

Board of Trustees 2011 – 2012



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Lena H. Ellis

As the City of Fort Worth's Director of Financial Management and Chief Financial Officer, Lena H. Ellis, CPA, is a standing appointee of the Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund. She joined the Board in 2009 and serves on the Investment and Audit Committees.



With more than 25 years experience in governmental accounting and finance, Lena has worked for the cities of San Antonio; Portland, Oregon; Phoenix, and Corpus Christi, as well as for D/FW International Airport. Her career highlights include experience in governmental accounting and financial reporting, financial and performance auditing, policy and procedure development, business and financial systems' implementation and strategic planning.

Lena earned a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Texas A&M University in Kingsville. She received her MBA in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix. In 2009, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) presented her with a national award, the 2009 Outstanding CPA in Government, Local Level.

Lena is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in Texas and Arizona and is an Executive Board member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and an ex-officio member of the Debt Committee. She previously participated on the Committee on Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting. Lena also served as a member of the AICPA Government Performance and Accountability Committee. She has professional affiliations with the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas (GFOAT), the National Forum of Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) and the Association of Government Accountants (AGA).

Lena has completed the Texas Public Employee Retirement System (TEXPERS) Certified Trustee Training Program and has earned the following:

- Certificate of Course Completion, Open Meetings Act
- Sixteen certified hours, Program for Advanced Trustee Studies, Harvard School of Law
- Ten certified hours, Public Funds Investment Act, University of North Texas Center for Public Management and the North Central Texas Council of Governments
- Twelve certified hours, GFOA Annual Conference, Government Finance Officers Association
- Eight certified hours, Update: Governmental Accounting, Reporting and Auditing, Texas Tech University

