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President's Corner



Greetings FBC-LEO Family,

November is a time to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings we share. As members of FBC-LEO, we are especially grateful for our fellowship, the opportunity to serve, and our shared commitment to communities across Florida.

As we look ahead, preparations are underway for the 2027 FBC-LEO Annual Conference. Members are also encouraged to support the Essay Scholarship Contest, submit nominations for the FBC-LEO Board of Directors, and provide professional headshots for the Membership Directory.

Please remember that prorated membership dues will begin in January as we transition to our new October 1–September 30 fiscal year. Members with outstanding 2026 dues are encouraged to make payment as soon as possible, as unpaid memberships after December will be considered lapsed.

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, may we reflect on our many blessings and the privilege of serving others. Thank you for your continued dedication to FBC-LEO and the communities you represent.

Wishing you and your families a safe, joyful, and blessed Thanksgiving.

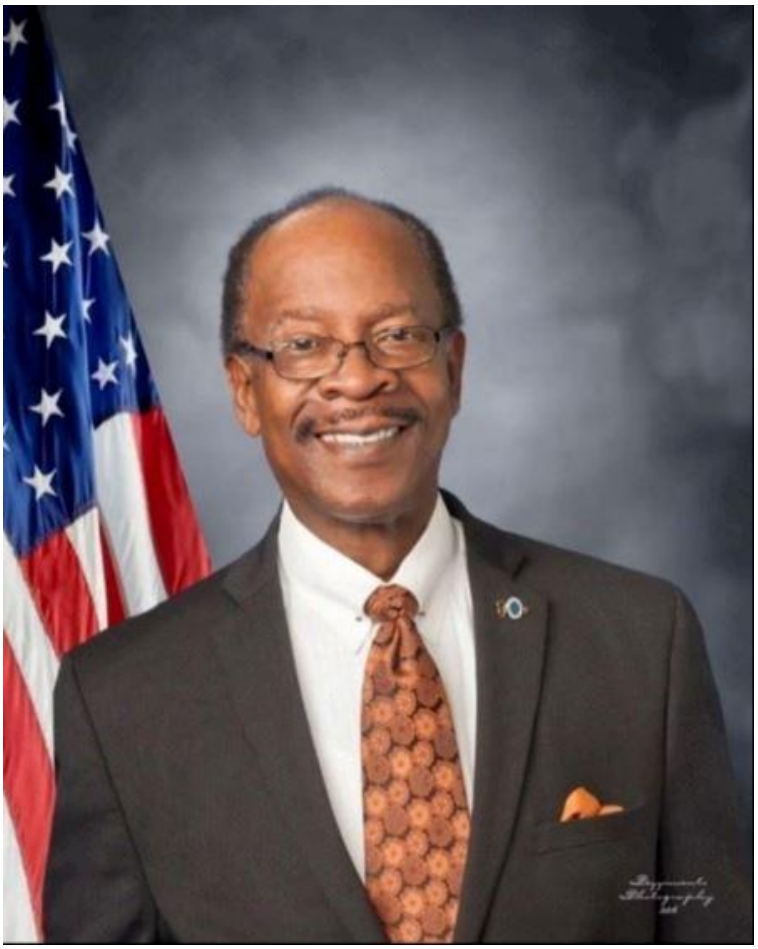
Best Wishes,



President Justin Campbell

Commissioner, City of Palatka

Member Highlight



Nathaniel J. “Nat” Birdsong, Jr. is a longtime public servant and Commissioner for the City of Winter Haven. A Winter Haven native, he was first elected to Seat 2 of the City Commission in 2002 and has since served multiple terms as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Commissioner Birdsong earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Florida A&M University and an MBA from Nova Southeastern University. In addition to his service in local government, he serves as Executive Director of the Florence Villa Community Development Corporation. His civic involvement extends to organizations focused on regional planning, transportation, economic development, water resources, and community redevelopment.

As a member of FBC-LEO, Commissioner Birdsong brings a wealth of local government experience and community leadership to the organization. His dedication to public service supports FBC-LEO's mission of strengthening leadership, fostering collaboration, and promoting meaningful engagement among Florida's local elected officials.

Throughout his years of service, Commissioner Birdsong has remained steadfast in his commitment to Winter Haven and the advancement of the broader community.

2027 FBC-LEO Annual Conference



2027 FBC-LEO Essay Scholarship Contest



Click Here For More Information

Submit Essay Here



Want some extra bragging rights? The municipality with the most essay contest entries will earn a special prize. Rally your community and encourage students to participate!

2027-2028 FBC-LEO Board of Directors Nominations



Call for Nominations: 2027-2028 FBC-LEO Board of Directors

Lead, Serve, and Make an Impact

The Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO) is now accepting nominations for the **2027-2028 Board of Directors**.

As an FBC-LEO member, serving on the Board of Directors is more than a leadership opportunity. It is a chance to help shape the future of the organization, develop strategic initiatives, strengthen member engagement, and advance the mission of FBC-LEO throughout Florida. Your experience, ideas, and perspective can help guide the organization and create meaningful opportunities for current and future members.

Nominations are being accepted for the following positions:

- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Assistant-Treasurer
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Parliamentarian
- Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (North)
- Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (South)
- Historian
- Chaplain
- Sergeant-At-Arms

The position of **2nd Vice President** will serve a **two-year term**. All other positions will serve **one-year terms**.

Eligible members must be a Regular Member in good standing and have been a Regular Member for at least one year.

New officers will be sworn in at the Annual Conference that will be held February 25, 2027.

The FBC-LEO Board of Directors meets at 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month. If you wish to be considered for a board position, please complete the form below.

All nominations must be submitted by Friday, December 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at **fbcleo@flcities.com.**

Click Here to Submit Your Nomination

Regional Member Events



We're excited to introduce new regional engagement events and a statewide membership campaign designed to bring members together, foster meaningful relationships, and expand FBC-LEO's reach across Florida. These initiatives will provide additional opportunities to connect, share ideas, and support one another in our service to communities throughout the state.

More details will be announced soon, so stay tuned for ways to participate and help spread the word.

Thank you for your leadership and unwavering commitment to FBC-LEO.

Together, we will continue building a stronger, more connected organization that advances excellence in local leadership and service.

FBC-LEO Membership Inquiry Form



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FBC-LEO strives to continuously enhance and serve our members. We kindly request that you fill out our Membership Re-Election Inquiry Form. Completing the short form will significantly impact the initiatives set by the FBC-LEO Board of Directors.

All information provided will be kept confidential and used solely for the purposes intended.

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE FORM



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

FBC-LEO **Board of Directors Meeting**	TBA via Zoom at 5:00 p.m. ET
FBC-LEO **General Membership Meeting**	TBA via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. ET

2027 FBC-LEO Annual Conference **Registration Now Open!**	February 24-26, 2027 Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, Kissimmee, FL Register Here

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