

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
BOARD MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 12:00 pm
Town of Mangonia Park Town Hall**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

President Kim Glas-Castro called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

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

Board members present in-person were: Kimberly Glas-Castro, Lawrence Gordon, Leondrae Camel, Julia Botel, Patti Waller, Michael Brown, Shirley Johnson, Regina Bohlen, Lori LaVerriere, Chelsea Reed, Peggy Gossett-Seidman, Christina Lambert,

Absent were: Ilan Kaufer, Monica Mayotte, Peter Noble and Robert Gottlieb

Past Presidents Present: Jeff Hmara, Anne Gerwig, and Steve B. Wilson

Host Welcome –Mayor William H. Albury, III of the Town of Mangonia Park introduced himself and welcomed the board membership to the Town of Mangonia Park.

2. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to Agenda

Addition 8b: Committee Report FLC Policy Committees

3. President's Welcome

League President, Kim Glas-Castro

League President Kim Glas-Castro thanked everyone for attending the board meeting and went onto the meeting's business.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting June 16, 2021 Minutes

b. Approval of the June 2021 Financial Reports

c. Re-appointment of Councilman Mark Mullinix of Village of North Palm Beach to the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Funding Request Selection Committee

d. Re-appointment of PBC Water Resources Task Force Members:

Vice Mayor Chip Block, Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony

Councilmember Monica Mayotte, City of Boca Raton

Mayor Jason Haselkorn, Town of Juno Beach

e. Appointment of Mayor Robert Hagerty of the Town of Lantana to the PBC Water Resources Task Force regular seat

f. Appointment of Councilmember Karen Lythgoe of the Town of Lantana to the School District Advisory Boundary Committee

g. Appointment of Mayor Scott Singer of the City of Boca Raton to the School District Independent Referendum Oversight Committee

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Approval of FY 2021- 2022 Budget & Municipal and Associate Dues Structure

Finance Committee Chair Leondrae Camel

Finance Committee Chair Leondrae Camel provided membership with a recap of the Finance Committee's last meeting that resulted in no increases of the budget, municipal and associate dues structure. Also, he mentioned there was a brief discussion amongst the committee about ideas for increasing the award amount for the annual William A. Cruickshank Scholarship.

A motion and a second was made to approve the FY 2021-2022 Budget & Municipal and Associate Dues Structure. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Special Presentation(s)

None

7. Past President Report

Executive Director Performance Evaluation and Recommendation on Contract

Immediate Past President Jeff Hmara

Immediate Past President Jeff Hmara provided membership the results of the Executive Director's evaluation and recommendation on contract. One of the tasks that stood out was his performance with the Emergency Operations Center's conference calls regarding COVID-19 within the last year. In addition, his accessibility where he was always available to assist with questions or concerns.

A motion and a second was made to approve the Executive Director's Performance Evaluation and Recommendation on Contract. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. FLC Policy Committees

a. PBC LOC Building Officials Technical Subcommittee

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Executive Director Richard Radcliffe provided background on how the subcommittee started. President Glas-Castro recapped on the committee's most recent meeting regarding creating an inspection program for all the cities in Palm Beach County. The results from that meeting would be brought to the overall committee on Friday July 23rd.

A brief Q & A session ensued.

b. FLC Policy Committees

1. Finance, Taxation & Personnel

Mayor Paul Shalhoub, Town of Lake Clarke Shores

Mayor Paul Shalhoub provided a recap of his committee's policy position which was they were in support of the Communication Service Tax and Local Business Tax. The FLC's draft priority statement is as follows: "The FLC supports reforming the Communications Service Tax in a manner that is revenue neutral; provides for a broad and equitable tax base; provides for enhanced stability and reliability as an important revenue source for local government; and provides a uniform method for taxing communication services in Florida. Reform should promote a competitively neutral tax policy that will free consumers to choose a provider based on tax-neutral considerations." Next, the FLC's draft priority statement is as follows: "The FLC

supports legislation that protects general revenues collected from the local business tax. These revenues are used to provide essential municipal services such as public safety and constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, public parks and open spaces. Maintaining a diversified revenue base strengthens the fiscal stability of local governments and improves their ability to serve citizens and businesses.

2. Land Use & Economic Development

Council Chair Julia Botel, City of Riviera Beach

Council Chair Julia Botel mentioned that her committee supports annexation, and spoke about economic funding. The committee had a complex conversation on economic development for local governments.

3. Municipal Administration

Vice Mayor Kim Glas-Castro, Town of Lake Park

Vice Mayor Kim Glas-Castro's committee's focus were on two priorities: Cyber security and short-term rentals. Next month at the FLC Annual Conference, there will be more discussion.

4. Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

Mayor Steve B. Wilson, City of Belle Glade

Mayor Steve B. Wilson's provided membership with a brief recap that included homelessness, Sadowsky funding, transportation and trains were the 4 items discussed. Councilwoman Patti Waller added that transportation would be the priority and homelessness (Sadowsky funding) are the two priorities.

A brief discussion among membership ensued.

5. Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works

Mayor Dan Comerford, III, Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony

Mayor Dan Comerford, III mentioned that his committee has a priority that the FLC Supports legislation to close loopholes regarding trees. Also, their draft policy position was in support of legislative action to address growing concerns about PFAS in soil and water.

9. **Legal Report**

League Attorney Amity Barnard, Esq.

League Attorney Amity Barnard provided membership with the case Margate Cmty. Redevelopment Agency v. New Urban Cmtys., LLC regarding sovereign immunity and land use plan amendments.

10. **Executive Director's Report**..... Information

Executive Director, Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe provided membership with upcoming events such as the next General membership meeting on July 28 being the last General membership meeting held virtually. Next, the League will be returning to in-person meetings on August 25. Then, the September meeting is going to be at the City of Greenacres. Finally, he reminded membership of the upcoming FLC Annual Conference from August 12-14 as well as the NLC's City Summit in Salt Lake City, Utah November 18-20.

11. **Member Comments**

Mayor Steve B. Wilson – He provided his gratitude to the PBC League and its staff for all of their hard work.

12. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your Calendars)

- a. General Membership Meeting, Conference Call.....Noon, July 28th
- b. Board of Directors Meeting, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center.....10 am, August 25th

c. General Membership Meeting, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center.....Noon, August 25th

13. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.