



## AGENDA

League of Women Voters of Polk County, Florida  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 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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- 1) Confirm Quorum Ben Graffam
- 2) Call to Order Jo Shim
- 3) Approval of Minutes Ben Graffam
- 4) Treasurer's Report Katy Byrd
- 5) President's Report Jo Shim
  - a. Executive Committee vote on the motion to close the Zoom account
  - b. Polk County Legislative Delegation – August 12<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Progress on scheduling meetings with Polk County Legislators in their district offices.
- 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 – Should changes be added to the LWV Polk County website?
  - b. Leadership Training: Breezi Hicks and Ben Graffam
  - c. Municipal Elections Committee: Jo Shim, Heather Bradman and Karen Freedman
- 8) New Business
  - a. Updates for the Annual Meeting booklet – (Ben)
  - b. Motion to approve LWVPC board goals for April 2025 - March 2026
  - c. Email forwarding – Discussion of email sent by Jim Byrd
- 9) Unfinished Business
  - a. Nominations for up to three appointed directors who will serve for a term of one year.
    - i. Motion to elect Heather Bradman as an appointed director.
  - b. Progress on guidance documents for committee chairs. (Jo)
  - c. Board training and orientation plan
    - i. Confirm date and time: suggested date Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm
    - ii. Katy has agreed to assist with planning
  - d. LWV Polk County Membership Brochure – Discussion or motion on how many to print.
  - e. Progress on document storage updates - LWV Polk Google Drive and the Gmail account (Jo)
  - f. Complete planning for Hot Topics and other events August 2025 - March 2026
    - i. August -
    - ii. Constitution Day Celebration – September (To be confirmed)



- iii. Restoration of Rights - October (3 dates for Breezi)
- iv. November -
- v. December – Holiday party – Date
- vi. January –
- vii. February – Fundraiser
- viii. March

10) Any Other Business (AOB)

- a. Newsletter – Adding a link to the Forbidden Florida Reads section in the Florida Voter.
- b. Thank you gifts for presenters at LWVPC events.

Next board meeting: August – Board Orientation

September – Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

Adjourn

Jo Shim: Submitted July 24, 2025