



2026 Pension Board Membership Brochure

Florida Public Pension Trustees Association



About

- The FPPTA was founded in 1984 as a not-for-profit association whose primary goal is to educate public pension trustees and to advocate for retirement security.
- FPPTA is the primary educator for public pension trustees in the state of Florida where there are more than 485 municipal pension plans. These local government plans provide pension benefits to more than 175,000 members. Of this number, about 106,000 are active employees and 69,000 are retirees or beneficiaries.
- We also have lent assistance to many other states and municipalities in the development of their own training and education programs.
- We conduct two Trustee Schools each year where we provide education in eight or more concurrent sessions at varying levels of expertise for qualified candidates.
- Our Certified Public Pension Trustee (CPPT) program enrolls candidates at each of the two annual Trustee Schools. Continuing education credits (CEUs) required to maintain certification are available at all schools and conferences.
- The Trustee Leadership Council is an advanced, year-long certification program for experienced trustees who hold the CPPT designation. It builds on all FPPTA educational offerings, allowing participants to apply their knowledge through in-depth case studies of pension plans. The course emphasizes critical thinking, collaboration, and consensus building, challenging traditional approaches to plan design and funding. It's a rigorous, hands-on experience that blends conceptual learning with practical application.
- There are now over 2,500 members who have earned the CPPT designation. We have 290 public pension boards and 175 Associate firms as FPPTA members.

Who Can Join

- Any public entity which has a pension board may join. Municipal boards, individual trustees, pension plan administrators, or other public appointees to the pension plan may be FPPTA members.
- Organizations that promote and protect the rights and benefits of public employees who are members of such retirement systems may also join.
- The FPPTA also welcomes professionals from the institutional investment services sector, who typically join as Associate Members.

Memberships

- **Active Membership:** Any public organization that is a legally constituted retirement pension, annuity and benefit system, or any protective association whose primary purpose is to promote the rights and benefits, present and future, of public employees.
- **Associate Membership:** Organizations and individuals interested in supporting the objectives of the FPPTA and who are in the business of providing services for public retirement systems, vendors, and suppliers.
- **Individual Membership:** Any individual, located either within or outside the boundaries of the State of Florida, who maintains an interest in the preservation and protection of Public Employee Pension Trust Funds and is not otherwise eligible for membership.

Individuals meeting such qualifications shall be admitted to membership upon the completion of an application and the payment of all membership dues. The intent of this class of membership is to allow interested individuals the opportunity to pursue the education or certifications offered by the FPPTA. Such membership shall have full right to vote.

Education Committee

Our Education Committee helps us to run our Trustee Schools and Continuing Education programs. The committee is led by a Chairperson and also includes the FPPTA Chief Executive Officer, FPPTA Board of Directors Chairperson, three Directors, five Associate Members, and five trustees along with four consultants and four volunteers.

The Education Committee is responsible for helping to prepare a well-rounded curriculum for the CPPT & TLC Programs. The Committee meets in March each year to set the agenda for the October and January Trustee schools, and it also convenes meetings at each Trustee School and Annual Conference.

Board of Directors

The FPPTA is operated by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership. The Board of Directors is comprised of pension board trustees and administrators who are members of the FPPTA. There are seven Board Members and three Directors Emeritus. They serve a three year term.

10 Reasons to Join

1 A highly respected statewide non-profit. The FPPTA was established in 1984. We are the largest non-profit educational organization for public pension trustees and administrators in Florida. Of the 485 municipal pension boards in the state, 290 of them are FPPTA members.

2 Florida's most rigorous certification program. The Certified Public Pension Trustee (CPPT) designation is among the most respected certifications in the country, emulated by other state and local pension plan organizations and endorsed by national industry leaders.

3 Conquer real-world challenges. You will learn about asset allocation, actuarial funding, working with service providers and investment options, ethics, fiduciary responsibility and meeting stringent legal and reporting requirements. You will become well equipped to be an exceptional steward.

4 Continuing Education. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are offered in abundance at every Trustee School and Annual Conference.

5 Access to Peer Network. FPPTA brings together hundreds of trustees and administrators from coast to coast twice yearly for Trustee Schools where attendance averages more than 600 registered participants. Relationship building and an open exchange of ideas are a hallmark of our membership.

6 Career Enhancement. Members are exposed to classroom work, case studies, workshops, panel discussions, and analysis of myriad hypothetical scenarios.

7 Access to National Retirement and Public Employee Advocates. The FPPTA holds membership in some of the most influential national organizations that advocate for public employees and secure retirement benefits. Among them are the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) and the National Institute on Retirement Security (NIRS).

8 Associate Membership. FPPTA membership includes regular interaction with the country's most prestigious institutional investor service providers. Our Associate Members represent a diverse cross section of accounting, legal, actuarial, tax, and financial investor and manager specialties.

9 Support services. FPPTA members have full access to FPPTA's newsletters and publications, archives, research, webinars, and select teaching materials on our website www.fppta.org.

10 Accountability. The FPPTA is committed to helping create sustainable, well-managed public pension plans that are fully transparent in their operations and accountable to taxpayers as well as to the public employees whose benefits are a public trust.

2026 Membership Dues

Active Membership – \$750 per year — pension boards

Individual Membership – \$750 per year

Associate Membership – \$2,100 per year — vendors and suppliers

Individual Associate Membership – \$2,100 per year

2026 Event Registration

Active (Pension Trustees and Administrators)

- Schools \$850 per person; on-site \$950
- Conference \$875 per person; on-site \$975

Associate (Service Providers)

- Schools \$1,050 per person; on-site \$1,150
- Conference \$1,150 per person; on-site \$1,250
 - Expo Booth at Annual Conference: \$1,600
 - (Registration not included)

Guest Fee – \$300.00

(Intended for spouse or significant other, not for additional colleagues)

2026 CPPT Registration

(Does not include event registration fee)

Registration Fee — \$1,200 per person (one time fee)

On-site Registration Fee — \$1,300 per person (one time fee)

2026 Trustee Leadership Council

(Does not include Trustee School event registration fee for levels 1 & 2)

Program Enrollment – \$1,200

Level 3 Event Registration Fee –TBA

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FPPTA's website and database is a great tool for our Pension Board and Associate Members. The website has all the tools necessary for our members to be the best fiduciaries to the plan. Check out the Tool Box on—

WWW.FPPTA.org