

**Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, Wellington**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcomes, Introductions**

President Robert Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

**Board members present were:** Robert Shalhoub, Keith James, Gail Coniglio, Robert Gebbia, Patti Waller, Bill Thrasher, Joe Casello, Peter Noble, Jeff Hmara, Anne Gerwig, Ilan Kaufer, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Dawn Pardo **Absent:** Robert Gottlieb, Leondrae Camel, Mike Mullaugh, and Andy Amoroso

**Past Presidents in attendance were:** Scott Maxwell, Todd Wodraska, Lisa Tropepe, David Stewart

Also in attendance were Laura Corry, South Florida Water Management District; Elliot Cohen, My PR Guru; Mr. Ken Schenck; Kris Garrison, PBC School District; Carrie Parker-Hill; John Thomas, Renovate America; David Thatcher, Lantana; Natalie Schneider and Jim Brako, Palm Beach County; Jeff Livergood, Boynton Beach; AJ O’Laughlin, PBC Fire Fighter; Ray Liggins, Royal Palm Beach; Neil Schiller, Arnstein & Lehr; League Counsel Jennifer Ashton, Corbett White Davis & Ashton, P.A.; and League Staff Richard Radcliffe, JeRiise Hansen and Clarelle Prosper.

**2. Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda**

**None**

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Board of Directors January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes .....
- b. January 2017 Financials .....
- c. New Associate Membership Application – Alzheimer’s Association.....
- d. Ethics Month Proclamation.....

**Motion by Keith James and second to approve the consent agenda. Motion carries unanimously.**

**4. Miscellaneous Business**

**a. Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Committee Appointments**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board of the of the list of candidates who wish to serve on the League of Cities Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Committee: David Harden, Ray Liggins, Richard Roberts, Ken Schenck, Kelly Smallridge and Jeff Livergood. He reminded the board that the committee will consist of five regular members and one alternate.

**Motion by Mo Thornton ad second by Gail Coniglio to appoint David Harden, Ray Liggins, Richard Roberts, Ken Schenck, Kelly Smallridge as regulars and Jeff Livergood as the alternate to the Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Committee. Motion carries unanimously.**

**b. LIHEAP Funding Resolution**

League Attorney Jennifer Ashton reminded the board of the presentation that they received last month at the board meeting regarding the LIHEAP program funding in which she was directed by the board to craft a resolution supporting the funding of LIHEAP and requesting the federal government to fund the program in compliance of the existing legislation.

**Motion by Mo Thornton and second by Gail Coniglio to approve the LIHEAP Funding Resolution. Motion carries with Ilan Kaufer abstaining.**

**c. PBC PACE Ordinance**

Natalie Schneider, PBC Climate Change & Sustainability Coordinator and PBC Attorney James Brako informed the board of the County's PACE ordinance stating that the ordinance will be county wide and a municipality will have to opt out. Ms. Schneider informed the board that the ordinance will be countywide, however if the municipality have an ordinance regarding the issue the municipality's ordinance will prevail. She went on to inform the board that the ordinance also includes language from the Florida Statute for consumer protection for residential and commercial locations.

**Motion by Mo Thornton and second by Bill Thrasher to support the PBC PACE Ordinance. Motion carries unanimously.**

**5. Committee Report**

**a. FLC DC Fly-In      Councilwoman Dawn Pardo**

Councilwoman Dawn Pardo informed the board that 28 members of FAST attended the Fly-in, 7 from Palm Beach County. She stated that they attended a briefing with the National League of Cities and met with US Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio and the Congressional Delegation. Councilwoman Pardo informed the board that some of the topics being focused on are: preservation of the federal income tax exemption on municipal bonds, Flood Insurance, and FEMA De-obligation. Councilwoman Pardo stated that Senator Marco Rubio informed them that he has been appointed to the appropriations committee.

**b. ITE Committee      Vice Mayor Lisa Tropepe**

Committee Chair Lisa Tropepe informed the board that the committee heard three presentations: Ernie Cox of Family Lands Remembered spoke about private public partnerships; Randal Krejarek of Spatial Focus who provides GIS services and Keith Jordano of Jordano Group informed the committee of additional insurance and other benefits a municipality can offer their employees.

**c. Nominating Committee      President Shalhoub**

President Shalhoub informed the board of his selection for this year's nominating committee: Mayor David Stewart, Councilwoman Dawn Pardo, Mayor Todd Wodraska and Mayor Steve Wilson.

**6. Legal Report**

League Attorney Jennifer Ashton informed the board “standing”, Does a group of citizens or business have standing to sue a municipality? She informed the board of two cases in regards in which standing was brought up: Herbits vs The City of Miami, where the city was sued by two citizens to stop the developers from leasing and building on public land citing public safety and lost in property value. The case was dismissed. The second case was the Village of Key Biscayne vs Department of Environmental Protection, where the Village sued DEP over an agreement with the City of Miami and the National Marine Manufacturers Associations plan to install 830 temporary water slips on Virginia Key citing environmental threat. That case was dismissed. She informed the board that both cases were dismissed because there was no standing to prove it would affect the quality of life.

## **7. Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director informed the board of the upcoming legislative events and conferences in the month of March: Palm Beach County Days on March 7-8; NLC Conference on March 11-15 and FLC Legislative Action Days on March 21-22. Mr. Radcliffe reminded the board that the March meetings were moved to the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (March 29<sup>th</sup>) instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> because of FLC Legislative Action Days. He shared with the board the revamped Legislative agenda. Mr. Radcliffe informed the board of his plan to have Holly McPhail do a presentation at the next board meeting regarding social media. Mr. Radcliffe also informed the board the staff has been working on upgrading the League’s website to become responsive.

## **8. President Report**

President Shalhoub informed the board that he is new to social media and is looking forward in hearing from Holly McPhail on ways the League can use social media to be more present. He wants everyone to embrace this opportunity to become more involved. President Shalhoub informed the board that he all about establishing relationships and would like the support of the board to request a joint meeting with the County Commissioners. He also said that he would like to reach out to the School Board and develop a platform along with the Economic Council. President Shalhoub asked everyone to “be united” in efforts to protect home rule when advocating this legislative session. He informed them of HB17 which is seeking to take home rule away from municipalities.

## **9. Special Presentations**

### **a. Board Strategic Planning Retreat**

Kris Garrison and Carrie Parker-Hill provided a report on the membership survey and strategic planning retreat. Ms. Garrison provided the board recap of the process, reminding the board that a membership survey was sent out with a good response rate in which the results were used to identify key issues. She stated that they used the SWAT analysis (Strength, Weakness, Analysis, Threat) to guide them Ms. Garrison informed the board that the three key issues to focus on over the next couple years are: to increase legislative and policy influence, establish more systems for best practices and increase technology and social media presence. Ms. Parker-Hill went into detail about the meaning of each of the issues and provided a course of action for implementation.

## **10. Member Comments**

Vice Mayor Kim Glas-Castro informed the board of a concern in which the county workforce program can be set up within a municipality without the municipalities knowledge.

Vice Mayor Ilan Kaufer brought up to the board the letter Palm Beach County Vice Mayor McKinlay is asking organizations to send to Governor Scott declaring a state of emergency for the opioid epidemic.

**Motion by Gail Coniglio and second by Ilan Kaufer to direct staff to craft a resolution declaring Florida a state of emergency. Motion passes unanimously.**

Councilmember Bob Gebbia informed the board that as District 1 representative, a District 1 lunch is already in the works. He states that the plan is to have it on the first Wednesday of every month.

**11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your calendar)**

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Greenacres Community Center ..... 10 a.m., March 29<sup>th</sup>
- b. General Membership Meeting, Greenacres Community Center ..... 12 p.m., March 29<sup>th</sup>  
**(RSVP Required)**

**12. Adjournment** - The Board adjourned at 11:29 a.m.