



## Minutes of March 23, 2026, Board Meeting

**.CFLCA President Wm. Bill Brown opened the meeting.**

### April General Membership Meeting Planning

- The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM with a quorum of nine people.
- Two presentations from city staff are planned for the April meeting.
- **Ben Rogers** will give an update on the progress of the new city hall project, including terms with Core Construction.
- **Laura Reese** will present on the city budget process.
  - This is to keep citizens engaged, as significant budget shortfalls are anticipated.
  - A shortfall of \$20–30 million is expected, potentially rising to \$100 million by 2028.
  - Potential service cutbacks or layoffs may be necessary if the budget is cut by \$100 million.

### Neighborhood Council Night at the Museum

- The event is scheduled for May 31 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

### Charter Revision and Public Outreach

- A letter was sent to the city commission expressing dissatisfaction with the lack of public outreach on the charter revision.
- The letter was acknowledged by Commissioner Sorensen and Mayor Trantalis.
- The issue is expected to be discussed at the April 7 commission conference meeting to provide clear direction to the charter board.
- The goal is to get resolution and start public outreach for the November ballot issues.

## Treasurer's Report and Financials

- **February Report:**
  - One new membership was recorded.
  - A transfer of \$214.64 from PayPal to PNC was made.
  - Expenditures totaled \$173.53 for Jet's Pizza, annual filing, and a Costco item.
  - The current bank balance is \$4,747.29.
- **March Update:**
  - Nine new memberships have come in, one being an automatic renewal.
  - An automatic renewal option was added to the website.
- **Motion for Bank Access:**
  - Carlos motioned to update the business information for the PNC bank account to change access from Bill to himself.
  - The motion was seconded by Susie and passed unanimously. This allows Carlos to manage the account without needing Bill's personal information. Bill remains a signatory.

## Sponsorship and Membership Management

- There are three paid sponsors for 2025–2026: Pelican Family, Jet's Pizza, and Core.
- The board discussed potentially adding the Fort Lauderdale Firefighters union and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) as sponsors.
- Shady Banks has rejoined the council as a member.
- The board discussed ensuring new member contact information from the website is correctly updated in Constant Contact. Chantel will check the website form to see where notifications are being sent.

## Disputed Tree Inspection Report

- An arborist's report hired by River Oaks contradicts the city's report regarding tree removal.
- The city's risk survey was described as more detailed and professional.
- The board agreed to stay out of the dispute.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:53 pm**

**Signed Suzi Burstein, Recording Secretary 3-23-26**