

**Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Hilton Palm Beach Airport – West Palm Beach**

**MINUTES**

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

President Tom Lynch called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

**Board members present were:** Tom Lynch, Isaac Robinson, Jr., Lisa Tropepe, Mo Thornton, Todd Wodraska, Martha Webster, Charles McCrosson, Bill Thrasher, Steve Wilson, David Harden, David Levy, Matt Willhite, Bill Manuel, and James Newill. **Absent were:** Jerry Taylor, Dawn Pardo, and Mike Mullaugh.

Past presidents in attendance were David Stewart, Dr. Carmine Priore, Dr. Ken Schultz, and Richard Radcliffe.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Jamie Titcomb; League Counsel Trela White and Co-Counsel Brad Biggs; Councilman Jerry Beavers, Town of Haverhill; Councilman Michael Jawdy, Town of Glen Ridge; Chuck Stoddard; Geoff Sluggett; Murray Kalish and Rosemary Rayman, Lake Worth Drainage District; Robert Hochberg; and League staff Kristen Puhalainen and Je'Riise Hansen.

**2. Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda – None**

**Motion and second to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2010**

**Motion by David Levy, second by Chuck McCrosson to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of January 27, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Financial Reports/Finance Committee/Budget**

Mr. Titcomb presented the monthly report, and reported that the IRS application to determine the League's status has been submitted.

There was discussion.

**Motion by Chuck McCrosson, second by Mo Thornton to accept the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Scheduled Presentations**

**a. Legislative Agenda 2010**

Legislative Committee Chair Isaac Robinson Jr. reported that the committee met and agreed on the proposed legislative priorities before them (Draft #2).

Mr. Titcomb explained that the 2010 legislative session may be unproductive due to the number of people running for office in November. The committee's priorities mirror the Florida League's.

There was discussion.

**Motion and second to approve Draft 2 of the 2010 Legislative Priorities & Issues, adding the inland port, and color-coding issues in red and green to indicate support and opposition. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Titcomb went over the joint legislative agenda of the League, County Commission and School District. Specific bills are not listed on this.

There was discussion on the Public Ethics Reform portion. Mr. Titcomb reported that he and Ms. White met with county staff on the referendum language.

**Motion by Martha Webster, second by Bill Thrasher to include Elected Officials Ethics Reform in the League's Priorities & Issues, and to include all elected or appointed officials such as school board, constitutional officers, special districts and state legislators. Motion carried with Lisa Tropepe dissenting.**

**Motion by David Levy, second by Bill Manuel to authorize Trela White to negotiate with the county attorneys on the referendum, specifically four areas: 1) the funding of the ordinance(s) will not result in double taxation of the cities; 2) the Inspector General's power be appropriate and not overreaching; 3) The League of Cities participate in the drafting of the ordinance(s); 4) the ordinance(s) should not be overbroad. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion and second to approve the 2010 Joint Legislative Agenda of the League of Cities, School Board, and County Commission. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **6. Miscellaneous Business**

- a. Associate Membership Applications - None**

## **7. Committee Reports**

- a. Environmental Committee**

Committee Chair David Levy reported that the committee met to discuss the proposed new EPA water standards. The committee recommends the Board pass proposed Resolution 2010-02 opposing the standards.

There was discussion.

**Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Chuck McCrosson to pass Resolution 2010-02, adding language that it will be sent to the EPA to be considered public comment. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **b. Lobbyist Registration Committee**

Committee member Matt Willhite reported that the committee met with the county's ISS staff. The county has offered two options for the municipalities' database: all cities listed under the League banner, or a page for each city, which would be more costly and involved.

Mr. Titcomb reported that in his follow-up meeting with county staff, Todd Bonlarron said county administration would require a physical signature document from each principal. He and ISS Director Chip Urbach oppose the requirement.

There was discussion.

**Motion by Matt Willhite, second by David Harden that the League lobbyist registration database be posted under the Palm Beach County League of Cities banner, and that cities that wish to opt out will not be included. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion and second to recommend to county administration that the lobbyist registration database convert to an electronic only system. Motion carries with Bill Thrasher opposing.**

#### **c. Nominating Committee**

President Lynch reported that he has chosen his Nominating Committee:

Lantana Mayor David Stewart; Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel; Greenacres Mayor Sam Ferreri; Tequesta Mayor Pat Watkins; Riviera Beach Councilman Shelby Lowe; and Boynton Beach Manager Kurt Bressner.

They will meet following the March 9 municipal elections, and the proposed slate will be announced at the March 31 General Membership meeting.

#### **d. Scholarship Committee**

Committee Chair Mo Thornton reported that there were many worthy applicants again this year. The committee has almost completed their short listing, and the interviews will be next week.

### **8. Legal Report**

Ms. White reported that the City of Aventura's red light camera ordinance was ruled invalid on several issues, including that the owner of the car, not the driver, is ticketed. The city will appeal.

SB 360 will be argued June 3. There is current proposed legislation, SB 1752, which seems designed to address the concerns in 360.

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

Mr. Titcomb reported that the League's seat on the Criminal Justice Commission will become vacant in March, as appointee Charles Shaw is not seeking reelection. He asked if the Board would like to choose a replacement from the prior applicants, or re-advertise the appointment. The consensus of the Board was to re-advertise following the March 9 municipal election.

Palm Beach County Day is next Wednesday, and Legislative Action Day is March 24. The League's monthly meeting has been moved to the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Trela White has been named a top municipal attorney in the South Florida Legal Guide.

The Board will eventually be expected to take a position on the proposed Fire Rescue sales tax. The county is planning on going to ballot.

This is Chuck McCrosson's last meeting; he is moving to the Keys.

The annual installation luncheon is May 28.

**10. District Reports – None**

**11. Member Comments**

David Stewart said it's been great working with Chuck, and thanked him for his participation.

Mr. McCrosson said the League helped him grow as a councilperson, and thanked the Board for their support.

Dr. Priore announced that Florida League of Cities President John Marx has been invited to attend the installation lunch.

**12. Meetings Announcement**

**13. Adjournment** - The Board adjourned at 10:37 a.m.