

Mission, Vision, and Core Values

Vision

Greater accountability and well-informed decision making through excellence in public-sector financial reporting.

Mission

To establish and improve standards of state and local governmental accounting and financial reporting that will:

- Result in useful information for users of financial reports, and
- Guide and educate the public, including issuers, auditors, and users of those financial reports.

The mission is accomplished through a comprehensive and independent process that encourages broad participation, objectively considers all stakeholder views, and is subject to oversight by the Financial Accounting Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Core Values

Independence: The autonomy to pursue the best answer for all constituents, free from undue influence or pressure.

Integrity: Honest, ethical, and forthright behavior in relationships with all constituents.

Objectivity: Impartial decisions informed by credible research and thorough deliberations, including due consideration of the views of constituents and the work of other standards setters.

Transparency: An open process that encourages and values public participation.

Members of the GASB

Board members are appointed by the Trustees of the FAF for a five-year term and may serve up to ten years. The chairman serves full time and the six other members serve on a part-time basis. The members of the GASB are required to have knowledge of governmental accounting and finance and a concern for the public interest in matters of accounting and financial reporting. (Expiration dates of Board members current terms are in parentheses below.)

Robert H. Attmore (2014) was appointed to serve as the chairman of the GASB effective July 1, 2004. Mr. Attmore began his second and final term as chairman on July 1, 2009, after being reappointed in October 2008. Prior to joining the GASB, Mr. Attmore headed his own consulting business. Previously, he worked for New York State for more than 23 years, including serving as deputy state comptroller and state auditor from 1986 until 2003. Mr. Attmore has served as president of the National State Auditors Association and as a member of the executive committee of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers. He is a Trustee of the Academy for Government Accountability and has served as a member of the U.S. Comptroller General's Advisory Council on Governmental Auditing Standards. He also served on the National Executive Board of the Association of Government Accountants. He is a graduate of Villanova University and is a CPA and a Certified Government Financial Manager.