FLORIDA BLACK CAUCUS OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

FBC-LEO

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President's Corner



Greetings FBC-LEO Family,

As we continue advancing our mission of empowering local elected officials across Florida, I am inspired by the dedication, leadership, and service demonstrated by our members every day. Whether advocating for constituents, addressing local challenges, or creating opportunities for future generations, your commitment makes a lasting difference in communities throughout our state.

This year has been filled with meaningful accomplishments. From a successful Annual Conference and Annual Breakfast to continued membership growth and scholarship opportunities for deserving students, FBC-LEO remains focused on providing valuable educational resources, networking opportunities, and a strong voice for local government leaders. Our progress is a direct reflection of your engagement and support.

As we look ahead, I encourage each of you to remain actively involved in the association. Invite a colleague to become a member, participate in upcoming meetings and events, and share your experiences and ideas with fellow leaders. Together, we strengthen not only our organization but also the communities we proudly serve.

As a friendly reminder, final membership dues invoices have been emailed. To ensure your continued active membership and good standing with FBC-LEO, please submit any outstanding dues at your earliest convenience. Members with unpaid balances following the final invoicing period will be removed from the membership roster. Your membership and contributions are greatly appreciated, and we hope to continue having you as part of the FBC-LEO family. Should you need assistance with your account or payment options, please feel free to reach out.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our Board of Directors, sponsors, partners, and staff for their unwavering dedication to FBC-LEO's mission. Your support continues to help us grow, innovate, and create opportunities for current and future leaders and I look forward to all we will accomplish in the future.

Warm Regards,

President Justin Campbell

Commissioner, City of Palatka

FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast Recap









Breakfast Photos

Photos with Dr. Glaude

Thank you to our Booth Volunteers at the

2026 FLC Annual Conference!



Member Highlight



Michael C. Blake has dedicated more than 17 years of service to the residents of the City of Cocoa, including 11 years as Mayor. He was first elected to the Cocoa City Council in 1998, serving through 2001. In 2004, he was elected Mayor and served two terms through 2012. He returned to public office in 2014 as a Councilman and was reelected Mayor in 2020 and again in 2024.

Throughout his tenure, Mayor Blake has been a champion for economic development, redevelopment initiatives, job creation, and affordable housing opportunities. He has served on numerous city boards, committees, and task forces, including the Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency, and has acted as a liaison to organizations such as the Cocoa Housing Authority, Weed and Seed, and Save Our Neighborhood.

A respected leader in municipal government, Mayor Blake is a past President of the Space Coast League of Cities and currently serves as the 2024-25 President of the Florida League of Cities. He also serves on the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust Board and has been an active member of the Florida League of Mayors Board of

Directors. Most recently, Mayor Blake was elected President-Elect of the Florida League of Mayors, further reflecting the confidence local government leaders across Florida place in his leadership and service.

Mayor Blake retired from Cocoa High School in 2022 following a distinguished career in education. A lifelong resident of Cocoa, he remains deeply committed to strengthening his community and advancing the interests of Florida's municipalities.

New Member News



Welcome, the newest FBC-LEO Members:

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

- Mayor Bruce Greenlee, Town of Bronson
- Commissioner Terry Martin, City of Madison

- Commissioner Krystal Patterson, City of Tamarac

Please join us in welcoming our new members as we continue to strengthen our organization through advocacy, collaboration, and service.

2027 FBC-LEO Essay Scholarship Contest



Click Here For More Information

Submit Essay Here

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.

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

Click Here to Submit Your Nomination

A Note of Thanks

We are pleased to share a heartfelt note of thanks from one of our

2026 FBC-LEO Essay Contest winners, Ms. Ziya Chambers.



I DID IT!

Thank YOU!



My graduation weekend *was amazing!*

Thank you for your *love, guidance, support, prayers,* and *heart felt gifts!*

Your encouragement has helped shape me into the young woman I am today, and I am truly thankful for every person who has poured into my journey.

As I enter this exciting new chapter, I ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers. I will begin my journey at **Florida SouthWestern State College** on *June 24th* and will attend the **FBI Teen Academy** on *July 28th*, both incredible opportunities that bring me one step closer to my dream of serving my community as a juvenile probation officer.

GREATNESS HAS AN INVOICE:

Consistency AND *Discipline.*

This season is proof that hard work, faith, and perseverance truly pay off.



Thank you for celebrating this milestone with me and for believing in my future.

With love and gratitude,

Ziya

Aaliyah Cele' Chambers





I START

FSW

JUNE 24TH

Florida SouthWestern State College



FBI

TEEN ACADEMY

JULY 28TH

The best is yet to come!

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 the reach of FBC-LEO 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



FBC-LEO Membership Inquiry Form

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**	October 13, 2026 via Zoom at 5:00 p.m. ET Click Here to Register
FBC-LEO **General Membership Meeting**	October 13, 2026 via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. ET Click Here to Register

2027 FBC-LEO Annual Conference	February 24-26, 2027 Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, Kissimmee, FL **Registration Opening Soon!**

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