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President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends!

February is a special month filled with opportunities for connection, growth, and celebration. With Valentine's Day just around the corner, let's take a moment to appreciate the love and support of our families, friends, and colleagues who inspire and strengthen us every day.

As we look ahead, I'd like to remind you of our upcoming Annual Conference at the beautiful Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South in Kissimmee, FL, February 27-28, 2025. This premier event promises dynamic speakers, impactful networking opportunities, and valuable insights tailored to empower and elevate our organization. Don't miss the chance to join fellow members in shaping the future of our community!

Additionally, a friendly reminder that the second 2025 FBC-LEO membership dues invoices were emailed on February 3rd. Your membership ensures our continued ability to provide top-tier resources, advocacy, and programming. If you haven't had the chance to submit your dues, please take a moment to do so.

Let's make February a month of professional and personal growth! I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Conference and working together to make this year extraordinary.

Warmest regards,

Morris L. West

President Morris West
Commissioner, City of Haines City

2025 FBC-LEO Slate of Officers

The 2025 FBC-LEO Slate of Officers will be presented at this year's annual Conference on February 27, 2025, at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, Kissimmee, FL.

President

Commissioner Justin Campbell, City of Palatka

1st Vice President

Vice Mayor Jessica Davis, City of DeLand

2nd Vice President

Commissioner Curtis Johnson, City of Fort Pierce

Secretary

Commissioner Melissa Dunn, City of Lauderhill

Assistant Secretary

Commissioner Rufus Borom, City of Palatka

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Assistant Treasurer

Council Member Darfeness Hinds, City of Williston

Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (North)

Councilwoman Nandrycka King Albert, City of Midway

Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (South)

Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips, City of Lauderdale Lakes

Chaplain

Vice Mayor N'Kosi Jones, City of Bowling Green

Parliamentarian

Mayor John Taylor, City of Opa-Locka

Sergeant-at-Arms

Mayor Felicia Brunson, City of West Park

Historian

Commissioner Dianne Williams-Cox, City of Tallahassee

2025 FBC-LEO Dues Invoices



The second notice for your dues invoice was emailed on February 6th.

If you did not receive a copy of your dues invoice, it can be accessed and paid

online by visiting fbcleo.org.

Once on the FBC-LEO sign-in page:

1. Click on the FBC Members tab.
2. Enter your username and password to log in.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support of FBC-LEO!

2025 FBC-LEO Annual Conference





2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SPEAKERS



Opening Keynote Speaker

MONIQUE H. WORRELL

State Attorney Ninth Judicial Circuit



Networking Luncheon Keynote Speaker

ATTORNEY SEAN PITTMAN

Senior Attorney and Managing Partner of
Pittman Law Group, P.L.



Closing Keynote Speaker

DARRICK D. MCGHEE, SR.

Chief Operating Officer for
Johnson & Blanton, LLC

We are so excited to hear from our amazing speakers at this year's FBC-LEO Annual Conference, which will be held in Kissimmee, Florida, on February 27th

and 28th.

There's still time to register. Head to bit.ly/3OycqOr and reserve your spot today!

You don't want to miss this 40th anniversary celebration!

A Special Note for the President's Dinner:

If you have an FBC-LEO stole, we invite you to bring it conference. Wear your finest attire, and feel free to incorporate optional African attire as we celebrate in style and elegance:

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Throw Back Pictures

As we approach FBC-LEO's 40th Anniversary: Honoring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future, we're calling on YOU to help us celebrate! We're compiling a collection of photos to showcase our incredible history, and we'd love your contributions.

Please submit any photos from FBC-LEO's inception up to 2019 that reflect the spirit, milestones, and memories of our organization.

✉ Submit your photos to: fbcleo@flcities.com.

Thank you for helping us honor our past and embrace our future. We can't wait to see your memories!

Time Capsule



As part of our mission to bring our cities together, we are excited to announce a Time Capsule Roundtable Discussion during the upcoming FBC-LEO Annual Conference.

We invite you to bring an article representing your city, as well as a statement or document highlighting your city's future goals. These contributions will be shared during the discussion and sealed in a time capsule, which will be opened at the FBC-LEO 50th Anniversary Annual Conference.

Your participation in this special activity will help us celebrate and preserve the collective vision of our communities for years to come.

Thank you for being a part of this memorable event, and we look forward to your contribution!

FBC-LEO Membership Headshots



We're excited to offer headshots during our upcoming Annual Conference! If you'd like to update your professional image, please sign up to have your headshot taken. This is a great opportunity to get a high-quality photo for your professional needs.

To reserve your spot, please register in advance by clicking on the link below. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

[Sign-Up Here](#)

New Member News

FBC-LEO Membership Inquiry Form

FBC-LEO strives to continuously enhance and serve our members. We kindly request that you fill out our Membership Re-Election Inquiry Form. Completing the short form will significantly impact the initiatives set by the FBC-LEO Board of Directors.

All information provided will be kept confidential and used solely for the purposes intended.

[**CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE FORM**](#)

From Our Partners



2025 FLC Legislative Action Days

Registration Open!

The 2025 Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days will be held March 24-26, 2025 in Tallahassee.

[**Click Here to Register**](#)

SAVE THE DATE

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

FBC-LEO Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 2025

via Zoom at 5:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

FBC-LEO General Membership Meeting

May 13, 2025

via Zoom at 5:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

FBC-LEO Annual Conference

Registration Now Open!

[Register Here](#)

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The Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South

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