

**Florida Library Association Board Meeting
Minutes
May 21, 2021, 11:00am – 12:30pm**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

(VM = Voting Member)

FLA Staff

Lisa O'Donnell, CAE, Executive Director
Karen Layton, Communications and Events Manager

Voting Members

Phyllis Gorshe, President (VM)
Shane Roopnarine, Vice President, President Elect (VM)
Laura Spears, Past President (VM)
Tracey Wehking, Secretary (VM)
Ray Baker, Region 1 Director (VM)
Natalie Houston, Region 3 Director (VM)
Alyssa Koclanes, Region 4 Director (VM)
Michael Sullivan, Region 5 Director (VM)
Keila Zayas-Ruiz, Region 6 Director (VM)
Heather Sostrom, ALA Councilor (VM)

Non-Voting Members

Eric Head, Past President
Sarah Divine, Past Secretary
Cheryl Wolfe, Past Region 4 Director
Leila Gibradze, FSU
Robert Stuart, Jr., GrayRobinson
Katie Flury, GrayRobinson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Donna Vazquez, Treasurer (VM)
Ava Brillat, Past Region 1 Director
Kresta King, Region 2 Director (VM)
Christine Patten, Past Region 3 Director
Athanasia Fitos, Planning Committee Chair
Amy Johnson, State Library of Florida
Natalie Taylor, USF
Douglas Crane, Advocacy & Legislative Committee Chair
Lorrain Stinson, FAME
Matthew David, FLA Member

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Annual Meeting

- A. Call to Order (Laura Spears, PhD, Past President)
 - President Laura Spears, PhD called the meeting to order at 11:02AM.
- B. Establishment of Quorum (Sarah Divine, Past Secretary)
 - Secretary Sarah Divine confirmed that a quorum was present at that time.

2. Annual Meeting Reports (Lisa O'Donnell, CAE, Executive Director)

- A. 2020 Financial Statement
 - B. 2020 Membership Report
 - C. Committee Reports Submitted
3. **Oath of Office** (Eric Head, Past President)

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BOARD MEETING

1. **Quorum and Agenda Review** (Phyllis Gorshe, President)
 - A. Call to Order (Phyllis Gorshe, President)
 - President Laura Spears, PhD called the meeting to order at 11:13AM.
 - B. Establishment of Quorum (Tracey Wehking, Secretary)
 - Secretary Tracey Wehking confirmed that a quorum was present at that time.
 - C. Introductions & Liaison Assignments (Phyllis Gorshe, President)
 - D. Conflict of Interest Statement and Forms (Phyllis Gorshe, President)
2. **Consent Agenda** (Phyllis Gorshe, President)
 - A. Minutes of April 16, 2021
 - Motion (Ray Baker, Region1 Director) to approve the Minutes of April 16, 2021 as presented. Keila Zayas-Ruiz, Region 6 Director seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Financials** (Lisa O'Donnell, CAE, Executive Director)
 - A. Budget as of April 30 – Deferred until June 18 Meeting
 - B. Balance Sheet as of April 30 – Deferred until June 18 Meeting
 - C. Money Market Statement as of April 30 – Deferred until June 18 Meeting
4. **Board Orientation** (Lisa O'Donnell, CAE, Executive Director)
 - Slideshow provided with webinar to take place at a later date.
5. **Business**
 - A. DEIA Committee – Pride Month Recommendation (Laura Spears, PhD, Past President)
 - Cheryl Wolfe, DEIA liaison presented a draft FLA Statement on Pride Month.
 - Motion (Laura Spears, Past President) to approve the FLA Statement on Pride Month as presented. Keila Zayas-Ruiz, Region 6 Director seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Appointment of DEIA Board Liaison (Phyllis Gorshe, President)
 - Cheryl Wolfe was appointed by Phyllis Gorshe, President to serve as DEIA Board Liaison.
 - C. Reaffirm Privatization Statement (Phyllis Gorshe, President)
 - Prior to a vote on reaffirming the Privatization Statement, discussion ensued about the need for an updated statement. It was discussed that the Advocacy Committee would be the appropriate Committee to review, research, and update the Privatization Statement.
 - Motion to accept and update the Privatization Statement (Ray Baker, Region 1 Director). Tracey Wehking, Secretary seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Reports**
 - A. Division of Library and Information Services (Amy Johnson)
 - No report
 - B. Advocacy and Legislative (Robert Stuart, Jr.)
 - Update on funding and the legislative session was provided. Discussion on Library Construction Grants and how to prepare for the next legislative session.
 - C. ALA Councilor (Heather Sostrom)
 - Report provided by e-mail.

D. FAME / FACRL Representative

- No report.

E. Other

7. Announcements/Member Comments

A. Keila Zayas-Ruiz, Region 6 Director suggested that the FLA Leader of the Year awarded be modified to Leader of the Year Award. Discussion ensued.

- Motion to modify for next awards cycle (Ray Baker, Region 1 Director). Keila Zayas Ruiz, Region 6 Director seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjourn

A. President Phyllis Gorshe adjourned the meeting at 12:08PM. Motion (Michael Sullivan, Region 5 Director) to adjourn the meeting. Ray Baker, Region 1 Director seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Next regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting: June 18, 2021

C. Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting: July 16, 2021.