



AGENDA

League of Women Voters of Polk County, Florida
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 26th, 2026
The Well, 114 E. Parker Street, Lakeland FL 33801

OFFICERS:

Jo Shim, President
Open, Vice President
Katy Pace Byrd, Treasurer
Ben Graffam, Secretary

PAST PRESIDENT:

Linda Donaldson

DIRECTORS:

Charlene Bennett
Karen Freedman
Jen Cordova
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Heather Bradman

- 1) Confirm Quorum Ben Graffam
- 2) Call to Order Jo Shim
- 3) Approval of Minutes (Jan 2026) Ben Graffam
- 4) Treasurer's Report Katy Byrd
- 5) President's Report Jo Shim
- 6) Committees and Action Teams
- a. Items for consideration by the board.
- 7) Pro Tem/Ad Hoc Committees
- a. Report from the **Options for Meeting Places Committee** plus options for meetings at the Well – Timeline for review, discussion and recommendations.
- b. Nominating Committee update
- 8) New Business
- a. Review of Bylaws
- b. City of Lakeland Community Survey – Motion to include flyer for the community survey in the March newsletter and on the LWVPC Facebook page.
- c. Schedule Annual Meeting planning meeting
- d. Motion to support the LWV Port Washington-Manhasset Update on LWVUS Program Planning Survey.
- 9) Unfinished Business
- a. 2026 Budget Committee update (Katy)
- b. Annual Meeting Booklet update (Ben)
 - i. Review of letter to membership on changes to the local program
- c. Suggested policy for the newsletter and cards when LWV Polk County members pass away or experience a death in the family
- d. Support/donation for Beacon Hill Fellowship
- e. Policy on requests for organizations/sponsorship for events
- f. Review planning for Hot Topics and other events March - May 2026
 - i. Revival of Coffee/Cocktails and Conversation
 - ii. March (March 17th) – Business/Informational meeting
 - iii. April (April 21st) – Legislative Update
 - iv. Annual Meeting May 2nd
 - v. May – (May 19th) - TBA (Suggestions – Young people in politics, Open-minded Mic Night, National Popular Vote)
- 10) Any Other Business (AOB)
 - i. Date and location for new member orientation
- 11) Next board meeting: March 26th at 4pm
- 12) Adjournment

Jo Shim: Submitted February 26nd, 2026