



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee  
For September 1, 2022, 7:00PM  
Hybrid Meeting – In Person at the South County Civic Center & via ZOOM.**

The regular meeting of the Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee was called to order on September 1, 2022 at 7:02pm in person at the South County Civic Center and by hybrid meeting via Zoom. The Chair was in the chair and the Secretary was present.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

State Committeeman Junaid Akther led membership in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without objection.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report**, Joel Schleifer

The Treasurer reported that the ending balance for August 30<sup>th</sup> was \$194,221.15, with \$10,677.73 in deposits, \$20,318.43 in expenditures, and \$62.99 in in-kind contributions.

**Introductions & Presentations: PBC 2022 Campaign Kickoff:** Democratic Candidates on the 2022 Ballot each introduced themselves and spoke of their campaigns:

- Karla Hernandez-Mats, Lieutenant Governor
- Aramis Ayala, Attorney General
- Adam Hattersley, CFO
- Naomi Esther Blemur, Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- Congress: Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, CD20
- State Senate: Bobby Powell, Jr., Lori Berman, & Tina Polsky
- State House: Kelly Skidmore, Andy Thomson, & Terence Davis,
- County Commission: Gregg Weiss, District 2,
- Port of Palm Beach: Dr. Deandre Poole, Seat 5
- PBC Candidates for School Board Run-Off Elections: Marcia Andrews, District 6;  
Edwin Ferguson, District 7
- Val Demings, U.S. Senate

**Chair's Report**, Terrie Rizzo

The Chair reported that both DEC offices are now open. The Chair announced the start of the ticket purchases this coming month for the Annual "TKJ" Gala Dinner at the West Palm Beach Marriott on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The National Summer meeting for the DNC will be held on September 7-10 in



Washington, DC. The chair is a part of the delegation from Florida. Yard signs are in & available at both offices.

**State Committeeman's Report, Junaid Akther**

The State Committeeman reported on the FDP Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

**State Committeewoman's Report, Maria Cole**

The State Committeewoman recognized several of the DEC members for their work, community engagement and voter outreach.

**County Commission 2022 Ballot Referendum:** County Commissioner Mack Bernard reported on the proposed County Commission Ballot Question Referendum titled "Increase Workforce and Affordable Housing Units to Address Rising Housing Costs General Obligations Bonds".

The officers introduced a motion that the Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee recommend a vote of "Yes" on the proposed Workforce and Affordable Housing Bond Referendum. With 98 votes cast, 95 in the affirmative and 3 in the negative, the motion was adopted by the required 2/3 majority. The Chair ordered that the DEC would recommend "Yes" to the proposed County Commission Workforce and Affordable Housing Bond Referendum.

**PBC Primary Election Report:** Data Director Richard Ingman reported on PBC turnout for the 2022 General Primary Election on August 23.

**Report of the Coordinated Campaign, FDP Regional Director Daniela Valdez Posada**

The Director of the FDP Coordinated Campaign reported on the doings and upcoming events of the coordinated campaign and new staff.

**Report of the Palm Beach County Campaign, Ana-Christina Acosta** reported on DEC campaign programs, including the NPA Project, Neighborhood Teams, VAN, and Early Voting. Phonebanks & canvasses will be posted to Mobilize. All DEC members should be working now on these activities in your precinct or as part of a Neighborhood Team. Anyone needing VAN training, Mobilize or virtual phone bank training should contact Ana Christina.

**General Orders (Old Business) – Bill Steigman**

Due to the impending time, further consideration of the proposed Rules of Order for Resolutions #4-7 was postponed to the October meeting.

**Announcements**

- **General Election Dates:**

Deadline to register to vote: Tuesday, 10/11

Vote By Mail Ballots Drop: 1<sup>st</sup> week of October

Early Voting: Mon, 10/24 to Sun, 11/6, 7am-7pm

Deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you: 10/29, 5pm



Deadline to return Vote-by-Mail ballot: Election Day, Tues, 11/8, 7pm.  
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- **October DEC Meeting: Thurs, 10/6, 7-9pm, South County Civic Center & via Zoom.**
- **Upcoming Phonebanks, Canvasses, Neighborhood Team activities, & Weekends of Action:** Phonebanks & canvasses on-going. Go to [mobilize.us/pbcdemocraticparty](https://mobilize.us/pbcdemocraticparty) to sign up.
- **PB-Treasure Coast AFL-CIO Annual Labor Picnic: Sun, 9/4, 12-4pm.** IBEW Local 728 Picnic Grounds, 4620 Summit Blvd, WPB. \$10 p/p for adults, children under 12 free Contact President Pat Emmert, [pemmert2@att.net](mailto:pemmert2@att.net).
- **Democratic Club of Greater Boynton & PBC Dems Clubs & Caucuses Special Zoom Meeting with Dr. Robert Watson to Discuss ELECTION 2022.** Mon 9/12, 6:30pm. Register at [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkcuurDovGNM5kbXDT3wjA\\_iPeiVuQ0F9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkcuurDovGNM5kbXDT3wjA_iPeiVuQ0F9)
- **17th Annual PBCDC Truman-Kennedy-Johnson Gala: Sat, 10/15, 6-9pm.** Marriott Hotel Grand Ballroom, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33401. Tickets, ads, & sponsorships available now at [pbcdemocraticparty.org/2022-tkj-gala](https://pbcdemocraticparty.org/2022-tkj-gala)
- **Annual West Palm Beach Veterans Day Parade: Sun, 11/6, 2 pm.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Sophia A. Nelson  
Secretary