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OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Happy  
**VALENTINE'S  
DAY**



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## President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends!

Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day filled with love and joy!

As we embark on the journey of the new year, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each one of you for being valuable members of FBC-LEO. Your commitment is integral to the success and positive impact we collectively make on the municipalities we serve.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the upcoming 2024 FBC-LEO Annual Conference, scheduled for April 4-5, 2024, at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista, South in Kissimmee, Florida. I encourage you to share this exciting event information with your colleagues, friends, and anyone interested in participating.

In line with our commitment to keeping you informed, the 1st dues invoice has been emailed. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated as we work together to sustain our association's growth and influence.

May this year bring you increased wisdom and success in all your endeavors. I eagerly anticipate witnessing the continued progress and achievements of our association.

Our next General Membership Meeting is set for June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. and will be conducted via Zoom. Make sure to save the date, as your participation is invaluable to our collective success.

Sincerely,



President Morris West  
Commissioner, City of Haines City

## 2024 FBC-LEO Dues



**2024 FBC-LEO 2nd dues invoice will be emailed to members later this month.**

Thank you for your membership. We appreciate your continued support of FBC-LEO. If you have not received your dues invoice, email us at [fbcleo@flcities.com](mailto:fbcleo@flcities.com).

## 2024 FBC-LEO Essay Contest Deadline Extended

**Deadline Extended!**



# Essay Contest

Deadline:  
**February 16, 2024**  
at **5:00 p.m. ET**

For more information, visit [fbcleo.org/essay-contest](https://fbcleo.org/essay-contest)

[View More Here](#)

**2024 FBC-LEO Annual Conference**

# REGISTRATION OPEN!



## 2024 FBC-LEO ANNUAL CONFERENCE



**APRIL 4-5**

Embassy Suites  
Lake Buena Vista  
Kissimmee, Florida

**Can't miss giveaways  
throughout the entire  
conference!**

Must be present to win.

[Click Here to Register](#)

**2024 Annual Conference Speakers**



# SPEAKERS

## 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



**Dr. Chad L. Jackson**  
President/CEO  
Jenga Consultants Group, LLC



**Dr. Kris Erskine**  
Vice President  
Jenga Consultants Group, LLC



**Yolanda Cash-Jackson**  
Shareholder Government Law  
Attorney, Becker & Poliakoff, P.A.



**Shwanda Barnette, JD**  
Deloitte Human Capital Manager for  
Government and Public Service  
Practice



**Dr. Stem Sithembile Mahlatini**  
President, Founder and CEO,  
Global Training Coaching & Consulting  
Services, Inc.



**Jeff Branch**  
Liaison, FBC-LEO and Senior  
Legislative Advocate, Florida  
League of Cities



**Steven J. Vancore**  
President, VancoreJones and  
Clearwater Polling and Research, LLC



**Public Defender Gordon Weekes**  
Law Office of the Public Defender,  
17th Judicial Circuit Broward County,  
Florida



**Scott Dudley**  
Director, Field Advocacy and  
Federal Affairs, Florida League of  
Cities







Reverend Gloria Cox has made history as Monticello's inaugural black Mayor. Prior to her mayoral tenure, Mayor Cox served as an employee of the Jefferson County School District and holds the distinction of being an ordained minister.

Her political journey began in 2018 when she was first elected to the council, where she now occupies the position representing Group 2. Mayor Cox's recent reelection went uncontested, underscoring her widespread support within the community. Notably, she has contributed her expertise to the council's budget committee.



## FBC-LEO 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.

- City Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman - City of Jacksonville
- Commissioner Taranza McKelvin - City of South Bay
- Commissioner Albert L. Polk, IV - City of South Bay

## From Our Partners

FLORIDA  
LEAGUE OF CITIES



### **Post-Legislative Session Webinar**

Please join the Florida League of Cities for their post-legislative session webinar, March 19, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET via Zoom

[Click Here to Register](#)

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

**2024 FBC-LEO Essay Contest**

Please share on all of your social media platforms.

**Deadline for submissions:**

February 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. ET

For more information visit

<https://fbcleo.org/essay-contest/>

April 4-5, 2024

Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista  
Kissimmee, FL

**Registration Now Open!**

**FBC-LEO Annual Conference**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

5:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

**Register Here**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

**General Membership Meeting**

6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

[\*\*Register Here\*\*](#)

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