

PMI TALLAHASSEE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Project
Management
Institute.
Tallahassee, Florida

July 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 3, 2026 @ 6pm

Chapter Meeting

Capital City Country Club

1601 Golf Terrace Drive, Tallahassee

Guest Speaker: Kelley Bolden Bailey

*Inaugural Dean of FAMU Online and
Continuing Education*

Monday, October 5, 2026 @ 6pm

Chapter Meeting

Capital City Country Club

1601 Golf Terrace Drive, Tallahassee

Guest Speaker: Rabieh Razzouk

*Director, Learning Systems Institute at FSU and
Director of Florida Center for Research in
Science, Technology, Engineering and
Mathematics*

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 @ 6pm

PMI Tallahassee Book Club

Northeast Library

Simplify: Do 50 Percent More with 50 Percent Less
by Jim VandeHei, Mike Allen, Roy Swartz

Register at www.pmitlh.org

On the HORIZON

A Message from Chapter President, Frank Pugh



Hello PMI Tallahassee Chapter Members and
Friends:

This year is shaping up to be a dynamic and exciting time to be a member of the Project Management Institute global family. PMI at large has fully rolled out the Project Management Body of Knowledge, 8th edition and as of this July, training partners are preparing prospective certification test takers for the content in this new edition. PMI is also putting all new emphasis on forming student clubs to facilitate new membership, and to recruit a new set of prospective professionals for our multiple certifications. We are also seeing the successful implementation of the new membership model in other parts of the world. This new model puts a premium on chapter membership and involvement and will roll out in the United States in 2027. (continued pg. 2)



President's Message (continued from pg. 1)

In addition to the excitement PMI has been sharing, your local chapter is keeping a brisk pace with roadmap and pop-up events. We have hosted multiple lunch and learns on the topics of wellness and communication. We have heard from the CTO of the Florida Technology Council, the CEO of Trulight Consulting, and an Airport Construction Project Manager at our Chapter meetings. All of these speakers provided insights relevant to and useful for the profession of project management.

Recently, we hosted a lunch and learn focusing on the new PMBOK edition (8). In this session, we learned from Authorized Training Partners from Strategic Optimization and Research (SOAR) and the Mathis Group. The discussion helped the attendees realize that PMBOK 8 refines project and balances principles, focus areas and performance domains. The new edition also made beneficial changes to the definition of a project! We encourage you to learn more about it. How about using the PMI Infinity to learn?

PMI's AI, known as Infinity, has the power to help you keep up with the changing landscape in project management. PMI Infinity is included in your membership and is available for you to use for this and other research topics. If you are fuzzy about some PM concept, prompt Infinity to address your learning needs on the topic at hand. Infinity will break down the concepts you need to understand better. It really works, and as several speakers have emphasized in past chapter meetings and events, it becomes your thinking and learning partner.

Regarding the PMI emphasis on student clubs, we have formed a task force comprised of board members, volunteers and local education professionals to bring the PMI model of student clubs to Tallahassee.

They work by providing sponsorship from the chapter, as well as the participating academic institutions. Clubs are self-organizing within this framework and will go through many of the same processes as the full chapter. For example, the clubs will elect their own officers, create and follow bylaws and policies and procedures. They will use our highly successful Volunteer Engagement Platform to recruit officers and volunteers. They will also conduct professional development activities and partner with the chapter on the same.

While these new volunteers are engaging this fall, we will be busy doing the same. You will see us reach out for volunteers and other forms of support for our top two causes this year, namely the Alzheimer's Walk and the GALF2 Diaper Drive. We will report on our progress in the October Chapter meeting. We also will be holding elections for key positions in our all-volunteer PMI Tallahassee board of directors. These positions include the areas of Professional Development, Membership, Volunteers, and Finance.

We have long emphasized that we use your survey feedback as a way of continually improving. We have gathered from your feedback that you want to see more hybrid events. We have the technology and know how to do this. We will gladly resume this practice for our October Chapter meeting and continue this practice for lunch and learns and book clubs. Hybrid is especially appropriate since our October meeting features our report to members and the kickoff of elections for chapter board positions.

We hope to see you at our multiple events that are coming up. We will be posting to our website and social media upcoming events. These events will include chapter meetings for August, October and December, as well as major professional development events in September and November.

Hope to see you there!



Open Board Positions Coming Soon

Election season is nearing. This year, PMI Tallahassee Chapter has four board positions up for election. These volunteer roles require a commitment of time and dedication to the profession of project management. The roles provide board governance for the chapter, event planning and execution, and most importantly service to chapter members. The only requirement for running is to be a member in good standing with PMI and the Tallahassee chapter. The roles that will soon be open for nomination are:

Vice President Finance

2-year term, January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028

Vice President Membership

2-year term, January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028

Vice President Professional Development

2-year term, January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028

Vice President Volunteers

2-year term, January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028

The nomination period is **August 3rd through September 16th**. Refer to [Board Position Descriptions](#) for details on each position, and look for additional information in your inbox from PMI Tallahassee soon on the nomination process!

2026 CHAPTER BOARD MEMBERS

Frank Pugh
Chapter President

Kent Whittington
First Vice President

Rick Owen
Vice President of Administration

Alana Giesecke
Vice President of Communication

Tamara Anderson
Vice President of Finance

Shameeka King
Vice President of Membership

Daniella Cross-Wilkins
Vice President of Professional Development

Rabih Chehayeb
Vice President of Programs

Brigette Boisvert
Vice President of Volunteers

Debbie Rivenburg
Board Liaison

David Davis
Webmaster

Raj Prahasht Maheswarapu
Chair, Technology Committee

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Summer UPDATE

Summer's Brisk Pace

This summer, PMI Tallahassee Chapter continues to bring the heat. In addition to the networking events and pop-up professional development, we are bringing another exciting guest speaker to our chapter meetings. This month we are excited to host **Dr. Kelley Bolden Bailey**, the inaugural Dean of FAMU Online and Continuing Education. Her topic centers on micro credentialing. Since PMI is a credential conferring organization, we are vitally interested in hearing about what microcredentialing is, and how it enables us to transform our organization and processes for the incoming generation of leaders.

Student Club Materializing

The Tallahassee Chapter of PMI and Tallahassee State College have started working together to lay the governance framework for a PMI Student Club here in Tallahassee. Both groups have named sponsors, and will use their enterprise process assets to provide the club with support. The club will set up their own organization, complete with officers, bylaws and access to PMI tools such as the volunteer engagement platform (or VEP).

The Book Club Votes

The votes are in from the Bring Your Own Book meeting of the PMITLH book club held at the NE Branch Library (and virtually) on July 23rd. **Atomic Habits**, by James Clear, received the most votes from the club members. As a result, the book club will feature **Atomic Habits** in an October meeting. Buy, borrow or check out **Atomic Habits** and give it a read soon so you can be a discussion leader in that meeting.

And don't forget, the November book club meeting will feature **Simplify: Do 50% More with 50% Less** from our friends at Axios, VandeHei, Schwartz and Allen. We have had Simplify on pre-order since early this year, and can hardly wait to read it and discuss it with the club.



The mission of the PMI Tallahassee Chapter is to create an engaging community built on supportive relationships that foster professional growth. Community. Culture. Knowledge Sharing.

VICE PRESIDENT OF VOLUNTEERS, BRIGETTE BOISVERT



We are pleased to highlight **Brigette Boisvert, Vice President of Volunteers for PMI Tallahassee Chapter!**

Brigette is a dedicated, results-driven project manager who brings clarity, momentum, and heart to every initiative she leads. In her current role at CareerSource Florida, she leads the Project Management Office, organizing workstreams, aligning stakeholders, and guiding teams with a steady, solutions-focused approach. Her work is grounded in a deep belief that structure creates space for creativity, collaboration, and meaningful results.

Alongside her professional career, Brigette brings her passion for project management, organization, and planning to a part-time travel advisor role. She loves helping individuals, families, and groups design trips that feel restorative, joyful, and intentional. Whether it's a wellness-focused getaway, a bucket-list adventure, or a simple escape to recharge, she sees travel as a powerful tool for personal growth, connection, and renewal.

Brigette's professional background began in Law Enforcement and has continued to span leadership, operations, organizational development, and community engagement. She has built systems, led teams, crafted onboarding experiences, and supported both public-sector and creative environments for 25 years. Across every chapter of her career, she has been the person who steps in, steadies the chaos, and builds a path forward.

Brigette's reason for being a project manager is simple: she loves working with teams, planning, organizing, and helping people succeed. She thrives in roles where she can bring order to complexity, translate vision into action, and empower others.

For her, project management is a way to continue serving.

Please feel free to reach out to Brigette regarding any volunteer issues at vpvol@pmith.org.





Volunteer & Membership Committee in ACTION

The Volunteer & Membership Committee has been hard at work supporting our chapter and creating meaningful opportunities for members to connect, engage, and grow.

Recently, the committee assisted with updating the New Member Presentation to ensure new and prospective members receive a welcoming introduction to the PMI Tallahassee Chapter and the many benefits of membership. The refreshed presentation is designed to help members quickly become engaged and make the most of their chapter experience.

The committee also played an active role in the chapter's Power Networking Event held on June 25th, assisting with event setup, facilitating roundtable discussions throughout the evening, and helping with room breakdown. The event was a tremendous success, with an outstanding turnout and enthusiastic participation. Members shared positive feedback, noting they appreciated the opportunity to build new professional connections in a structured, engaging environment. Many attendees expressed interest in participating in future networking events, reinforcing the value of these opportunities for our chapter.

In addition to supporting chapter events, the committee continues to explore new ways to increase member engagement. One exciting idea currently under development is a Member Anniversary Recognition program. This initiative would celebrate long-term chapter members by recognizing their membership anniversaries on the chapter website, along with a brief "nugget of wisdom" or professional insight. The rotating feature would not only recognize our dedicated members but also provide inspiration and valuable advice to others within the chapter.

Looking ahead, the committee is also working through the logistics of hosting a Social Hour. This informal gathering will provide another opportunity for members to network, strengthen professional relationships, and simply enjoy connecting with fellow project management professionals.

The Volunteer & Membership Committee is excited about these initiatives and looks forward to continuing to build an engaging, welcoming, and connected chapter community. We encourage all members to join us at an upcoming event and discover the many ways to get involved!

For volunteer info, please contact vpvol@pmitlh.org.



PLAN:

Help Shape the Future of Our Chapter Meetings!

The PMI Tallahassee Chapter is looking for volunteers to support the planning and delivery of our chapter programs and meetings.

As we explore new meeting formats, locations, topics, and interactive activities, we are seeking members who can contribute ideas and help with planning, coordination, and execution.

This is a great opportunity to get involved, connect with other members, and help create more engaging and valuable experiences for our chapter community.

A formal volunteer opportunity has been posted on the PMI Volunteer Engagement Platform. Members interested in participating are encouraged to review the posting and submit an application.



THANK YOU
to our
newest volunteer

Social Media
Content Creator
David Smart