

**BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Civic Center**  
**10610 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise**

**Call to Order, Moment of Silent Meditation, Pledge of Allegiance**

President Mayor Debby Eisinger called the meeting to order wishing everyone the best of health, happiness, and prosperity in the new year; a moment of silent meditation; and, the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

Present were:

Officers: First Vice President Vice Mayor Bobby DuBose, Secretary Vice Mayor Patricia Asseff, and Treasurer Mayor Gary Resnick.

Board Members/(Alternates): Past Presidents Commissioner M. Margaret Bates, Mayor Joy Cooper, Mayor Lori Moseley, Mayor Frank Ortis, and Commissioner Tom Hasis, Commissioner Lisa Aronson, Mayor Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Mayor Suzanne Boisvenue (Alternate Vice Mayor Anne Sallee), Mayor Jack Brady (Alternate Commissioner Gary Frankel), Vice Mayor George Brummer, Mayor Pamela Bushnell, Commissioner Jack McCluskey, Mayor Roseann Minnet, Mayor Ashira Mohammed (Alternate Commissioner Annette Wexler), Mayor Peggy Noland, Commissioner Jim Norton, Vice Mayor Tom Powers, Deputy Mayor Donald Rosen, Commissioner David Rosenof, Councilmember Greg Sollitto, Commissioner Ken Thurston, Commissioner Joseph Varsallone, and Commissioner Benjamin Williams, Sr.

Board Members Excused: Second Vice President Councilmember Susan Starkey, Immediate Past President Roy Gold, Commissioner Anne Castro, Commissioner Thomas Dorsett, and Commissioner Wayne Messam.

Board Members Not Present: Mayor Dan Dodge, Councilmember Doug McKay, Commissioner Scott Newton, Commissioner Stacy Ritter, Commissioner Dorothy Ross, and Mayor Fred Schorr.

Also Present: Legal Counsel David Tolces, Esquire, Executive Director Rhonda Calhoun, Executive Assistant Sely Cochrane, Jane Grant (Pierson Grant Public Relations), Legislative Consultant Jennifer Pierce (Colodny, Fass, Talenfeld, etal), and Student Ambassador Chad Klitzman.

**Welcome**

On behalf of Mayor Ryan and the entire Sunrise City Commission, Deputy Mayor Donald Rosen welcomed the Board to Sunrise.

Commissioner Varsallone requested a moment of silence to honor the passing of Margate resident, Kay Stevens.

**Special Guests/Presentation**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion of Past President Ortis, seconded by Commissioner Varsallone, the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 1, 2011 were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Resnick presented the Financial Reports for the Period Ended December 31, 2011, noting municipal accounts receivable. According to the League's By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 3, delinquent member city voting rights shall be suspended as of the next meeting. Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Rosen, seconded by First Vice President DuBose, the Financial Reports were accepted as presented. Treasurer Resnick announced that the City of Lauderdale Lakes previous request has been withdrawn.

### **President's Report**

President Eisinger sought the Board's support for the addition of an "alumni elected official" Associate Membership category. The motion was moved by Commissioner Aronson and seconded by Past President Bates. Questions arose concerning By-Laws language relating to associate membership and the level of participation anticipated. Past President Cooper requested an amendment to the motion to direct this policy issue to the Executive Committee for further discussion. Past President Ortis motioned to defer the matter to the Executive Committee; which motion was seconded by Commissioner Varsallone. Commissioner Aronson withdrew her original motion.

President Eisinger announced that the League had conducted a joint meeting with the School Board wherein it was requested that the League support the "Send Your Sales Tax to School" program. The Executive Director will forward information to each Board Member to assist in encouraging their local businesses to participate.

### **New Business & Board Member Requests/Communications**

Treasurer Resnick directed the Board Members to correspondence from the National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, United States Conference of Mayors, ICMA, Government Finance Officers Association, and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors to Congress opposing the Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011 (H.R. 1002) which would exempt wireless services from any sales taxes. Upon motion of Past President Ortis, seconded by Commissioner Varsallone, a resolution of support was adopted and will be prepared by Legal Counsel.

Executive Director Calhoun addressed the request from Broward County to support a Resolution in connection with the funding of the low income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP). The Resolution was supported upon motion of Past President Cooper, seconded by Past President Ortis.

### **Old Business**

Upon motion of Treasurer Resnick, seconded by Past President Cooper, a Resolution Expressing Support for House Bill 321 and Senate Bill 430 Imposing a Sales Tax on Internet-Only Retailers was approved.

### **Committee Reports**

Education Committee – In the absence of Chair Starkey, President Eisinger presented the 2012 Joint League/School Board Legislative Action Agenda which was approved upon motion of Past President Ortis, seconded by Vice Mayor Sallee.

Scholarship Subcommittee - Ms. Grant provided an update on the Scholarship Program. Mayor Ortis committed to a \$100.00 donation. An email will be forwarded to all elected officials informing them of their ability to donate as well.

**Public Relations Report**

Ms. Grant presented the latest Weekly Public Relations Report.

**Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Calhoun presented the Florida League's Building a Culture of Ethics Seminar on January 27, 2012, the Broward Days in Tallahassee schedule, and announced that the January General Membership Meeting is cancelled respecting the Area Agency on Aging's Annual Installation and Awards Banquet.

**Legal Counsel Report**

Legal Counsel Tolces wished all members a Happy New Year from the firm and especially from Legal Counsel Goren who was under the weather.

**Legislative Consultant Report**

Legislative Consultant Pierce provided a legislative update detailing the pending budget and redistricting processes.

**Other Business**

Past President Resnick requested that a review of the Inspector General's Final Report on Gross Mismanagement of the Small Business Enterprise Certification Process by the Broward Office of Economic and Small Business Development procurement process be conducted at the next Board Meeting.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2012 in Tamarac.