

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2026
12:00 PM– 1:30 PM
Plantation Preserve Golf Course & Club
7050 West Broward Blvd.
Plantation, FL 33317

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

President Horland called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

Present were:

Officers: President Denise Horland, First Vice President Joyce Davis, and Second Vice President Neil Kerch.

Board Members/(Alternates): Past Presidents Mayor Felicia Brunson, and Councilmember Susan Starkey, and Councilmember Slava Borshchukov, Commissioner Anthony Caggiano, Commissioner Tycie Causwell, Commissioner Shawn Cerra, Commissioner Aisha Gordon, Commissioner Jeremy Katzman (Alternate Mallozzi), Commissioner Everett Marshall, Vice Mayor Henry Mead, Commissioner Erik Morrissette, Commissioner Tom Plaut, Commissioner Maria Rodriguez, Commissioner Paul Rolli (Alternate D'Arminio), Commissioner Rhonda Sigerson-Eaton, and Mayor Richard Walker.

Board Members Excused: Treasurer Traci Callari, Past President Mayor Todd Drosky, and Councilmember Jim Allbritton.

Board Members Not Present: Past President Mayor Joy Cooper, Commissioner Heather Berman, Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman, Mayor Samson Borgelin, Commissioner John Brodie, Commissioner Kicia Daniel, Commissioner Beam Furr, Mayor Denise Grant, Mayor Edmund Malkoon, Mayor Wayne Messam, and Vice Mayor Joy Smith.

Also Present: Legal Counsel Kerry Ezrol (Goren Cherof Doody & Ezrol), Executive Director Mary Lou Tighe, Deputy Executive Director Sely Cochrane, Hayley Nicoletto (Conceptual Communications) and Adam Reichbach.

Welcome

President Horland welcomed everyone to the City of Plantation. She noted that this was her final board meeting as President and expressed her appreciation for the support she received throughout her term. President Horland reflected on the challenges, accomplishments, and collaborative efforts of the Board over the past year. She

introduced her fellow colleagues, Mayor Nick Sortal, Councilmembers Erik Anderson, Jennifer Andreu, Tim Fadgen and Louis Reinstein Chief Administrative Officer Jason Nunemaker, Chief Administrative Officer Carole Morris, and City Attorney Kerry Ezrol. Mayor Sortal shared a few words about Plantation including redevelopment efforts within the City of Plantation.

Minutes

The minutes of March 2026 were resented. Upon motion of Commissioner Causwell, seconded by Past President Brunson, the minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report

Executive Director Tighe presented the Financials through March 2026. She noted the League's financial position remains strong. The Accounts Receivable (AR) has been reduced to approximately \$4,000, representing a significant improvement. Upon motion of First Vice President Davis, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, the financials were approved.

President's Report

President Horland reported on several key League initiatives and accomplishments. The March General Membership Meeting was a success, featuring an Associate Member Business Showcase that strengthened connections between associate members, municipal staff, and elected officials. She also highlighted the League's scholarship program, which recognizes outstanding Broward County high school seniors for their academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, and personal accomplishments, reinforcing the League's commitment to supporting future leaders.

President Horland announced that the 69th Annual Installation Dinner, scheduled for May 30, was officially sold out and will include the swearing-in of the 2026 officers and Board of Directors, as well as the induction of incoming President Mayor Joyce Davis of Dania Beach. She also provided an update on the Solid Waste Authority (SWA), noting that the Master Plan was approved on April 17 and cities have 120 days to approve the Facilities Agreement. Board members were encouraged to ensure workshops and votes are scheduled in their municipalities due to the critical timeline.

Additionally, she reviewed the successful "From Division to Dialogue" Leadership Summit held on March 27, which focused on improving communication, promoting respectful civic discourse, and encouraging dignity-centered engagement. The program included the Dignity Index presentation, interactive exercises, and discussions on constructive responses to disagreement. Finally, she reported that the League continues to work with Broward County Public Schools, the City Managers Association, and the Chiefs Association to negotiate a fair School Resource Officer (SRO) contract that maintains the safety of students and school personnel.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Tighe's report highlighted several upcoming League activities. She announced the June 18 General Membership Meeting, featuring a Florida Atlantic University professor who will discuss artificial intelligence, including practical applications, emerging technologies, and advanced AI tools. Members were encouraged to attend and participate in the interactive presentation. She reminded members about the Florida League of Cities Fly-In in Washington, D.C., scheduled for June 24–25, and encouraged interested attendees to contact Allison Payne for participation details. She noted that Broward League of Cities board appointments for the 2026–2027 term are underway and she urged municipalities that have not yet submitted appointments to do so before the Installation Dinner, where new board members will be sworn in.

Executive Director Tighe concluded with recognition of outgoing President Denise Horland. She invited the Executive Committee to join her to recognize President Horland for her dedication, leadership, advocacy, professionalism, and commitment to the League throughout a challenging year. President Horland expressed gratitude to her family, colleagues, board members, and League staff, emphasizing the importance of supporting one another in public service. She also recognized Executive Director Tighe and Deputy Director Cochrane for their exceptional behind-the-scenes work, professionalism, and contributions to the League's success, presenting them with gifts of appreciation.

Legal Counsel Report

City Attorney Kerry Ezrol provided a legislative update, noting that a special budget session is scheduled to begin on May 12. He reviewed several significant pieces of legislation affecting local governments, including House Bill 803, which requires manufactured homes to be treated similarly to other construction projects and prohibits inspection fees from being based solely on project value, instead requiring fees to reflect actual administrative and inspection costs. The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

Ezrol also discussed House Bill 927, which applies to municipalities with populations over 10,000 and requires pre-application consultation processes and expanded use of private contractors in development review. Additionally, he highlighted concerns surrounding Senate Bill 1434, which would further preempt local land-use authority, limit local discretion in residential development approvals, and potentially impact agricultural and rural properties. Board members expressed significant concern about the long-term consequences of the proposed legislation and its effect on local government decision-making.

Public Relations Report

Katie Scoville presented the Public Relations Report. She highlighted the continued growth and engagement across the League's social media platforms, particularly Facebook and Instagram. Successful initiatives included the "Why I Run" campaign, which generated strong engagement from elected officials and residents, ongoing recognition of Home Rule Hero award recipients, and continued promotion of the Dignity Index through participant photos and testimonials.

She also reported on website enhancements, including updates to Associate Member information and Installation Dinner content. In media relations, Katie secured coverage for President Horland's Dignity Index initiative, helping to expand awareness of the program. Looking ahead, members were encouraged to support promotion of the sold-out Installation Dinner by sharing League content and recognizing event sponsors. Katie concluded by congratulating President Horland on her successful year of leadership and service to the League.

Miscellaneous

A copy of municipal resolutions and board meeting attendance was provided.