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# Annual Conference Agenda



Shaping the Future: Trends and Insights for Tomorrow



Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate  
June 22 - June 25, 2025



# Monday, June 23, 2025

7:15 - 3:00 PM - Registration - Rotunda

7:00 - 8:00 AM - Breakfast - National Ballroom

Check-in

International Ballroom

8:00 - 9:30 AM

## Opening Ceremonies

State of the FPPTA  
Board of Directors Election  
Raymond T. Edmondson Service Awards  
RTE Scholarship Awards  
CPPT Awards  
TLC Awards

9:30 - 9:45 AM



## Shaping the Future - Trends and Insights for Tomorrow

**Sean McKinstry**

*FPPTA Director of Education*

9:45 - 10:45 AM



## The Power of Being Perfectly you

**Mariana Antencio**

*Peabody Award Winning Journalist, Best Selling Author,  
Entrepreneur, Inspiring Story Teller and Host Moderator*

It's a fact: People are at their best – at work and in life – when they feel like they can be themselves. They're more confident in the face of change and uncertainty, more engaged and resilient, and have a greater sense of purpose and well-being. But fear can sometimes keep us from being real. In this presentation, Mariana Antencio brings her energy, humor, and skillful storytelling to inspire people to embrace their authenticity and unleash the power that comes with being themselves. Being "Perfectly You" builds trust and connection – it attracts people like a magnet because authenticity stands out in a world of algorithms and A.I. content. Mariana's unique personal story and infectious optimism energizes people with the courage to fully engage, adapt to constant change, and reach new levels of fulfillment at work and in life.

10:45 - 11:45 AM

**Morning Break - Exhibit Hall - National Ballroom**



# Monday Afternoon, June 23, 2025

7:00 - 3:00 PM - Registration - Rotunda

## Utilizing the Public Pension Formula - Trustee Leadership Panel

**Mariana Antencio** - Moderator

**Matt Harrelson** - Vero Beach Police

**Phyllis Shaw** - Hollywood General Employees

**Ernie Ramos** - North Miami General Employees

**Paul O'Connell** - Pompano Beach Fire & Police

11:45 - 12:45 PM

This presentation breaks down a simple formula that shows how money comes into a pension plan—through things like contributions and investments—and how it goes out to pay retirees and cover costs. It helps explain why it's important to keep the money coming in equal to the money going out to keep the plan running smoothly.



12:45 - 2:15 PM

**Lunch - On Your Own**

International Ballroom

2:15 - 3:15 PM



## Futurenomics: The Economic Snapshot You Need to See Today

**Dr. Mary Kelly**

*Renowned Economist & Leadership Expert*

3:15 - 4:15 PM

## Global Economy Update

**Dr. Mary Kelly** - Moderator

**Jeff Klingelhofer**, Aristotle Capital

**Jordan Jackson**, JP Morgan Asset Management

*More TBA*

Heightened economic uncertainty driven by global escalating trade tensions will impact everything from the cost of everyday consumer goods to market performance. This panel will investigate the rapidly changing landscape and what a reimagined global economy could look like and what it means for pension plans.



4:15 PM

**Afternoon Break & Daily Raffle** - Exhibit Hall  
National Ballroom



# Tuesday, June 24, 2025

7:00 - 3:00 PM - Registration - Rotunda  
7:15 - 8:15 AM - Breakfast - National Ballroom

Check-in

International Ballroom

8:15 - 8:30 AM



## Opening Announcements from FPPTA

**David West**

*FPPTA Director of Curriculum*

8:30 - 9:30 AM



## Market Signals: What the Financial Markets Are Telling Us Now

**Peter Ricchiuti**

*Tulane University Business School Professor  
CNN, CNBC, NYT & Barron's Contributor*

9:30 - 10:30 AM

## Market Outlook Opportunities

**Peter Ricchiuti** - Moderator

**Geoff Gerber**, *Twin Capital Management*

**Marc Miller**, *DRZ Investment Advisors*

**Paul Nasser**, *Intercontinental Real Estate*

Driven by the changing economic landscape, pension funds will need to pivot to hedge volatility and risk while maintaining a steadfast strategy towards long-term solvency. This panel will discuss where opportunities exist in the markets to protect and grow investment returns for your fund.



10:30 - 11:30 AM

**Morning Break** - Exhibit Hall

National Ballroom

11:30 - 12:30 PM

## Short Term Market Volatility & Public Pension Plans

**Joe Griffin**, *FPPTA Education Committee - Moderator*

**Alex Brown**, *NASRA Research Manager*

**Sara Carlson**, *Foster & Foster Consulting Actuaries*

**Steve Roth**, *Dahab Associates*





## Tuesday Afternoon, June 24, 2025

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12:30 - 2:00 PM

**Lunch - On Your Own**

International Ballroom

2:00 - 2:15 PM

### Rest & Digest with Yin Yoga

**Sherril Cheevers** - *Saxena White*

**Meagan Johnson** - *ABS Global Investments*



2:15 - 2:30 PM



### Introducing the FPPTA Bot

**Don Trone**

*FPPTA Education Consultant*

The FPPTA continues to develop resources and technologies to assist trustees in their role as stewards of their fund. The FPPTA Chat Bot will provide trustees a tool to give real time answers to your pension-related questions anywhere, any time. FPPTA Education Consultant, Don Trone, will provide an overview and demonstration of the new FPPTA Chat Bot set for launch in 2026.

2:30 - 3:15 PM



### Exploring the AI Frontier

#### Demystifying a Rapidly Changing Landscape

**Matthew Bertram**

*CTO, Entrepreneur, Consultant*

In a thought-provoking and inspiring presentation, Matthew shares a framework to comprehend the AI transformation and its formidable impact on every industry. He provides many real-world examples of AI in business, including what it can make, what it can do, and how it is affecting both back office and field operations. You will gain inspiration with ideas on how to pilot your organization through a world that is evolving at unprecedented speeds.

3:15 - 4:15 PM

**FPPTA Annual Membership Meeting**

4:15 PM

**Afternoon Break & Daily Raffle** - Exhibit Hall  
National Ballroom



# Wednesday, June 25, 2025

7:45 - 8:45 AM - Breakfast - National Ballroom

International Ballroom

8:45 - 9:00 AM



## Opening Comments

**Kim Prior**, CEO

9:00 - 10:00 AM



## Beyond Coping: How to Foster Resilience, Connection, and Happiness in the Workplace

**Johnny Crowder**

*Creator and Founder of COPE NOTES*

Crippling burnout. Chronic absenteeism. Rampant resignations. The multi-headed monster of compassion fatigue, longer working days, and employee isolation are damming up the rivers of productivity at thousands of companies. Employers are concerned—and rightfully so.

Leveraging insights from his own lifelong mental health journey, Johnny Crowder shows audiences why talking about mental health should be as straightforward as talking about physical health, even in the workplace. In plain English, he shares the hard-won strategies for emotional wellbeing that led to the creation of his science-backed breakthrough mental and emotional support program, Cope Notes, which is now in use in nearly 100 countries around the world.