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Fenice Taylor to join Commission as senior finance director



SEATTLE, Wash.—The Washington State Housing Finance Commission has named Fenice Taylor as its new senior finance director.

Taylor, who will join the Commission in early May, has extensive experience successfully facilitating bond programs and the financial side of affordable housing. She will replace longtime finance director Bob Cook, who retired in January 2022 after more than 20 years at the Commission.

“I’m elated to join WSHFC, one of the best and most respected housing finance agencies in the country,” said Taylor. “I look forward to working with a team of talented housing finance leaders and professionals at the Commission to increase housing access in the state of Washington.”

Currently the Director of Bond Finance at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Taylor directs the operations of bond finance and homeownership programs, including an annual bond issuance of \$250 million. She also maintains Georgia Housing and Finance Authority’s AAA single-family bond rating by S&P. Taylor has been with DCA since 1998.

Prior to working at DCA, Taylor was the office director of Housing Finance, where she directed both single-family production and multifamily housing financial programs, including the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, HOME, and Georgia Dream programs.

“I’m excited that Fenice will bring not only immense competence and years of experience to our team, but also new energy and fresh perspective,” said Steve Walker, executive director of the Commission. “We all look forward to working with her.”

An honors graduate from the University of Texas at Austin, Fenice is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society. She is a licensed certified public accountant in both Georgia and Texas and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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