



AGENDA

League of Women Voters of Polk County, Florida
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2026 - 5:00 pm
The meeting was conducted fully online.

OFFICERS:

Jo Shim, Co-president
Pat Denham, Co-president
Kristen Carlson, Co-Vice president
Ashley Haynie, Co-Vice president
Donna Daniels, Secretary
Katy Pace Byrd, Treasurer

DIRECTORS:

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Jen Cordova
Jackye Maxey
Mike Murray

- 1) Confirm Quorum
- 2) Call to Order
- 3) Approval of Minutes (May 2026)
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Presidents' Report
- 6) Committees and Action Teams
 - a. Items for consideration by the board.
 - i. Creation of a generalized/social justice action team.
See proposal submitted by Jen Cordova
- 7) New Business
 - a. MidFlorida Bank Account:
 - i. Motion to add LWV of Polk County board secretary, Donna Daniels, to the account.
 - b. Motion to nominate James Micah Jarrett to the board as an appointed member.
 - c. Review suggested board goals for 2026-2027.
 - i. Scheduled at least 4 LWV of Polk County events at locations outside Lakeland.
 - ii. Develop strategies to make LWV of Polk County communications functions (website, social media, publicity, google drive and MailChimp) more cohesive and effective.
 - iii. Schedule a Soul Box event to raise awareness to gun violence prevention
 - iv. Establish a group for new members until they find a relevant action team or other role.
 - v. Hold a LWVPC fundraising event with a goal of \$4,000.00
 - vi. Establish a permanent hospitality action team
 - vii. Develop a transport plan for senior LWV Polk County members especially those not living in Lakeland to enable them to attend events.
 - viii. Develop a plan to increase the number of social day-time events available for LWV of Polk County members.
 - ix. Establish an Observer Corps group/ action team to monitor school board, county commission and city commission meetings
 - d. Consideration of the suggestion to use the gift from the Patricia Gill Trust to establish a scholarship fund.
 - e. Request from Vicki Wuertz, nominating committee chair, for the board to appoint the third member of the nominating committee.
- 8) Unfinished Business
 - a. Business cards for board members - update on cost and vendors
 - b. Completion of the Annual Meeting Minutes review from Karen Freedman and Charlene Bennett the assigned members of the 2026-2027 annual meeting minutes committee.
 - c. Scheduling a social event for the old and new board - update
 - d. Brief recap of events in June and July



- i. June – Equal Ground Legislative Debrief Tour June 4th 6-8 pm at the Well.
- ii. Presentation at Beacon Hill Fellowship June 14th
- iii. General membership zoom call July 1 at 6pm on zoom
- iv. LWVFL Council of Leaders, Rollins College, Orlando July 11
- v. School Board Candidate Forum July 16 at the Well
- vi. Coffee and Conversation, Winter Haven, June 27 and July 25
- e. Future Events
 - i. Day of Action - August 8
 - ii. Hot Topic - A Conversation with Polk Superintendent Heid, August 20 at the Well
 - iii. Hot Topic - The 2026 Amendments, September 17
 - iv. Ideas needed for October and November
 - v. December Holiday Party
 - vi. January- Invite Polk County SOE, Melony Bell and Tax Collector, Joe Tedder.

9) Any Other Business (AOB)

- a. NAACP Freedom Fund Gala August 29 - What should be our level of support? Table or Booklet Ad?
- b. Candidate forums prior to the November Midterm Elections
- c. Popcorn Fundraising ideas
 - i. Popcorn fundraiser
 - ii. Idea proposed by Donna D.
- d. Conversions across the aisle (CATA) - Update
- e. Representation at One Million Cups held at the Well every Wednesday at 8:30am
- f. Other ideas for new events
 - i. Brown bag lunches

10) Adjournment

11) Next meeting board meeting - Monday, August 24 at 5pm.

Jo Shim and Pat Denham: Submitted July 23, 2026