summaries, room assignments, and other important information.

For questions about the GAPPT or the Twelfth Annual Trustee School, please contact info@gappt.org.

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