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**FLORIDA BLACK CAUCUS
OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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Hurricane Resources



The Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials offers strength and encouragement to all those facing the challenges of Hurricane Milton. In this difficult time, we stand united with our communities. Together, we will overcome this storm. Stay safe, and know that you are not alone — we

are here, standing with you every step of the way. For the latest up-to-date information and resources, visit

flcities.com/hurricane.

President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends!

As we enter October, recognized globally as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I want to take a moment to highlight the importance of early detection, education, and support in the fight against this life-altering disease. Breast cancer affects millions of individuals and their families, and together, we can make a difference. I encourage you to engage in activities that raise awareness and provide support to those affected. Remember, early detection saves lives, so let us commit to spreading this crucial message in our communities.

The FBC-LEO Annual Conference will be held on February 26-27, 2025, at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, Kissimmee, Florida. I would like to encourage all members and partners to save the date and prepare for what promises to be an enriching and empowering experience.

As part of our ongoing efforts to inspire the next generation, has launched the 2025 FBC-LEO Essay Scholarship Contest, with the topic: "The Importance of Civic Engagement Among Youth." This contest aims to spark meaningful conversation and reflection among young people about their role in shaping our future. Civic engagement is crucial to the health of our democracy and the vibrancy of our communities, and I look forward to seeing the thoughtful insights from our youth. Scholarships will be awarded to the top essays, helping to support their educational journeys.

Thank you for your continued support of FBC-LEO and our initiatives. Together, we can lead, empower, and transform our communities.

Sincerely,

Morris L. West

President Morris West
Commissioner, City of Haines City

**Now Accepting Nominations for the 2025-2026 FBC-
LEO
Board of Directors**



As an FBC-LEO member, serving on the Board of Directors is an opportunity to develop strategic plans and make a lasting impact on your association. FBC-LEO can benefit from your ideas and perspective.

Nominations are being accepted for the following positions:

- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Assistant-Treasurer
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Parliamentarian
- Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (North)
- Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (South)
- Historian
- Chaplain
- Sergeant-At-Arms

The position of 2nd Vice President will serve for two years. All other positions will serve for one year.

Eligible members must be a Regular Member in good standing and have been a Regular Member for at least one year.

New officers will be sworn in at the Annual Conference that will be held in February 2025.

The FBC-LEO Board of Directors meets at 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month. If you wish to be considered for a board position, please complete the form below.

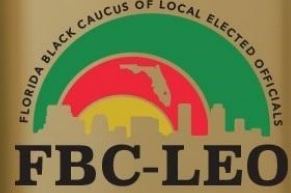
If you have any questions feel free to contact us at fbcleo@flcities.com.

The extended submittal deadline is December 3, 2024.

Thank you for your nomination

[Submit Nomination](#)

2025 FBC-LEO Scholarship Contest



Essay Contest

Deadline:

December 6, 2024
at 5:00 p.m. ET

For more information visit fbcleo.org/essay-contest

FBC-LEO Apparel Available Online



Purchase your shirt now to wear at the 2025 FBC-LEO Annual Conference in February!

There are many colors and styles for you to choose from. Short-sleeve and long-sleeve shirts are available.

Click the "View Shirts" button below to view available options and to place your order.

If you are paying with a city/town/village credit card and need the sales tax turned off, please call Full Press Apparel before placing your shirt order. The phone number for Full Press Apparel is (850) 222-1003.

FBC-LEO Apparel is now available for online ordering

until November 29, 2024.

[Click Here to View Shirts and Pricing](#)

2025 FBC-LEO Annual Conference

Save-the-Date



2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 27-28

Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South | Kissimmee, FL

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE FORM](#)

From Our Partners



The class contains a morning and afternoon session to cover all 4 hours with a lunch break in-between. Meet the state requirement and maybe, just maybe, enjoy doing it!

Date: October 23, 2024

Session 1: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Florida Ethics Law
(Chapter 112)

BREAK

Session 2: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Florida Public Records and
Public Meetings Law

Participating in the FULL four hours of this webinar meets the state requirement for annual ethics training. We hope to see you there!

PLEASE NOTE: Attendees for this class are required to both log-in and have audio access to be awarded credit. Instructors use both slides and verbal information/illustrations throughout the course. No audio-only attendance will count toward completion of the course. If you are registering multiple people, each one must have a different email address. Attendance cannot be tracked if the same email address is used for multiple individuals.

[Click Here to Register](#)



FEMA PA Expedited Projects- Hurricane Milton

Expedited Projects were created by FEMA in order to pay-out funds to Subrecipients who need immediate funding. Subrecipients are able to submit high-level estimated costs initially to FEMA and receive up to 50% of the estimated costs upfront.

Afterwards, Subrecipients will need to provide all supporting documentation to substantiate final eligible costs and receive remaining funding.

For in-person or virtual technical assistance with formulating expedited projects, please contact the FDEM Recovery Bureau at ExpeditedProjects@em.myflorida.com.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

New Member News



Welcome the newest FBC-LEO Members:

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

- Representative Gallop Franklin, City of Tallahassee

SAVE THE DATE

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

FBC-LEO Board of Directors Meeting

October 31, 2024 via Zoom

5:00 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)

FBC-LEO General Membership Meeting

October 31, 2024 via Zoom

6:00 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)

FBC-LEO Essay Scholarship Contest

Now Open!

[Click Here for Contest Details](#)

**FBC-LEO Annual
Conference**

Deadline: December 6,
2024

Questions? Please contact
staff
at fbcleo@flcities.com or
850.222.9684.

**Registration Opening
Soon!**

February 27-28, 2025


The Embassy Suites Lake
Buena Vista South

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