



## Minutes

League of Women Voters of Polk County, Florida  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, May 15, 2025  
Lakeland Public Library, 100 Lake Morton Drive, Lakeland FL 33801

Board Members Present: Katy Pace Byrd, Jen Cordova, Linda Donaldson, Karen Freedman, Ben Graffam, and Jo Shim

Board Members Absent: Charlene Bennett and Litreace Coppit—excused absences.

### Opening

- 1) Quorum was Confirmed Secretary
- 2) Call to Order President
- 3) April Minutes Approved Secretary
- 4) Treasurer's Report was presented Treasurer
- 5) President's Report was presented President
  
- 6) Committees and Action Areas: Membership and Climate Action Committee Reports were presented.
  
- 7) Pro Tem Committees
  - a. Committee on Committees: Tabled for next meeting
  - b. Leadership Training Committee Report was presented

### Order of Business

- 8) New Business
  - a. MidFlorida Bank Account:
    - i. Karen Freedman moved that the League of Women Voters of Polk County (LWVPC) remove the signatory names of Linda Donaldson and Diane Lacey Allen from all of our MidFlorida Accounts. Motion was seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
    - ii. Jen Cordova moved that all current LWVPC accounts at MidFlorida Credit Union include Josephine Shim, President; Katy Pace Byrd, Treasure; and Ben Graffam, Secretary as signatories. Motion was seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
  
  - b. Katy Pace Byrd moved to raise the cost of league name tags to \$15.00 (from \$14.00). Motion was seconded. There was discussion on both sides. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. There was discussion about potential nominations for appointed directors to serve for a term of one year on our board.
  - d. There was discussion about appointing a board member to our Nominating Committee, required by our bylaws. To be delayed until closer to November.
  - e. The minutes reflect that our league sent a letter of regret to Dianna Wynn regarding 2024 – 2025 Federal Judiciary Study
  - f. There is a new LWV Polk County form for submitting committee reports. President Jo Shim will share this with our committee members, informing them that such reports are due one week before a board meeting. Submit these to the secretary (Ben Graffam).
  - g. Our board meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month, at The WELL, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, unless otherwise stated.
  - h. LWVFL Convention – June 6 and 7 — Jo Shim, Jen Cordova, and Linda Donaldson will attend.
  - i. Review of membership update from LWVFL ED Ray Alcantara (May 6, 2025) was distributed.



- j. There are plans to create a new brochure for our local league. Jo Shim will be getting estimates of costs.

9) Unfinished Business

- a. Our local league has a new website password.
- b. Document storage, Google Drive, and the Gmail account tabled to next meeting.
- c. Committee on Committees feedback tabled to next meeting.
- d. The documents that reflect that our Contract with the WELL has been signed and finalized.
- e. Hot Topics and other events are planned for June, July and August
  - i. There was discussion about the Gun Violence Prevention Panel event on June 24
  - ii. There was discussion about the Women's Reproductive Health Panel event on July 22
- f. The storage unit cleanup has been rescheduled for June 9, 5:00 PM, with a social at a local diner/restaurant

10) There was no other business.

Next board meeting: Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the WELL 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.