

IGFOA BASIC GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING

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Brian D. LeFevre, CPA, MBA, Partner, Sikich LLP Brian D. LeFevre, CPA, MBA, is responsible for providing technical services to Sikich's governmental clients in all areas of governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, budget development, revenue and expenditure forecasting, and cash and debt management. Brian has participated in hundreds of audits of municipalities and other governmental units since he began his career with Sikich in 1993. He has also been responsible in developing and serving as lead instructor for governmental accounting, auditing and financial reporting training courses internally for the firm and for the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA). Brian serves on the GAAP sub-committee of the Government Report Review Committee of the Illinois CPA Society.

Brian's service areas include Governmental Audit, Accounting, Governmental Financial Reporting, and Police and Fire Pension Accounting Services. Brian received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, from Valparaiso University and a Master of Business Administration from Northern Illinois University.

Rachel Musiala, CPA, Finance Director, Village of Hoffman Estates

Rachel has been with the Village of Hoffman Estates for over twenty-five years. She started with the Village as the Accountant in 1995 and moved on to Fiscal Operations Manager, Assistant Director, and then onto Director of Finance, the position she currently holds. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy from Northern Illinois University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Rachel has been a part of the Budget Review Panel for the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program for many years and has completed the GFOA Advanced Government Finance Institute. Rachel has been involved with the Illinois GFOA Technical Accounting Review Committee and the Professional Education Committee (PEC), and she is currently the chairperson for PEC. Rachel is also a Certified Pension Fund Trustee.

Molly Talkington, MPA, Finance Director, City of Rolling Meadows

Molly Talkington is currently the Finance Director for the City of Rolling Meadows, serving in that role since May 2022 and bringing 20 years of experience to the City. Prior to joining the City, she was the Finance Principal/Comptroller for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, an agency that focuses on regional transportation planning. She has held positions throughout the State, such as the Finance Director for the Village of East Dundee and the City of DeKalb, the Budget Officer for the City of Champaign, and the Budget Analyst in the City of Naperville.

Molly has a Master in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Science in History from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She served as the Downstate Chapter President for the Illinois Government Finance Officers' Association (IGFOA). As a member of IGFOA and the Government Finance Officers' Association, she leads and moderates training sessions for other government professionals and continues to volunteer in other capacities for both organizations. As a resident of Pingree Grove, Molly brings her pension knowledge to the Police Pension Board as an appointed Trustee.