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## President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends!

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all for a joyous Easter!

Easter symbolizes profound joy and hope, marking the triumph of light over darkness, life over death, and love for all humanity.

As our annual conference draws near, I urge all members to actively participate and extend invitations to others to partake in this enriching event. FBC-LEO's Annual Conference provides an invaluable opportunity for us to connect, learn, forge enduring connections and celebrate one another.

Kindly note that the second dues invoice has been dispatched via email. Your prompt attention to this matter is deeply appreciated as we collaborate to sustain the growth and impact 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris H. West". The signature is written in a cursive style.

President Morris West  
Commissioner, City of Haines City

## 2024 FBC-LEO Dues



**2024 FBC-LEO 2nd dues invoice was emailed on February 22nd.**

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 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



## 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

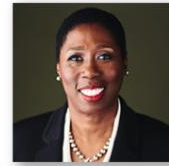
# SPEAKERS



**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







### **Welcome the newest FBC-LEO Member:**

We are thrilled to have you as a member of the FBC-LEO organization and look forward to getting to know you.

- Councilman Lawrence Reed, Town of Havana

### **From Our Partners**



### **U.S. Department of Transportation Announces \$1.25 billion in Direct, Accessible Grants for Local Communities to Improve Roadway Safety**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has opened the process for cities, towns, counties, Tribal governments, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to apply for \$1.256 billion in funding for local projects that improve roadway safety. The funds are from the competitive grant program, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), which was created in President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help communities both plan and carry out projects that help reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our highways, streets, and roads. The SS4A grant program is a major action that supports funding to advance the DOT's [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#), which launched in

2022 to address the high number of traffic deaths happening across the country.

SS4A funds will help communities in the development of road safety action plans and improve unsafe roadway corridors by implementing effective interventions. Additionally, these funds can be utilized to test out safety features such as separated bicycle lanes or curb extensions at intersections.

Applications may come from individual communities or groups of communities and may include MPOs, counties, cities, towns, other special districts that are subdivisions of a state, certain transit agencies, federally recognized Tribal governments, and multijurisdictional groups of eligible applicants.

The Safe Streets and Roads for All Notice of Funding Opportunity can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>. Applications for Implementation Grants are by May 16. Planning and demonstration grant applicants will have three opportunities to apply with the deadlines of April 4, May 16, and August 29.

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### **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.

## **FBC-LEO Annual Conference**

April 4-5, 2024  
Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista  
Kissimmee, FL

**Registration Now Open!**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024  
5:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

**Register Here**

## **General Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024  
6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

**Register Here**

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