

**Illinois Government Finance Professionals' Budget Seminar
2025 SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS**

Day One: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration and Coffee	
8:30 – 8:50 AM	Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker introductions • Comments about experience with budgeting • Go around the room and have everyone quickly introduce themselves & say where they are from 	Julie Zolghadr – City of Springfield (lead) Molly Talkington – City of Rolling Meadows
8:50 – 10:00 AM	Budget Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget timeline • Filing Requirements • Legal Framework • Tax Revenue Estimates • Basis of Accounting • Availability to the Public • Budget Amendments 	Molly Talkington – City of Rolling Meadows (lead) Julie Zolghadr – City of Springfield
10:00 – 10:10 AM	Networking Break	
10:10 – 10:40 AM	MythBusters - whole group	Julie Zolghadr – City of Springfield
10:40 – 10:55 AM	Networking Break	
10:55 – 12:15 PM	Budget Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games played • Underlying features of the games • Countermeasures 	Shayne Kavanagh – GFOA
12:15 – 12:55 PM	Networking Luncheon	
12:55 – 1:45 PM	Breaking the Law of Triviality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does this occur • What can we do to stop it 	Shayne Kavanagh - GFOA
1:45 – 2:00 OM	Networking Break	
2:00 – 2:50 PM	Capital Projects & Department Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a capital plan & working with Public Works to improve output 	Molly Talkington – City of Rolling Meadows Aaron Grosskopf – City of Rolling Meadows
2:50 – 3:55 PM	A Primer on Salary & Benefit Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking labor – the largest cost center • How to prove the need for personnel through data 	Julie Zolghadr – City of Springfield
3:55 – 4:00 PM	Closing	Molly Talkington – City of Rolling Meadows