

**Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 10:00 am**  
**Greenacres Community Center**  
**Greenacres**

**MINUTES**

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

President Anne Gerwig called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Debbie Manzo called the roll and a quorum was attained.

**Board Members present were:** Anne Gerwig, Jeff Hmara, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Debbie Manzo, Patti Waller, Michael Brown, Leondrae Camel, Andy Amoroso, Terence Davis (*arrived 10:30*), Steve Grant, Ilan Kaufer(*arrived 10:08*), Peter Noble, Lawrence Gordon, Robert Gottlieb  
**Absent were:** Shirley Johnson (*excused absence*), Gail Coniglio, Maria Marino

**Past Presidents in attendance were:** Keith James, David Stewart, Steven B. Wilson  
**Absent were:** Robert Shalhoub, Scott Maxwell, Todd Wodraska, Tom Lynch, Bev Smith

**Also in attendance were::** Drew Reyburn, Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of PBC; Buzz Barak, Keiser University; Constance Scott, Florida Atlantic University; Avery Gerwig, Florida Department of Corrections; League Attorney Jennifer Ashton, Davis & Ashton; League Staff Richard Radcliffe, JeRiise Hansen, and Aziza Isles

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

None

**3. President's Welcome**

President Gerwig welcomed the Board to the Greenacres Community Center in Greenacres. She asked Commissioner (soon to be Mayor) Keith James to give a brief speech as the new Mayor-elect of the City of West Palm Beach & congratulated members who were re-elected in their municipalities.

**4. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting February 27, 2019 Minutes .....
- b. Approval of the February 2019 Financials .....
- c. Approval of Associate Member Application – GrayRobinson, P.A. ....  
*Sponsored by Mayor Keith James, City of West Palm Beach*

**Motion and second to approve the consent agenda. Motion passes unanimously.**

**5. Miscellaneous Business**

None

**6. Special Presentation**

None

**7. Committee Reports**

**a. Environmental Committee:**

1. Re-Evaluation of Lake Okeechobee Operations Resolution

*Chair Council Member Patti Waller*

Chair Council Member Patti Waller gave a recap of the committee's, March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting held in the League of Cities Office at the Governmental Center. First, Jeremy McBryan, Manager of the County Water Resources provided committee members with the issues the Water Resource Task Force faces such as the Loxahatchee River Restoration project, operational methods at Lake Okeechobee, and the water quality in Palm Beach County. Next, Meagan Houston of the PBC Resilience Office spoke to committee members about working on greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy, storm water, and a resiliency manual. Then, Mayor Dan Comerford of Jupiter Inlet Colony, gave a legislative update, he spoke about fracking, home rule being under attack, wastewater penalties & residential recycling. In conclusion, there was a unanimous consensus to bring the Re-evaluation of Lake Okeechobee Resolution to the board for consideration. The resolution includes one addition that is the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD).

**Motion and second to approve the Re-Evaluation of Lake Okeechobee Operations Resolution. Motion passes unanimously.**

**b. Nominating Committee:**

*President Anne Gerwig*

President Anne Gerwig thanked the Nominating Committee members for their service: Commissioner (soon to be Mayor) Keith James, Councilmember Robert Shalhoub, Mayor Steve Wilson, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Scott Maxwell, Mayor Todd Wodraska, Mayor David Stewart, and Mayor Bev Smith. She mentions the committee met on March 15<sup>th</sup> to create the proposed slate of Officers and Board Directors for the 2019-2020 year and would be presented at the March 20<sup>th</sup> general luncheon as well as April 24<sup>th</sup> where membership will vote on it. The new slate will be sworn in at the Installation held in May. The proposed slate for 2019-2020 is as follows:

| Office                | City Official                     | Municipality       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| President             | Councilman Jeff Hmara             | Royal Palm Beach   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> V.P.  | Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro   | Lake Park          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P.  | Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso           | Lake Worth         |
| Sec/Treasurer         | Manager Debbie Manzo              | Lantana            |
| District 1            | Mayor Gail Coniglio               | Palm Beach         |
| District 2            | Council Member Patti Waller       | Palm Springs       |
| District 3            | Mayor Michael Brown               | Hypoluxo           |
| District 4            | Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson | Delray Beach       |
| District 5            | Manager Leondrae Camel            | South Bay          |
| Large City            | Council Member Monica Mayotte     | Boca Raton         |
| Large City            | Mayor Steven Grant                | Boynton Beach      |
| Large City            | Councilman Peter Noble            | Greenacres         |
| Large City            | Council Member Ilan Kaufer        | Jupiter            |
| Large City            | Mayor Maria Marino                | Palm Beach Gardens |
| Large City            | Commissioner Christina Lambert    | West Palm Beach    |
| At Large              | Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb        | South Palm Beach   |
| At Large              | Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon        | Haverhill          |
| Immediate Past Pres.* | Mayor Anne Gerwig                 | Wellington         |

**c. PBC Days**

*President Anne Gerwig*

President Anne Gerwig provided membership with a brief recap of Palm Beach County Days held on March 5-6<sup>th</sup> in Tallahassee, FL.

**d. NLC Congressional City Conference:**

1. Finance, Administration, & Intergovernmental Relations

*Committee Vice Chair Leondrae Camel*

Committee Vice Chair Leondrae Camel gave a brief report on the committee's discussions during the NLC Congressional City Conference held on March 10-13 in Washington D.C. Topics discussed were the 2018 tax cuts, municipal bonds, preparing municipalities for the 2020 Census, and fight for the state tax fairness. He mentions one of the highlights of the Conference were the infrastructural needs nationwide.

2. Community & Economic Development

*Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso*

Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso gave an overview of his committee's discussions regarding broadband, opioid issues, home rule, etc. He also spent 2 hours with the U.S. Census Bureau in preparing for the upcoming census in 2020. The census will be online or by phone. In addition, he notifies membership that the U.S. Census Bureau is hiring with pay so let others know and they must be 18 years old.

## **8. Legal Report**

*League Attorney Jennifer Ashton, Esq.*

League Attorney Jennifer Ashton presents the Timbs vs Indiana case to the board membership involving the eighth amendment & contraband forfeiture. Timbs was arrested and his Land Rover SUV was seized during the arrest. The vehicle's forfeiture, the court determined, would be grossly disproportionate to the gravity of Timbs defense, and therefore unconstitutional under the Eighth Amendment's Excessive Fines Clause. The Supreme Court noted that the protection against punitive economic sanctions secured by the Clause was both fundamental to our scheme of ordered liberty and deeply rooted in this nation's history and tradition. While the U.S. Supreme Court did not expressly conclude that in this particular case the seizure was excessive, it did conclude that the Eighth Amendment has full application to the states, including the proscription against excessive fines. This case will change how the state extends civil forfeitures and used in the future by defendants charged with criminal violations. She advises municipalities that it is not wise to fight forfeiture cases.

## **9. Executive Director's Report**

*Executive Director Richard Radcliffe*

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe announces the presenters for the general membership meeting & the mini seminar: the Supervisor of Elections Wendy Link and Gary Resnick of the GrayRobinson P.A. In addition, he highlighted upcoming events & meetings such as the Legislative Action Days March 26-27 in Tallahassee. The next general membership meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Sandhill Crane Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens at noon. After the general membership, meeting the Elected Officials Workshop will take place featuring different topics and presenters that may help during their term in office.

## **10. Member Comments**

None

## **11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your Calendar)**

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens...10:00 a.m., April 24<sup>th</sup>
- b. General Membership Meeting, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens ... Noon, April 24<sup>th</sup>
- c. Elected Officials Workshop, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens.....1:00p.m

**(RSVP Required for all events)**

## **12. Adjournment-**

**The Board adjourned at 11:09 a.m.**