

Heather Johnston currently serves as the City Manager of the City of Burnsville, Minnesota, a position she has held since April 2013. The City Manager is responsible for the implementation of the Council's policies and management of city services. Prior to becoming City Manager, she served as Director of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer for the City of Burnsville. In this capacity, she had responsibility for Communications, City Clerk, Information Technology, Community Services and Finance. Ms. Johnston served as the Director of Management and Budget for the City of Minneapolis for over seven years. Ms. Johnston has experience in government and non-profit sectors, including at Minnesota Management & Budget and the federal Office of Management and Budget.

Ms. Johnston is a graduate of Augsburg College in Minneapolis with a bachelor's degree in political science and communication, and she received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from The George Washington University in Washington, DC. Currently President-Elect of Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA), Ms. Johnston served on the Executive Board of the GFOA and served as Chair of the GFOA's Committee on Governmental Budgeting and Fiscal Policy. She has conducted training on a variety of budget topics, including engaging residents in the budget process, outsourcing technology and making performance measurement meaningful.