



# Kiwanis Florida District

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**MINUTES OF THE FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE 2019-2020 BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL  
Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate (1500 Masters Blvd., ChampionsGate, FL)  
3:30 P.M., Thursday August 15, 2019**

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## **Call to Order**

Governor Allen Yergovich called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

## **Invocation**

The invocation was provided by Human & Spiritual Values Chair, Reverend Phil Miller-Evans.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Governor-elect Mary-Lynn Desjarlais led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Roll Call**

Executive Director Melanie Winterheimer's roll call confirmed that the following 2019-20 District Board Members were present for the meeting:

### **2019-20 Board**

Governor Allen Yergovich  
Governor-Elect Mary Lynn Desjarlais  
Vice-Governor Harvey White  
Executive Director Melanie Winterheimer  
Immediate Past Governor Steve LeBlanc  
Past Governor Todd Smith  
Past Governor Gary Frechette  
Division 1 Lt. Governor Elizabeth Lafollette  
Division 2 Lt. Governor Jonathan King  
Division 3 Lt. Governor Aaron Johnson  
Division 6 Lt. Governor Paige Chase-Novak  
Division 7 Lt. Governor Dennis McConnell  
Division 8 Lt. Governor Richard Sanvenero  
Division 9 Lt. Governor Timothy Taylor

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Division 10 Lt. Governor Chris Gullette  
Division 12 Lt. Governor Claire Cousins  
Division 13 Lt. Governor Angela Pietras  
Division 14 Lt. Governor Suzi Bredbenner  
Division 15 Lt. Governor Nan Clark  
Division 17 Lt. Governor Terri Davis  
Division 18 Lt. Governor Katie Malloy  
Division 19 Lt. Governor Tina Pegler  
Division 20 Lt. Governor Theresa LePore  
Division 21 Lt. Governor Tom Thayer  
Division 22 Lt. Governor Rebecca Randolph  
Division 23 Lt. Governor John Francis  
Division 24 Lt. Governor Ingrid Goulbourne  
Division 25 Lt. Governor Carmen Calzon  
Division 26 Lt. Governor Paul Simmonds  
Florida Kiwanis Foundation President Jim Wylie  
Florida Kiwanis Foundation President-Elect Richard Leys  
Florida Kiwanis Foundation Vice President Dan Borba

**Absent**

Division 4 Lt. Governor Monja Slater  
Division 5 Lt. Governor Alison Cacella  
Division 11 Lt. Governor Janet Cathy

**Also in Attendance**

International Trustee and Florida District Board Counselor Dave Hurrelbrink  
Florida CKI Governor Josephine Di Russo  
Florida Key Club Governor Stara D'Haiti  
Parliamentarian Phillip Miller-Evans

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**Quorum**

Executive Director Winternheimer confirmed the presence of a quorum for the conduct of business.

**Governor's Opening Remarks**

Governor Yergovich introduced the guests in the gallery and stated that he was glad to see so many of them in attendance.

**Dates and Locations of 2019-20 Meetings and Conventions**

Lt. Governor Terri Davis made a motion to accept the 2019-20 calendar as published. Lt. Governor Paige Chase-Novak seconded the motion and it carried. The dates will be published on the district website.

**2019**

October 25-27	CKI Leadership Training Conference (LTC) – Camp Kiwanis	Ocala, FL
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**2020**

January 3-5	Key Club / CKI Winter Board Meeting	Orlando, FL
January 10-12	Governor's Conference (Allen)	Dallas, TX
January 24-29	Florida District Cruise	Independence of the Seas
January 26-30	Children's Week	Tallahassee, FL
February 21-23	CKI DCON	TBD
February 22	Florida Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting	TBD
March 14	Kiwanis Winter Board Meeting	Lake Mary, FL
March 14	Long Range Finance Committee Meeting	Lake Mary, FL
April 2-5	Key Club DCON	Orlando, FL
April 17-19	2020-21 Lieutenant Governor Training	Lake Mary, FL
June 12-14	Key Club Leadership Training Conference (LTC)	Orlando, FL
June 18-20	International Convention	Indianapolis, IN
August 13-16	Florida Kiwanis DCON (Lake Buena Vista Palace)	Orlando, FL
August 13	Final Meeting of 2019-20 District Board 2:00 pm	Orlando, FL
August 13	First Meeting of the 2020-21 District Board 3:00 pm	Orlando, FL

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**Approval of Authorized Signers on Kiwanis Family Accounts:**

Lt. Governor Suzi Bredbenner made a motion to designate and approve the signers for the Kiwanis Family Accounts. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Chris Gullette and carried. The designated signers are:

- Kiwanis Accounts: Governor, Kiwanis Executive Director
- SLP Foundation Accounts: Kiwanis Executive Director with FL Foundation Treasurer as Emergency Signer
- Key Club & CKI Operating Accounts: Kiwanis Executive Director

**Approval of District Committee Chair Appointments:**

Lt. Governor Davis made a motion to approve Governor Yergovich's 2019-20 appointment of District Committee Chairs. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Aaron Johnson and carried. The 2019-20 Committee Chairs can be found at [flkiwanis.org](http://flkiwanis.org).

**Approval of Appointments to Long Range Finance Committee:**

Lt. Governor Jonathan King made a motion to approve Governor Yergovich's appointments to the Long Range Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Nan Clark and carried.

The appointees are:

- Lieutenant Governor Angela Pietras (D13)
- Lieutenant Governor Nan Clark (D15)

**Appointment of Bylaws & Policies & Procedures Review Committee:**

Lt. Governor John Francis made a motion to approve Governor Yergovich's appointments to the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Committee. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Timothy Taylor and carried. Governor Yergovich's appointees are:

- Lieutenant Governor Carmen Calzon (D25)
- Lieutenant Governor Paige Chase-Novak (D6)
- Lieutenant Governor Ingrid Goulbourne (D24)

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**Adoption of 2019-20 Florida Kiwanis Family Operational Budgets:**

Lt. Governor King made a motion to ratify the approval of the organizational budgets by the 2018-19 board for Kiwanis, CKI, Key Club and Aktion Club for the 2019-20 administrative year. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Ingrid Goulbourne and carried.

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Melanie Winterheimer provided a written report but wanted to take a moment to congratulate the new members of the board and let them know that the district office exists to help the district succeed. Anything we can do to make the job of the lieutenant governor better or easier, we are there for you. She also stressed that the district can only be as good as the information it is provided with by those on the front lines. Our reporting system for lieutenant governors is inadequate and it is sometimes months before we get information letting us know that a club is in trouble. We are looking to this class of lieutenant governors to turn things around and keep us advised of how we can get to struggling clubs sooner.

She closed by expressing her gratitude that Board Counselor Dave Hurrelbrink and his wife Pat not only agreed to attend the convention but that they agreed to become such an integral part of it.

**Report of Investment Counselor:**

Investment Counselor Terry Carr reported that our Investment and HLT accounts continue to show a positive performance and our investments continue to grow. He challenged the board to keep the momentum going and entertained questions.

**Nominations and Election to the Executive Committee:**

The following lieutenant governors accepted nominations to the Executive Committee: Lt. Governor Chris Gullette (D10), Lt. Governor Terri Davis (D17), and Lt. Governor Suzi Bredbenner (D14)

Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed and a motion was moved and seconded to confirm the election of Lt. Governors Gullette, Davis, and Bredbenner.

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**Nominations and Election to the Personnel Committee:**

The following lieutenant governors accepted nominations to the Personnel Committee:

Lt. Governor Rebecca Randolph (D22) and Paige Chase-Novak (D6).

Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed and a motion was moved and seconded to confirm Lt. Governors Randolph and Chase-Novak as the 2019-20 representatives of the Personnel Committee.

**Lt. Governor Report Deadlines:**

Governor Yergovich reminded the Board Members that to qualify for eligible reimbursement of the 2020 International Convention, board members must attend the district caucus and the business session in Indianapolis. There will not be a board meeting at the International convention.

Governor Yergovich also reminded them that they must complete three visits to each club.

- a. Report of Training and Contact Visits and Reimbursement Request due December 1, 2019.
- b. Report of Official Club Visit & Reimbursement Request is due March 31, 2020.
- c. Report of Official Board Visit & Reimbursement Request due May 15, 2020.  
Reimbursement request must be submitted with report.

If elections for lieutenant governor-elects have not yet been completed they should be as soon as possible. June 1 is too late to get them to the lieutenant governor training in May. This puts them at a disadvantage before they even get started.

**Membership Update:**

Membership Tommy Mills provided an update on the 2018-19 year and our positive outlook for 2019-20. He congratulated those who helped open new clubs and invited everyone to come help open even more. He assured everyone that the membership team was working on a plan to get everyone involved in making the Florida District of Kiwanis succeed. His motto is "We cannot fail, because if we fail, we fail our children". By working together, we will not fail.

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**Remarks by Florida Kiwanis Foundation President-Designate Jim Wylie:**

President-Designate Jim Wylie provided a Foundation update and pledged the Florida Kiwanis Foundation's continued support to our Service Leadership Programs, to Kiwanis, and to the children in Florida. There are some exciting things on the horizon including a donation from the estate of Donna and Dave Batelaan. The Foundation will be receiving a check for \$900,000 at their meeting on Friday August 15, as the first installment of the Batelaan's legacy which will total nearly \$3,000,000. Half of that legacy will go to the support of our SLPs and the other half will support those with disabilities. They are also creating a new fund in honor of Dr. Wil and Rachel Blechman. The Foundation has always supported the SLPs, this fund will be a way to support Young Children: Priority One.

President-Designate Wylie requested the presence of all Kiwanians who can attend during Children's Week in Tallahassee in January. He closed by thanking the board for working so well with the division trustees to raise awareness of the Foundation and its work for the children. President-Designate Wylie encouraged all lieutenant governors to let him know when their Division Council Meetings (DCMs) are held as he would like to be involved at every level and assist in any way he can.

**Remarks by Florida Circle K International Governor Josephine Di Russo:**

CKI Governor Di Russo thanked Kiwanis for allowing the CKI members to attend the convention. She said that being a part of the Kiwanis family is the very best part of belonging to this organization. Governor Di Russo feels as though she can speak for all Service Leadership Program (SLP) members when she says that she would not be where she is today without the Kiwanis family. She congratulated the board on their new positions and encouraged everyone reach out the CKIs in their areas. She encouraged all board members to participate in CKI projects, meetings, and to sign up for the CKI Mentorship Program. She closed by encouraging everyone to get involved in the CKI Mentorship Program by becoming mentors to CKI students.

**Remarks by Key Club Governor Stara D'Haiti:**

Key Club Governor D'Haiti expressed congratulations to the board on their appointments and thanked them for their dedication to the Kiwanis organization. Members of Kiwanis' Service Leadership Programs are not just members of Key Club or CKI but they are proud members of a

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family, the Kiwanis family. She encouraged the board members to reach out and invite Key Club members to their Kiwanis club meetings so they understand just how important this family is. Governor D'Haiti told the board that she anticipates an estimated 330,000 service hours in 2019-20 and hopes that 10,000 of those service hours will be committed to her Governor's Project, Generation Green. Generation Green aims to promote environmental success through service, advocacy, and action. On behalf of the Florida District of Key Club International she and Key Club District Administrator Donna Parton will work diligently to make sure that the lines of communication are open and hope that the board will continue to reach out to them.

**Caring Corner Update from Mary-Lynn Desjarlais:**

Vice-Governor Desjarlais provided highlighted what to expect inside the Caring Corner and reminded the lieutenant governors of their responsibility to sell 50-50 tickets.

**New Business:**

In anticipation of a vote by the delegates to endorse Past Governor and International Trustee Chuck Gugliuzza as a candidate for the office of Kiwanis International Vice-President, a motion was made by Immediate Past Governor Steve LeBlanc to amend the 2019-20 budget to include matching funds not to exceed \$5,000 in support of Candidate Gugliuzza. This will be inserted in Line Item 1121.0, Support of Candidates Expense. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Theresa LePore and carried.

**Goals for Conferences and Conventions:**

Lieutenant Governor LePore made a motion to accept the following goals for the 2019 conventions. Lieutenant Governor Tina Pegler seconded the motion and it carried.

- Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, IN – 300 registered attendees
- Florida District Convention in Orlando, FL – 700 registered attendees

**Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business to discuss at this meeting.



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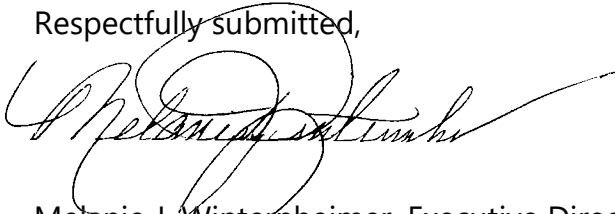
**Remarks by International Board Counselor Dave Hurrelbrink:**

International Trustee Dave Hurrelbrink brought greetings from the Kiwanis International Board, President Poly Lat, and incoming President Daniel Vigneron and all the rest of the trustees, including Chuck Gugliuzza. He said he is looking forward to working with Governor Allen and his team. He knows that the 2019-20 team will do a great job retaining members, opening new clubs, adding new members and he offered his assistance in doing so. He closed by thanking the district for their hospitality and for everything that they have done and will do for the children.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Governor Yergovich adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie J. Winternheimer, Executive Director  
The Florida District of Kiwanis International

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**Certification:**

A copy of these Minutes will be reported to the Florida Kiwanis District Board of Trustees at their Official Meeting on February 23, 2019 for approval. Once approved, copies of these Minutes will be forwarded to Kiwanis International Executive Director Stan Soderstrom; Kiwanis International Governance Specialist, Diana Rader O'Brien; Thomas Tschopp, Schafer, Tschopp, Whitcomb, Mitchell & Sheridan, LLP., Kiwanis' officially designated Auditor; and permanently filed in the Official Records of the Florida District of Kiwanis International, Inc., at its headquarters at 1205 W. Airport, Sanford, FL 32773.