

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2026
12:00 PM– 1:30 PM
Lauderdale Lakes Educational & Cultural Center
3580 West Oakland Park Boulevard
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319

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

President Davis 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 Joyce Davis, First Vice President Neil Kerch (Alternate Clarke) and Treasurer Traci Callari.

Board Members/(Alternates): Past Presidents Denise Horland, Mayor Felicia Brunson, and Mayor Todd Drosky, and Councilmember Jim Allbritton, Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman, Mayor Samson Borgelin, Councilmember Slava Borshchukov, Commissioner Anthony Caggiano, Commissioner Tycie Causwell, Commissioner Shawn Cerra, Mayor Denise Grant, Commissioner Lisa Mallozzi, Commissioner Everett Marshall, Vice Mayor Henry Mead, Commissioner Erik Morrisette, Commissioner Leticia Newbold, Commissioner Krystal Patterson, Commissioner Tom Plaut, Commissioner Jackie Railey, Commissioner Maria Rodriguez, Commissioner Katrina Touchstone, Commissioner Rhonda Sigerson-Eaton, and Mayor Richard Walker (Alternate Cindy Murphy-Salomone).

Board Members Excused: Past President Councilmember Susan Starkey, Commissioner Don D'Arminio, Commissioner Alexandra Davis, and Mayor Wayne Messam.

Board Members Not Present: Past President Mayor Joy Cooper, Commissioner Heather Berman, and Mayor Edmund Malkoon.

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

Welcome

President Davis welcomed everyone to the City of Lauderdale Lakes. Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips and Vice Mayor Tycie Causwell welcomed League members to the city of Lauderdale Lakes and expressed appreciation for the League's visit. Board members were invited to tour the city's educational and cultural facilities, including the county library located within the facility.

Minutes

The minutes of May 2026 were presented. Upon motion of Treasurer Callari, seconded by Past President Horland, the minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report

Treasurer Callari presented the Financials through May 2026. Members were reminded of the importance of continued participation and support of League initiatives. 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 Commissioner Railey, seconded by Commissioner Patterson, the financials were approved.

President's Report

President Davis announced the remainder of the meeting would be dedicated to discussion on developments with the property tax reform amendment and the potential effects on cities and municipalities.

Key points discussed:

- Proposed reforms: Potential changes could significantly reduce or eliminate property taxes on homesteaded property, establish a \$250,000 exemption for certain properties, alter how local tax revenues may be used, and create different rules for new Florida residents. Changes could take effect as early as January 1, 2027, depending on the final legislation and constitutional process.
- Municipal impact: Reduced property-tax revenue could significantly affect essential services, including police, fire rescue, EMS, roads, drainage, infrastructure, parks, libraries, senior programs, environmental projects, and other quality-of-life services, while municipalities must continue meeting fixed costs, employee obligations and debt commitments.
- Public education: Members stressed the importance of providing residents with clear, factual and impartial information about how property taxes are distributed and what municipal services those revenues support. Proposed tools included simple property-tax breakdowns and pie charts showing where each tax dollar goes.
- Making the issue relatable: Municipalities should use real-world examples to demonstrate how reduced revenues could affect public safety, emergency response, infrastructure, parks, libraries and community services, connecting the issue directly to residents' homes and quality of life.
- Alternative revenues: Members discussed potential alternatives such as user fees, service fees and other assessments, while recognizing that these options could shift costs from property taxes to residents and businesses.
- Legal considerations: Municipalities were encouraged to consult their city attorneys and General Counsel before developing public communications, educational materials or forums to ensure compliance with applicable laws and Sunshine Law requirements.
- Coordination: A coordinated approach among cities, counties, the Florida League of Cities and state legislators was viewed as essential. Members emphasized

sharing information, monitoring Tallahassee and presenting a unified understanding of the potential municipal impacts.

- Community engagement: Potential outreach includes town halls, community presentations, educational forums and informational materials, with an emphasis on helping residents make informed decisions.
- Preparation: There was general agreement that municipalities should begin preparing now, given the potential implications for future budgets and essential services.

Primary Action Items

1. Monitor legislation and constitutional amendments and provide updates.
2. Obtain legal guidance on permissible municipal communications.
3. Create clear educational materials explaining property-tax distribution and municipal services.
4. Identify services and programs most vulnerable to revenue reductions.
5. Develop real-world examples showing potential impacts on residents.
6. Explore alternative revenue sources.
7. Coordinate with other local governments and statewide organizations.
8. Engage residents through town halls and community meetings.
9. Communicate municipal concerns and impacts to state legislators.
10. Continue keeping League members informed as legislation and legal guidance develop.

Overall takeaway: The League should move quickly from simply monitoring the proposal to educating, preparing and coordinating—with an emphasis on factual public information, legal compliance, protecting essential services, and helping municipalities understand and communicate the potential financial consequences of property-tax reform.

Miscellaneous

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