



AGENDA

League of Women Voters of Polk County, Florida
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Thursday, October 23rd, 2025
 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

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| 1) Confirm Quorum | Ben Graffam |
| 2) Call to Order | Jo Shim |
| 3) Approval of Minutes (Sept) | Ben Graffam |
| 4) Treasurer's Report | Katy Byrd |
| 5) President's Report | Jo Shim |
| 6) Committees and Action Areas – Items for consideration by the board. | |
| 7) Pro Tem Committees | |
| a. Committee on Committees: Charlene Bennett, Karen Freedman, Sue Schultz –Summary update from Ben | |
| b. Leadership Training: Breezi Hicks and Ben Graffam – No new updates | |
| c. Municipal Elections Committee: Jo Shim, Heather Bradman and Karen Freedman | |
| 8) New Business | |
| a. Election of Board member to serve on the 2025-2026 Nominating Committee | |
| b. Adoption of Membership google doc. from LWV of the St. Petersburg Area. | |
| c. Forming a new Education Committee | |
| 9) Unfinished Business | |
| a. MLK Parade Participation (January 17 th 2026) | |
| b. Review Board Goals | |
| c. Review Calendar | |
| d. Tax Office Tour | |
| e. Updates for the Annual Meeting booklet – (Ben) | |
| f. Report from the newly formed Hospitality Committee (Jo, Ben and Karen) | |
| g. Review planning for Hot Topics and other events November 2025 - March 2026 | |
| i. November – Immigration in Polk County – November 13th | |
| ii. December – Holiday party – Date: December 11 th | |
| 1. Honorarium for GJSH Chorus program | |
| iii. January – Planning meeting – Date: TBA | |
| 1. Revival of Cocktails and conversation | |
| 2. Options for Women tour invite | |
| iv. February – Fundraiser - Date: TBA | |
| v. March – TBA | |
| h. Telephone tree follow-up | |



10) Any Other Business (AOB)

- a. Thank you gifts for presenters at LWVPC events.
- b. Letter writing campaign for HB 6001 (Jen)

11) Next board meeting: Thursday, November 20th at 4pm

12) Adjournment

Jo Shim: Submitted October 21th, 2025