

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, January 28, 2015
Abacoa Country Club - Jupiter**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.. Woodrow Hay of the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Cities represented were: Atlantis, Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Cloud Lake, Glen Ridge, Golf, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Manalapan, North Palm Beach, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Tequesta, Wellington and West Palm Beach **Absent were:** Briny Breezes, Delray Beach, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Loxahatchee Groves, Mangonia Park and Ocean Ridge.

President Wilson recognized the dignitaries that were in attendance: County Mayor Shelly Vana, Commissioner Melissa McKinley and Commissioner Hal Valeche, also Representative Bobby Powell.

President Wilson introduced County Commissioner Hal Valeche, whose district we were in. Commissioner Valeche welcomed the membership to Jupiter. He also provided a brief update of things to come in Jupiter.

President Wilson introduced Jupiter Mayor Karen Golonka who welcomed the membership to Jupiter. Mayor Golonka recognized the council members and staff that were in attendance: Vice Mayor Ilan Kaufer, Councilor Wendy Harrison, Councilor Todd Wodraska and Attorney Tom Baird.

President Wilson welcomed new associate member Scott Richards of RG Towers, who introduced himself to the membership.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2014 General Membership meeting

Motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. President's Report

President Wilson wished everyone a Happy New Year. He informed the membership of the success of the Tri-Cities BBQ. President Wilson stated that this year the county commissioners along with the municipalities will have some huge discussions to make regarding issues like transportation needs,

Uber, All Aboard Florida, maintaining the roads and most importantly the hiring of a new county administrator. He finished by stating that it will take team work and hope that everyone involve is ready.

6. Presentations

a. Florida House “Your Home Away from Home” – Jon Levinson

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe introduced former Delray Beach Commissioner Jon Levinson to inform the membership about the Florida House.

Mr. Levinson started by asking the membership who all knew about and/or visited the Florida House. He stated that Florida is the only state that has an embassy on Capitol Hill. He provided a brief background of how the Florida House came about. He stated that the Florida House has been around since 1973 with the Victorian home being built in 1891. Mr. Levinson informed the membership that the House is privately funded by trustee’s fees and room rental fees. He also informed the membership of the programs and uses of the Florida House.

7. Miscellaneous Business

a. Ratification on the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Appointments

President Wilson reported that at its meeting that morning, the Board of Directors voted to appoint the following to the 2015 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Ratification is required by the General Membership.

Seat 5 Alt.	Allie Biggs	Commissioner	Pahokee
Seat 7 Alt.	Abby Brennan	Commissioner	Tequesta

Motion and second to ratify the appointments to the 2015 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Legal Report

Attorney Jennifer Gardner Ashton informed the board of a trial case that came out of Duval County regarding public records request by a group associated with the Chandler Brothers. She stated that a non profit was sued claiming a public records act violation. Ms. Ashton stated that the judge sided with the nonprofit and denied the plaintiff attorney’s fees and cost stating the Act was not designed for people seeking to abuse the Act for financial gain.

Ms. Ashton informed the board of a public records bill that is being proposed by State Senator Wilton Simpson and House Rep. Halsey Beshear. The bill is trying to add a protection for nonprofit and prime businesses that do business for the government.

Ms. Ashton informed the board about the Town of Gulf Stream’s Federal RICO claim against individuals who repeated filed public records request.

Ms. Ashton informed the board that there still has been no ruling in the Inspector General Funding Lawsuit.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the membership that due to Yom Kippur the September meeting will be held on fifth Wednesday, September 30th, instead of the fourth.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that at the board of directors meeting, the board approved a proclamation proclaiming March 2015 Ethics Awareness Month. He stated that League office will have a template available for any entity who is interested in also passing a proclamation.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the elected officials that it has become mandatory for them to take a 4 hour ethics training class. He stated that the League will be providing another class on June 17th for those who missed the one in January.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership of the success of the Legislative Roundtable which was held on December 17th.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership of the County Commissioners 7-0 vote to stay with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council at their December 2nd BCC meeting.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that PBC will be upgrading their radio system to the P-25 radio system. He stated that it is something municipalities should be aware of in the event that it would cause conflict with their current radio system.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that the FEMA flood maps are out and entities have until April 1st to appeal the maps and make any changes.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership of upcoming conferences: Palm Beach County Day March 3-4 and the National League of Cities Conference March 7-12. He stated to give the League office a call if you require more information regarding the conferences.

10. Member Comments

Katy Sorenson from the Good Government Initiative informed the membership about their upcoming elected official's class.

County Commissioner Valeche informed the membership that on April 8th at the FAU Jupiter Campus there will be a replica of the Vietnam War Memorial for a week. Commissioner Valeche asked the membership to take the information back to their respective cities and consider passing a resolution recognizing the event. He stated for more information you can call Cindy at his office.

Gerda Klien with the Boca Raton Promise informed the membership that on Tuesday February 3rd students will be speaking out county wide again bullying. She stated that the event "The Weight of Words" will held at 6:45 – 8:15 at four different schools/locations simultaneously.

11. Meetings Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Palm Beach Shores Community Center.....10:00 a.m., Feb. 25th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Palm Beach Shores Community Center.....Noon, Feb. 25th

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m..