

Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 1:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M. EST

Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee Leadership

Chair:	Hon. Kevin Boyce, Commissioner, Franklin County, Ohio
Vice Chair:	Hon. Dolores Ortega-Carter, Treasurer, Travis County, Texas
Vice Chair:	Hon. Nathan Magsig, Supervisor, Fresno County, Calif.
Vice Chair:	Hon. Grant Veeder, Auditor/Commissioner of Elections, Black Hawk County, Iowa
Vice Chair:	Hon. Brian Sullivan, Treasurer, Snohomish County, Wash.

Meeting Agenda

1:00 PM ET: Call to Order and Welcome

- **Hon. Kevin Boyce**, Commissioner, Franklin County, Ohio

1:10PM ET: Counties and the Supporting State and Local Leaders Act

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) imposed the first-ever temporary paid federal leave requirement for employers, including county governments, providing up emergency paid sick leave to employees of certain employers who are unable to work due to COVID-19-related reasons. To offset the additional mandate, the federal government provided a dollar-for-dollar offset from payroll taxes for paid leave wages paid to employees taking FFCRA leave also known as the Emergency Paid Leave Payroll Tax Credit. However, the legislation did not make public employers, including counties, eligible for this tax credit resulting in additional costs for counties. To address this issue, Rep. Brad Schneider (Ill.) and a group of bipartisan lawmakers introduced the Supporting State and Local Leaders Act, which would make counties eligible for this important tax credit. Rep. Schneider will discuss this important legislation and how counties can work with our federal partners to ensure this legislation becomes law.

- **Rep. Brad Schneider**, U.S. Congressman (Ill.)

1:15 PM ET: How to Manage Your County Finances: The Value of Equity and Inclusion in Budgeting

By the end of 2021, counties are expected to face at least a \$202 billion impact because of the coronavirus pandemic. This tremendous loss of revenue and increase in costs has forced many county governments to make difficult budget decisions, resulting in cuts to essential county services. By taking equity into account, a county can reduce the impact experienced by disadvantaged parts of the community as well as that experienced by the community as a whole. Across the country, federal, state and local leaders are implementing strategic and equitable approaches that can lead to a successful economic and public health recovery. Today's session will examine opportunities for America's counties to better embrace these developments during the county budget process.

Moderator:

- **Hon. Kevin Boyce**, Commissioner, Franklin County, Ohio

Speakers:

- **Rep. Joyce Beatty**, U.S. Congresswoman, Chairwoman of the U.S. House Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee (Ohio-3)

- **Hon. David Crowley**, County Executive, Milwaukee County, Wis.
- **Hon. Dena Diorio**, County Manager, Mecklenburg County, N.C.
- **Roberto Montoya**, West Regional Manager, Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)

2:15 PM ET: Lunch Break

2:30 PM ET: Update from Capitol Hill

With a new administration and Democratic controlled Congress, the spring of 2021 offers a key opportunity for bipartisan agreement on major pieces of legislation ahead that will help address the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. To discuss some of the major areas of focus in 2021 and beyond, FPIGA Steering Committee members will be joined by majority staff from both the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee and U.S. Senate Finance Committee.

- **Scott LaRochelle**, Tax Policy Advisor, U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means
- **Robert Andres**, Tax and Economic Policy Advisor, U.S. Senate Finance Committee

3:00 PM ET: COVID-19 Impacts on County Finances: Municipal Bonds, Credit Ratings and Issuing New Debt

COVID-19 has impacted municipal finance on every level, altering revenue projects, municipal markets and long-term planning for county governments. Each of these changes impacts how counties will meet our wide-ranging financial obligations. In this webinar, you will hear from counties who are navigating these changes and learn from ratings agencies and municipal advisors on how COVID-19 could impact your credit rating as well as existing and new issuances.

Moderator:

- **Hon. Nathan Magsig**, Supervisor, Fresno County, Calif.

Speakers:

- **Hon. Dolores Ortega-Carter**, Treasurer, Travis County, Texas
- **Jane Ridley**, Senior Director in the U.S. Public Finance (USPF) Local Government Group, S&P Global Ratings
- **Tracy Gordon**, Acting Director and Senior Fellow, Tax Policy Center, Urban-Brookings Institute

4:00 PM ET: FPIGA Subcommittee Policy Updates

Members of the FPIGA Steering Committee's subcommittees will provide policy updates.

- **Hon. Tasha Kama**, Councilmember, Maui County, Hawaii
- **Hon. Ricky Hatch**, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, Utah
- **Hon. John Wilson**, Assessor, King County Washington

4:20 PM ET: Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee Business Meeting

During the Business Meeting, FPIGA Steering Committee members will discuss and vote on proposed interim policy resolutions. Interim policy resolutions are generally single-purpose documents addressing a specific issue or piece of legislation. Resolutions draw attention to a topic of current concern, clarify parts of the broadly worded platform, or set policy in areas not covered by the platform. These resolutions are valid until NACo's 2020 Annual Conference.

- **Proposed Interim Resolution on Revising IRS Code to Enhance Private Sector Investments in Growing County Economies** – *Ted Tharan, Commissioner, Chairman, Clarion County, Pa.*
- **Proposed Interim Resolution Supporting Legislation to Make State and Local Governments Eligible to Receive Payroll Tax Credits Authorized Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act** – *Hon. Kevin Boyce, Commissioner, Franklin County, Ohio*

5:00 PM ET: Meeting Concludes

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