

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
BOARD MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 12:00 pm
Town of Palm Beach Mandel Recreation Center**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

President Kim Glas-Castro called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Secretary/Treasurer Leondrae Camel called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present in-person were: Kimberly Glas-Castro, Lawrence Gordon, Ilan Kaufer, Leondrae Camel, Julia Botel, Patti Waller, Shirley Johnson (*arrived 12:18pm*), Regina Bohlen, Lori LaVerriere, Peter Noble, Chelsea Reed, Peggy Gossett-Seidman(*arrived 12:28pm*), and Robert Gottlieb

Absent were: Michael Brown, Christina Lambert, Monica Mayotte

Past Presidents Present: Jeff Hmara, Anne Gerwig, and Robert M.W. Shalhoub

Host Welcome – Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon of the Town of Haverhill introduced himself and welcomed the board membership to the Town of Haverhill.

2. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to Agenda

None

3. President's Welcome

League President, Kim Glas-Castro

League President Kim Glas-Castro thanked everyone for attending and provided membership with an overview of the recent FLC Policy Committee meetings including information about the FMIT. Next, she goes over the FLC's new Grant Assistance Programs that the PBC League made available via the weekly update. Then, she mentioned that at the General Membership next week the FLC Home Rule Hero Awards will be presented (virtually). Finally, she encouraged membership to meet with their state representatives and/or legislators to have their municipality's issues heard.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting April 21, 2021 Minutes

b. Approval of the April and May 2021 Financial Reports

c. Re-appointment of Mayor Dan Comerford of Jupiter Inlet Colony to the PBC Regional Hazardous Materials Oversight Committee

d. Appointment of Commissioner Herman Robinson of Lake Worth Beach to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Alternate Seat

A motion and a second was made to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Approval of League Committee Chairs and Members

President, Kim Glas-Castro

President Kim Glas-Castro notified membership that the presented list of committees and their chairs for approval.

- Legislative Committee, 1st VP Lawrence Gordon, Haverhill
- Policy & Procedures Committee, 2nd VP Ilan Kaufer, Jupiter
- Finance Committee, Secretary/Treasurer Leondrae Camel, South Bay
- Programs Committee, President Kim Glas-Castro, Lake Park
- Scholarship Committee, 1st VP Lawrence Gordon, Haverhill
- Environmental Committee, Councilmember Patti Waller, Palm Springs
- Transportation Committee, Secretary/Treasurer Leondrae Camel, South Bay
- Education Committee, Commissioner Christina Lambert, West Palm Beach
- Fire Service Committee (Ad Hoc), Manager Ray Liggins, Royal Palm Beach
- Inspector General (IG) Budget Delegation, Manager Ray Liggins, Royal Palm Beach
- It's The Economy Task Force (ITE), Councilmember Patti Waller, Palm Springs
- Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee, Ken Scheneck, Former Municipal Manager
- Technology Committee (Ad Hoc), Secretary/Treasurer Leondrae Camel, South Bay

A motion and a second was made to approve the League Committee Chairs and Members. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Recommendation to the FLC Board of Directors

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe

President Kim Glas-Castro briefly reminded membership that as the League President she automatically has a seat and there 2 more seats available for the FLC Board of Directors. She goes onto recommend 1st Vice President Lawrence Gordon and immediate Past President Jeff Hmara then she asked if membership had any other recommendations. Nomination for Mayor Steven B. Grant, of Boynton Beach came from the floor.

A motion and a second was made to appoint 1st Vice President Lawrence Gordon. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion and a second was made to appoint Immediate Past President Jeff Hmara. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Board of Directors Orientation

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe

League Attorney Keith Davis, Esq.

Executive Director reminded membership that we have three new board members and provided a brief overview of the board's orientation process. Next, he highlighted the issues/challenges the PBC League board members may face as well as the goal on maintaining neutrality in representing all 39 municipalities. Then, he went onto to mention the League's legal success as well as the overall calendar. Finally, he covered the municipal & FLC dues.

League Attorney Keith Davis covered the League's Articles of Incorporation & By laws, which structures the League. Next, he covered what & how the Associate membership works. The Associate/business members work along with the municipalities and in order to gain League membership an elected official must refer them. Then, he went onto mention when the League's meetings occur which are on the 4th Wednesday monthly, and in May, annually there is an installation for the new board members. Finally, he covered the details of the weighted vote process and when it occurs, although it's rare. He mentioned that the League does not have term

limits per se but currently runs on a 1-year term system. In addition, he highlighted the appointments to County/ State/ Regional boards or committees.

A brief Q & A session took place.

6. Special Presentation(s)

None

7. Committee Report(s)

a. FLC Policy Committees

1. Finance, Taxation & Personnel

Mayor Paul Shalhoub, Town of Lake Clarke Shores

Mayor Shalhoub provided membership with a recap of this committee's last meeting which included the recently passed Senate Bill #50. Also the ongoing discussion of broadband access to rural communities.

2. Land Use & Economic Development

Council Chair Julia Botel, City of Riviera Beach

Council Chair Julia Botel notified membership that the 2021-2022 FLC Legislative Policy Process document included thorough details surrounding issues such as impact fees, sales tax, growth management, etc. Her committee's current primary priority is on annexation.

3. Municipal Administration

President, Kim Glas-Castro, Town of Lake Park

President Kim Glas-Castro, Chair of this committee, reminded membership of her committee's issues focused issues such as short-term rentals & cyber security, which moved up on their priority list. The committee also spoke about smoke-free zones in municipal parks and had a discussion on virtual meetings during a state of emergency.

4. Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

Councilman Jeff Hmara, Village of Royal Palm Beach

Councilman Jeff Hmara, Vice Chair of this committee, highlighted his committee's discussion on the housing trust fund & transportation funding, etc. This year they spoke more about electric vehicle and the EV evolution. One of the discussions were for municipalities to convert their current vehicles to electric.

5. Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works

Vice Mayor, Ilan Kaufer, Town of Jupiter

Vice Mayor Ilan Kaufer provided membership with a quick update there is a lot of resources already going into water quality & resources. In terms of the legislative session and looking forward to the next session the focuses for this committee would be on tree removals, PFAST groundwater contamination issue, water quality and electric vehicles (focusing on the utilities aspect).

8. Executive Director Evaluation Process

Immediate Past President Jeff Hmara, Village of Royal Palm Beach

Immediate Past President Jeff Hmara briefly described the process to membership on how the Executive Director Evaluation works. He went onto mention that he will email all the current board members (except the 3 new board members) to fill out the evaluation form. The evaluation process is a recommendation to the Executive board including the Executive Director's successes, areas of improvement needed, etc. over the last year.

9. Legal Report

League Attorney Amity Barnard, Esq.

League Attorney Amity Barnard provided membership with the case Carollo v. Platinum Advisors, LLC regarding ethics for elected officials; legislative immunity.

10. **Executive Director's Report**..... Information
Executive Director, Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe mentioned that the County of Commission on Ethics met recently and voted 7-0. He went over the next FLC Policy Committee meeting on July 16. We notified the membership that we return to in-person meetings on August 25 in Royal Palm Beach at their Cultural Center.

11. **Member Comments**

Mayor Anne Gerwig – Comments that the reason the state is getting federal funding is due the NLC's Clarence Anthony who fought for it. He urged all members to get involved on the NLC.

12. Meeting Announcements: (Mark you Calendars)

- a. General Membership Meeting, Conference Call.....Noon, June 23rd
- b. Board of Directors Meeting, Town of Mangonia Park.....None, July 21st

13. **Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.**