



# FLORIDA BLACK CAUCUS OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

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## A Message From President Campbell



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends!

As we reflect on April, we are reminded that this season is one of renewed purpose and reflection. The observance of Easter offered a meaningful opportunity to pause, refocus, and recommit to service, compassion, and community.

April was also a defining moment for the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials as we successfully convened the [2026 FBC-LEO Annual Conference](#). I extend my sincere gratitude to our outstanding speakers and facilitators for sharing their expertise and insight; to our attendees for their engagement, collaboration, and commitment to leadership; and to our sponsors and partners whose continued support helped make this year's conference both impactful and inspiring.

Throughout the month, meaningful dialogue, shared experiences, and strengthened relationships reaffirmed our collective commitment to community-centered leadership and ethical governance. The momentum built in April will continue to guide our work as we move forward together.

On behalf of FBC-LEO, thank you for your leadership, dedication, and service each day. As we carry the spirit of renewal from this season into the months ahead, may we remain focused on unity, progress, and uplifting the communities we are honored to serve.

Warm Regards,



President Justin Campbell  
Commissioner, City of Palatka

### #FBCLEO26 Conference Recap



We're so grateful to everyone who attended last week's FBC-LEO Annual Conference! Thank you to our attendees, staff, speakers, and sponsors for making our annual event a tremendous success. Our video recap and photos from the conference are available on our [Facebook page](#).

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**2026-2027 FBC-LEO Board of Directors and Officers**



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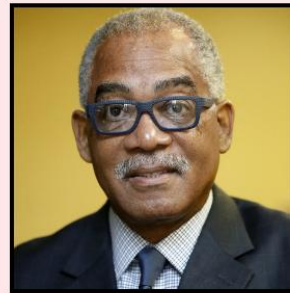
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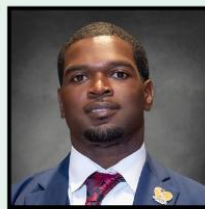
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## 2026-2027 FBC-LEO Essay Winners



First Place Winner

**Ja'Zairia Chester**



Second Place Winner

**Ziya Chambers**



Third Place Winner

**Sakura Yamaguchi**

Read the winning essay [here](#).

## Member Highlight



Latricia Wright, City Clerk for the City of Williston, is a dedicated public servant who plays a vital role in connecting residents with their local government. Through her work supporting City Council meetings, maintaining official records, and ensuring public access to information, she helps strengthen transparency, trust, and civic engagement within the Williston community.

A valuable and dedicated member of both FBC-LEO and the Florida Association of City Clerks (FACC), Ms. Wright is celebrated for her commitment to service, professionalism, and the communities she proudly serves.

### **New Member News**



### **Welcome Our Newest FBC-LEO Members!**

We are excited to welcome our newest members to the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO). We are honored to have you join our growing

network of dedicated local leaders and look forward to connecting, collaborating, and working together in service to our communities.

Please join us in welcoming:

- Commissioner Fitzgerald Budhoo, City of Oakland Park
- Council Member Shannon Hayes, City of Crestview
- Commissioner Luis Santiago, City of Oakland Park

Welcome to FBC-LEO—we are glad you're here!

### **Regional Membership Drive Events**

We're thrilled to kick off new regional events and a statewide membership drive launching this year—designed to expand engagement, strengthen connections, and grow our FBC-LEO family like never before.

Stay tuned—more exciting details are on the way!

Thank you for your leadership and commitment. Let's make 2026 a powerful year of collaboration, growth, and impact.

2026 FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast



**SAVE THE DATE**

**AUGUST 14, 2026**

**FBC-LEO  
ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

**The Diplomat Beach Resort  
Hollywood**



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**SAVE THE DATE**

FBC-LEO Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 2026, EST. via Zoom

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

May 12, 2026, EST. via Zoom

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

FBC-LEO General Membership Meeting

[Register Here](#)

Friday, August 14, 2026

The Diplomat Beach Resort  
Hollywood

2026 FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast

**Registration Coming Soon**

In conjunction with the Florida  
League of Cities Annual Conference

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