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**11TH  
EDITION**

**50TH ANNIVERSARY**



**GLGPA**

Georgia Local Government Personnel Association



# Officers and Board Members

**President** - Dr. Niki Graham, City of Winder

**President-Elect** - Dr. Niki Graham, City of Winder

**Immediate Past President** - Kenneth Carter, Houston County

**Secretary**-Sharon Robinson, Butts County

**Treasurer** - Arlene Ivey, Banks County

**Administrative Coordinator**- Susan Roberts

**Media Coordinator** - Dia Ledee, City of Peachtree City

## **Board Members:**

Dr. Teaa Allston-Bing (Dr." TAB")

Tiffany Ball

Paul Dailey

Dwayne Pollock

Ryan Sarks

Kristy Shepard

Lorrie Waters

# The Oval



**Dr. Niki Graham “Dr. Nic”  
GLGPA President**

Welcome to our newsletter!

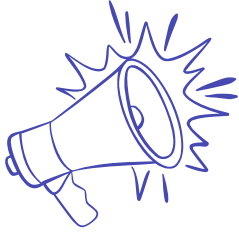
We are thrilled to reintroduce our newsletter, crafted with your enjoyment in mind. As the President, my goal is to ensure continuous communication between our conferences and nurture a strong sense of community within our association. In each issue, you will find a wealth of updates, highlights, and valuable information that embodies our shared commitment to excellence in local government. To ensure its ongoing success, we eagerly seek your contributions. We strive to use this newsletter as an additional platform to showcase your city/county accomplishments and personal achievements. I want to broadcast about the greatness we achieve as HR professionals for the entire state to read.

This newsletter is designed to extend beyond our association and should be shared with your respective municipalities to provide insights on trends, innovations, and recognitions.

We hope you find it both informative and enjoyable.

Thank you for your dedication and contributions to our association. Together, we will continue to achieve 50 more remarkable years.

Dr. Niki Graham “Dr. Nic”  
President/President Elect



## ELECTION TIME!

Are you passionate about making a difference? Do you have a desire to shape the direction of an organization? If so, we invite you to consider joining our board! The upcoming board election provides an exciting opportunity for members who are interested in playing a pivotal role in the governance and strategic decisions that drive the future of our organization.

Nomination forms are coming out soon, be on the lookout.



### OPEN FOR ELECTION

1. Board Member (25-27)
2. Board Member (25-27)
3. Board Member (25-27)
4. Board Member (25-27)
5. President Elect (25-27)
6. Secretary (25-27)

# Accomplishments



*Assistant Human Resources Director, Andrea Taylor, graduated from The University of Georgia's Certified Public Manager program*



*Human Resources director, Melissia Rusk completion of the ACCG core certification*



*GMA Wellness Grant of \$5000, and the Safety Grant of \$17,500.00  
Stacy Johnson Human Resources Generalist*



*Dr. Niki Graham (Dr. Nic)  
Received her Doctoral Degree*



*As Incentives the City of Jasper, chose to take on the increase and not give it to the employees this year. Another Key Accomplishment we started a full renovation of our GIRMA /WC program to make it easier for the individuals involved!*

# Accomplishments



- Marietta was selected as the Nation's #1 Digital City. It uses innovative technologies to enhance community services for residents and businesses.
- City of Marietta HR & Risk Department was awarded the GLGPA Large City Agency Award of Excellence.
- Keisha Register, Director of HR & Risk Management, was selected to participate in this year's Leadership Cobb, a premier leadership development program. The program is a 10-month journey focused on professional and personal growth. One part of the program is giving back to the community. Keisha and her teammates will compete against four other teams, at the 10th annual "Dancing with the Stars of Marietta" to raise money for Georgia Metropolitan Dance Theatre (GMDT) on February 8, 2025.
- Sherry Glover promoted to Benefits Manager
- Marietta Police Department is one of a handful of law enforcement agencies in Georgia that is fully staffed!



- Keisha's Dancing with the Stars team, "Three of a Kind," WON THE COMPETITION!! It was absolutely amazing. The event raised more than 57,000 for Georgia Metropolitan Dance Theatre.

# Accomplishments



City of Peachtree City secured the Georgia Municipal Association Liability Management Grant maximum amount \$20,000.00

City of Peachtree City  
Healthy Workforce Designation



Kiara Fannin



Dia Ledee



Nichole Baxley

City of Peachtree City Staff Received aPHR Certification

# Roundtable Recap

**Roundtable**  
**Cherokee County** ✓  
**March 6 2025**

**30 attendees!!!**

*Save the Date:*  
*May 8th 2025*  
*City of Newnan*

*If you would like to host a roundtable session in your area, please reach out to me directly at [kshepard@romega.us](mailto:kshepard@romega.us). As a host, you have the flexibility to choose between an in-person, virtual, or hybrid format—whatever works best for you and your community!*





# highlights



# 2024



# Conference



# New members

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY/ORGANIZATION</b>
<b>Cometrism Cunningham</b>	<b>City of Americus</b>
<b>Timothy Jarrell</b>	<b>Habersham County Sheriff Office</b>
<b>Candice Fields</b>	<b>City of Mableton</b>
<b>Barbara Adams</b>	<b>Jackson County Board of Commissioners</b>
<b>Shenetta Byars</b>	<b>City of Decatur</b>
<b>DaRale Walton</b>	<b>City of Valdosta</b>
<b>Kayla Mathis</b>	<b>City of Valdosta</b>
<b>Chaddrick Parrish</b>	<b>Burke County Board of Commissioners</b>
<b>Kasey Wells</b>	<b>Three Rivers Regional Library System</b>
<b>Savannah Jordan</b>	<b>Bartow County Government</b>
<b>Amanda King</b>	<b>City of Lawrenceville</b>
<b>Becky Cantrell</b>	<b>City of Lawrenceville</b>
<b>Sarah Munz</b>	<b>City of Suwanee</b>
<b>Trudy Cobb</b>	<b>Jackson County Board of Commissioners - 911</b>
<b>Justin Day</b>	<b>City of Douglasville</b>
<b>Melanie Crew</b>	<b>Cobb County Government</b>
<b>Sharnia Buckhanon</b>	<b>City of Douglasville</b>
<b>Lakeya Payton</b>	<b>City of Forest Park</b>
<b>Angelica Ball</b>	<b>City of Marietta</b>
<b>Chinesia Thompson</b>	<b>Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County</b>
<b>Kimberly Aldrich</b>	<b>Bulloch County Board of Commissioners</b>

# New Members

<b>Myrlene Thomas</b>	<b>City of Stonecrest</b>
<b>Sadie Arnold</b>	<b>Meriwether County Board of Commissioners</b>
<b>Beverly Mathis</b>	<b>City of Americus</b>
<b>Kristen Elliott</b>	<b>City of Riverdale</b>
<b>Carol Cummings-Fambrough</b>	<b>Rockdale County Government</b>
<b>Danielle Drummond</b>	<b>Rockdale County Government</b>
<b>Petra Robinson</b>	<b>Rockdale County Government</b>
<b>Leona H. Holley</b>	<b>City of Harlem</b>
<b>Bryan Mullins</b>	<b>City of Rome</b>
<b>Sylvie Callier-Moses</b>	<b>City of South Fulton</b>
<b>Ariel Sanders</b>	<b>City of South Fulton</b>
<b>Bobbi Ervin</b>	<b>Walton County Board of Commissioners</b>
<b>Lacie Jones</b>	<b>Walton County Board of Commissioners</b>
<b>Camia Malcom</b>	<b>Walton County Board of Commissioners</b>
<b>Erin Hurt</b>	<b>Crisp County Power Commission</b>
<b>Courtney Eubanks</b>	<b>City of Carrollton</b>
<b>Yolanda Clayton</b>	<b>City of Warwick</b>
<b>Fiona Roberts</b>	<b>McDuffie County Commissioners</b>
<b>Lena Mercer</b>	<b>Colquitt County Board Of Commissioners</b>
<b>Melissa Lawson</b>	<b>Colquitt County Board Of Commissioners</b>
<b>Ursula R. Phillips</b>	<b>Chatham County Government</b>
<b>Amber Seemar</b>	<b>Hall County Government</b>
<b>Stephen Conatser</b>	<b>Hall County Government</b>
<b>Gibril Jow</b>	<b>City of Acworth</b>
<b>Mike Brown</b>	<b>City of Varnell</b>
<b>Kathy Candler</b>	<b>Effingham County Board of Commissioners</b>
<b>Jennifer Smith</b>	<b>City of Springfield</b>
<b>Karen Sessoms</b>	<b>Augusta-Richmond County Commission</b>

# New Members

<b>DeJon White</b>	<b>Augusta-Richmond County Commission</b>
<b>Arianna Young</b>	<b>Augusta-Richmond County Commission</b>
<b>Nicole Mithcell</b>	<b>City of Atlanta - Department of City Planning    Office of the Commissioner</b>
<b>Marian Office</b>	<b>Turner County Board of Commissioners</b>
<b>Renaë Briscoe</b>	<b>Hall County Government - Court Administration</b>
<b>Rosalind Tucker</b>	<b>Atlanta Regional Commission</b>
<b>Karen Sizemore</b>	<b>Dawson County Board of Commissioners</b>
<b>Celeste Stephens</b>	<b>Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority</b>
<b>Volorie Barnes</b>	<b>City of Albany</b>
<b>Annesia Crew</b>	<b>Athens-Clarke County Unified Government</b>
<b>Christine Helton</b>	<b>Bryan County Board of Commissioners</b>
<b>Jenny Burdeshaw</b>	<b>City of Perry</b>

**62 NEW MEMBERS!!**

# 2025 Spring Conference

**Spring Conference June 10-13, 2025 – Lake Lanier, Georgia**

Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands

7000 Lanier Islands Parkway

Buford, GA 30518



# 2025 Fall Conference

**Fall Conference November 4-7, 2025, Peachtree City, Georgia**

Crowne Plaza Atlanta SW - Peachtree City

201 Aberdeen Pkwy

Peachtree City, GA 30269



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