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**FLORIDA BLACK CAUCUS
OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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A Message From President Campbell



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends!

March represents a season of progress, reflection, and renewed energy as we continue advancing the important work of the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. As we move toward spring, we also recognize Women's History Month and National Civic Engagement Month—both reminders of the power of leadership, service, and active community involvement.

Across Florida, our members are making meaningful impacts through thoughtful governance, collaboration, and advocacy. Your dedication continues to strengthen FBC-LEO and ensures our collective voice remains strong and effective.

As we look ahead, I strongly encourage you to make plans now to attend the **2026 FBC-LEO Annual Conference**, taking place **April 15–17, 2026, in Tampa at the Hilton USF near Busch Gardens**. This premier event brings together local elected officials from across the state for leadership development, policy discussions, and invaluable networking opportunities. Register early and secure your place—this is an event you will not want to miss.

Additionally, as we continue building momentum for the year ahead, please take a moment to confirm that your 2026 FBC-LEO membership dues have been submitted. If you have not yet renewed, we encourage you to do so as soon as

possible to remain in good standing and continue enjoying the benefits of membership, including access to programs, events, and leadership opportunities.

Thank you for your continued dedication to public service and to the mission of FBC-LEO. Together, we will continue moving forward with purpose, unity, and impact.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Justin" being more prominent than the last name "Campbell".

President Justin Campbell
Commissioner, City of Palatka

Member Highlight



Commissioner Alexander H. Smith serves the residents of Apopka, Florida, with a strong commitment to principled leadership, collaboration, and community advancement. In addition to his role on the City Commission, he is a Board Member and Treasurer of the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO) and a dedicated, active member of the organization.

Commissioner Smith is widely respected for his focus on responsible governance and thoughtful stewardship. Through his leadership with FBC-LEO, he supports statewide efforts to strengthen municipal leadership, promote sound policy discussions, and foster meaningful collaboration among local elected officials.

Guided by a belief that effective leadership is rooted in service and accountability, Commissioner Smith remains committed to making decisions that create lasting, positive impact for both his city and communities across Florida.

“Leadership is about service—showing up, doing the work, and making decisions that create lasting impact for our communities.”

— Alexander H. Smith

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 Letitia Newbold, City of Oakland Park
- Mayor Charlotte Thompson, City of Florida City

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.

FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES



FLC Legislative Session Review Webinar

Don't miss the March 24, 2026, FLC Legislative Session Review Webinar! Register today to stay informed on key legislative updates that impact your community and local leadership.

[Register Here](#)

FBC-LEO New Apparel Store

Closing Soon!



🎉 The FBC-LEO Apparel Store is OPEN! 🎉

Get ready to show your FBC-LEO pride in style! Our official apparel store is live and filled with new items you won't want to miss. Whether you're representing at events or sporting your FBC-LEO spirit every day, now's the time to grab high-quality gear that speaks volumes.

🛒 The apparel store will close on March 27, so be sure to check out the latest additions and place your order before it's gone!

[Shop Here](#)



**REGISTER
NOW!**

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 15-17, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa
USF Near Busch Gardens | Tampa, FL



[Register Here](#)

SAVE THE DATE

FBC-LEO Board of Directors Meeting

April 15, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa USF

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

2026 FBC-LEO Annual Conference

April 15-17, 2026

Embassy Suites USF Tampa

near Busch Gardens

[Register Here](#)

FBC-LEO Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 2026, EST. via Zoom

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

[Register Here](#)

FBC-LEO General Membership Meeting

May 12, 2026, EST. via Zoom

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

[Register Here](#)

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