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FAF Trustees Announce the Appointments of Alan Skelton as GASB Chair and Kevin W. Smith as GASB Vice Chair.

Norwalk, CT, November 17, 2026—The Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) Board of Trustees today announced the appointments of Alan Skelton and Kevin W. Smith as the next chair and vice chair of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), respectively.

Mr. Skelton currently serves as director of research and technical activities at the GASB. His seven-year term as chair begins on July 1, 2027, and concludes on June 30, 2034. He will succeed Joel M. Black, whose term as GASB chair concludes on June 30, 2027. We thank Chair Black for his tireless service to the GASB.

Since joining the GASB in 2021, Mr. Skelton has supported the Board's technical agenda, serving as principal advisor to the chair and Board and providing direction on due process, stakeholder engagement, and technology initiatives. Previously, he served as state accounting officer for the state of Georgia, where he oversaw statewide financial reporting, accounting policy, and enterprise financial systems serving more than 100 agencies. Mr. Skelton also served as vice chair of the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC) and president of the National Association of State Controllers (NASC).

"Alan brings seasoned experience in state government financial reporting and GASB standard setting to this role," said FAF Chair Dalia Blass. "His work in Georgia and at the GASB gives him firsthand knowledge of how standards are developed and applied. We are pleased to welcome him as chair and look forward to the GASB's continued work on behalf of users of state and local government financial reports and all GASB stakeholders."

Mr. Smith's five-year term as vice chair begins on July 1, 2027, and concludes on June 30, 2032. He will be eligible for reappointment to a second five-year term. He will fill the Board seat vacated by Kristopher E. Knight, whose second and final term on the GASB concludes on June 30, 2027. We thank Mr. Knight for his tireless service to the GASB.

A partner in Crowe LLP's Public Sector Services practice, Mr. Smith previously led the firm's public-sector audit practice and firmwide public-sector industry group. His experience includes audit and advisory work for governmental entities and public retirement systems of varying sizes and complexities. Mr. Smith served on the GASAC as the representative appointed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and served two terms on the AICPA State and Local Government Expert Panel. He currently serves on the GASB Revenue and Expense Recognition Task Force.

"Kevin's career has centered on working with state and local governments to apply governmental accounting standards," said Blass. "His experience spans small school districts and cities as well as large public retirement systems and infrastructure entities. We look forward to the practical perspective he will bring to the Board's work as vice chair."

"I congratulate Alan and Kevin on their appointments as the GASB's next chair and vice chair," said

GASB Chair Black. “They both have distinguished public sector careers serving different types of governments and have already contributed significantly to the GASB’s standard-setting process. I look forward to supporting a smooth transition as they prepare to lead the Board.”

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