

**Palm Beach County League of Cities  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Wednesday, September 25, at 10:00 am  
Lake Worth Beach Casino & Ballroom  
Lake Worth Beach**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order, Invocation and Flag Salute**

President Jeff Hmara called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson of the City of Delray gave the invocation.

President Hmara led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance flag salute.

**2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes**

Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Manzo called the roll and a quorum was attained.

**Cities represented were:** Belle Glade, Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Golf, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Park, Lake Worth Beach, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach

**Absent were:** Atlantis, Boca Raton, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Lake Clarke Shores, Manalapan, Mangonia Park, Tequesta, Wellington, Westlake, West Palm Beach

a. Introduce Hosts for welcome:

Mayor Pam Triolo of Lake Worth Beach welcomes membership to the City of Lake Worth Beach and introduces their council and staff. She provided membership with highlights of the city's power & electrical utilities & initiatives.

b. President Jeff Hmara recognized the Legislative Offices in attendance:

Senator Bobby Powell  
Office of Senator Lori Berman  
Office of Representative Lois Frankel  
Office of Representative Tina Polsky  
Office of Representative David Silvers

c. President Jeff Hmara recognized the Palm Beach County Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioner Robert Weinroth  
Commissioner Gregg Weiss

- d. New Associate Member Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County elevator speech  
*Shannon Chessman, Chief Operating Officer*  
Shannon Chessman introduced herself to the membership and provided membership with a brief speech about their organization.
- e. New Associate Member United Hands for Global Impact, Inc. elevator speech  
*Frederick James, CEO*  
Frederick James introduced himself to the membership and provided membership with a background of his organization.

**3. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to the Agenda**

None

**4. Consent Agenda.....Action**

- a. Approval of the General Membership Meeting August 28, 2019 Minutes

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

**5. Miscellaneous Business**

None

**6. Legal Report**

*League Attorney Keith Davis, Esq.*

League Attorney Keith Davis provided the membership with two Attorney General Opinions, one relating to vacation rentals & the other relating to public records; cybersecurity testing.

**7. Executive Director’s Report**

*Executive Director Richard Radcliffe*

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the membership that the PBC Public Safety Human Trafficking Training video is available on the PBC League’s website. Next, he mentioned to membership the upcoming events: October 24<sup>th</sup> – Social Media Training in Greenacres, October 30<sup>th</sup> Ethics Training in Lantana, November 20-23<sup>rd</sup> NLC City Summit in San Antonio Texas, December 3<sup>rd</sup> the PBC Legislative Delegation workshop, December 6<sup>th</sup> PBC League Holiday Networking Event (BBQ), and January 14-15<sup>th</sup> PBC Day in Tallahassee.

**8. President’s Report**

*President Jeff Hmara*

President Jeff Hmara recognized & thanked Executive Director Richard Radcliffe for his performance & quick response at the Emergency Management Center during Hurricane Dorian. Next, he mentions that 25 years ago the state mandated the county, districts, and local municipalities work together on common interests. An Intergovernmental Plan Amendment Review Committee produced this mandate. Another element is the Issues Forum that the county is attempting to reactivate after being dormant for a while. The committee is looking for a primary and alternate member. The executive committee for the Issues Forum discussed different issues to take on and they chose homelessness. The Issues Forum will be setting a date for their first meeting in late October/November.

**9. Presentation**

a. Local and Regional Transportation: Now and in the Future

*William Cross, Planning & Programming Deputy Executive Director, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization*

*Nick Uhren, Executive Director, Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency*

William Cross introduced himself and presented what methods the Broward MPO are utilizing regarding transportation. The primary focus has been on residents cutting down their car use for short trips and urged to use bicycles/scooters instead. The Broward MPO is working on premium transit and rail, and they are not only focusing on transportation but resiliency.

Next, Nick Uhren of the Palm Beach TPA followed up Mr. Cross’s presentation by focusing on the surtax on transport to pay for operating costs. Mr. Uhren highlighted the current metropolitan plan for Palm Beach County & how it will look in a few years. The Palm Beach TPA has joined with the federal highway to monitor or maintain transport. In addition, statistics show over 30% of road fatalities in Florida are with bicycles/scooters, etc. Therefore, in the future, the Palm Beach TPA is working along with schools to walk/bike more. The TPA is investing in smarter traffic signals to prevent accidents as well. In conclusion, Mr. Uhren mentioned the Palm Beach TPA joining the School District of Palm Beach County for National Walk to School day on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**10. Member Comments**

None

**11. Meeting Announcements**

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Jupiter Community Center, Jupiter ..... 10:00 a.m., October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- b. General Membership Meeting, Jupiter Community Center, Jupiter ..... Noon, October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- c. Social Media Training, Greenacres City Hall, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m., October 24<sup>th</sup>
- d. Ethics Training, Lantana Recreation Center, 8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m., October 30th

**(RSVP REQUIRED for all events)**

**12. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.**