

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, August 22, 2018
Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Flag Salute

President Anne Gerwig called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Chaplain Michael Tobey from the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department gave the invocation. Palm Beach Gardens Police and Fire Department Honor Guards performed a drill to signify the start of the meeting. President Gerwig then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Cities represented were: Belle Glade, Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Greenacres, Gulfstream, Haverhill, Hypoluxo, Jupiter, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, Mangonia Park, 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, Wellington, West Palm Beach
Absent were: Atlantis, Boca Raton, Golf, Highland Beach, Juno Beach, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Manalapan, Tequesta, Westlake

Mayor Maria Marino welcomed the membership to the City of Palm Beach Gardens thanked and praised the Sandhill Crane Golf Club and thanked and acknowledged the Palm Beach Gardens city council.

President Gerwig then recognized the dignitaries who were in attendance: County Commissioner District 1 Hal Valeche and Senator Bobby Powell

President Anne Gerwig welcomed new associate member Leadership Palm Beach. Executive Director Noel Martinez who introduced himself and Leadership Palm Beach to the membership.

3. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to the Agenda

None

Motion and second to accept Agenda. Motion carried unanimously

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the July 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Ratification of the Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance Revision

Motion and second to ratify the revision of the Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ratification of the Palm Beach County Vacation Rentals Ordinance

Motion and second to ratify the revision of the Palm Beach County Vacation Rentals Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Legal Report

Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton updated the board concerning *Weeks v. Town of Palm Beach* (Fla.4thDCA2018), where an employee that was terminated after an investigation decided to sue the Town and town employees individually for defamation. The judge upheld the ruling of the trial court that the defendants were acting in the scope of their employment and immune from lawsuit. The second case was *Roberts v. Miami-Dade County* (Fla.3rdDCA2018), where it was ruled that because Roberts did not file his appeal of his dismissal letter within 14 days that his request for appeal was untimely and therefore by not filing a grievance, he did not exhaust his administrative remedies.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe thanked Palm Beach Gardens for hosting at the Sandhill Crane Golf Club. He then praised the members that attended the FLC Conference celebrating 50 years of Home Rule, mentioning that out of 16 regional counties, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, with over 112 members registered including the full councils of Juno Beach, Hypoluxo, Lake Park and Wellington, won the Most Spirited Award. He also praised the Comcast sponsored Gold Coast Breakfast.

He reminded the Board of the State Mandatory Ethics training on October 9th at the Village of Palm Springs from 8-12 including a one hour credit for the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics retraining at the same time. He then mentioned the board and general membership meetings on September 26 at the Lake Worth Casino with a workshop to follow from Lynn Tipton from the Florida League of Cities on the upcoming constitutional amendments and homestead exemption. He finished by mentioning upcoming policy committees and the DC Fly In in Orlando with a reimbursement from the league for first time attendees for up to \$500.

8. President's Report

President Gerwig shared with the membership her experience when addressing the shooting on August 17th; be calm, wait for information and finally to use talking points when posting social media her training from all of the Leagues was a vital component in knowing how to deal with a crisis.

9. Special Presentations

- a. FEMA and Hurricane Update

Bill Johnson, Palm Beach County Emergency Management Director, spoke on the role of municipalities with Emergency Management. The Emergency Management Operations Center has a Municipal EM program that addresses readiness exercises, funding opportunities and community outreach. Members that join the Municipal EM program also receive valuable status updates during emergencies (Web EOC). Also, the importance of municipality involvement in the damage assessment process after disasters as well as emergency preparedness and of visiting your own emergency operations center.

10. Member Comments

President Gerwig invited each Associate Member to introduce themselves and their organizations. She then stressed importance of Home Rule when dealing with resident issues in your community.

Patrice Schroeder of 211 Helpline mentioned the annual on September 27th Legislative Day and the Suicide Prevention Day November 8th at the Kravis Center.

Chris Gertz from the Palm Beach County School District thanked their municipal partners for a great first day of school as well as providing officers to each school.

11. Meeting Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex
..... 10:00 a.m., September 26th
 - b. General Membership Meeting, Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex
..... 12:00 p.m., September 26th
 - c. State Mandate Ethics Training (4-hour including PBC Ethics retraining, Village of Palm Springs
..... 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., October 9th
- (RSVP REQUIRED for all events)**

12. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.