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President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends!

As I think over the wonderful time at the FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast Business Meeting at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, nothing but pure joy and happiness fills my heart. To know that there were over 115 members, friends, sponsors and guests in attendance at this year's Annual Breakfast Business Meeting, says volumes about our association. I am proud to have been among you all to experience great food, and fellowship and to hear our dynamic Keynote

Speaker, Congressman Frost deliver a wonderful and uplifting message. To all members, sponsors, special guests, booth volunteers and friends, thank you for your support of FBC-LEO.

The 2024 FBC-LEO Annual Conference will be held April 4-5, 2024, at the Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL. Next year's Annual Conference is guaranteed to be like no other! As plans are being finalized, mark your calendars and be on the lookout for future updates.

Wishing everyone a Happy Labor Day!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris H. West". The signature is written in a cursive style.

President Morris West
Commissioner, City of Haines City

2023-2024 FBC-LEO Board of Directors

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City of West Park

Thank you to our 2023-2024 Nominating Committee

Chair Teresa Watkins Brown, Councilwoman, Fort Myers & FBC-LEO Past President

Curtis Johnson, Commissioner, Fort Pierce

Curtis Richardson, Commissioner, Tallahassee

New Member News



Welcome to our new FBC-LEO Members

Warmest welcome! We are delighted to have you as a member of the FBC-LEO organization and look forward to getting to know you.

- Commissioner Pamela Beasley-Pittman, City of Fort Lauderdale
- Human Resources Administrator LaSharon Hampton, City of Pinellas-Park
- Commissioner Janice Lucas, City of Panama City
- Commissioner Tony Mazon, City of Newberry
- Commissioner Debbie Trice, City of Sarasota

FBC-LEO Booth at FLC Annual Conference



Thank you to the volunteers listed below for working the FBC-LEO Booth during the FLC Annual Conference.

- Shirley Green Brown**, Commissioner, Alachua
Constance Butler, Mayor, Green Cove Springs
Janet Hernandez, Councilmember, Indiantown
Curtis Johnson, Commissioner, Fort Pierce
Lawrence "Jabbow" Martin, Commissioner, Lauderhill
Yvonne Minus, Council Member, Melbourne
Kathy Washington, Councilwoman, Welaka

Morris West, Commissioner, Haines City

FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast Meeting Recap



Immediate Past President Teresa Watkins Brown, Councilwoman, City of Fort Myers presenting the 2023-2024 Slate of Officers.



Congressman Maxwell Frost delivers an insightful message to the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, at it's 2023 Annual Breakfast Business Meeting.

To enjoy more pictures of the 2023 FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast Business Meeting [Click Here](#).

From Our Partners

FLC UNIVERSITY



Ethics Webinar

Join FLC and guests for engaging, sometimes entertaining, always informative explorations of the ethical challenges elected officials may face on September 19, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. With new topics each quarter, you won't want to

miss it!
Register today!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4572429483498466656>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



Institute for Elected Municipal Officials I (IEMO) - Tampa

Dates: October 6-7, 2023

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore
555 N. Westshore Boulevard, Tampa FL 33609

Hotel Room Rate: \$155.00+

Registration Member Rate: \$300.00

Registration (coming soon)

Contact: Melanie Howe

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FL Cities Strong September 2023 Edition



Tune in monthly for insight and engaging conversations that take us beyond today's headlines. We'll explore what cities are doing and can do to turn the challenges of the

present into better futures for our cities and our residents!

Date: September 11, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Please register for the #FLCitiesStrong Monthly Webinar at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/771246267617711454>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Events & Training Opportunities



SAVE THE DATE

Be sure all of the upcoming FBC-LEO events are on your calendar.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023
6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

**2024 FBC-LEO
Annual Conference**

April 4-5, 2024
Embassy Suites Orlando

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