



Suncoast League of Cities  
 Business Meeting  
 Hosted by City of Largo  
 Friday, January 18, 2019  
 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
**Minutes**

**ATTENDEE LIST**

<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>
Beck	Lana
Bradbury	Sandra
Carroll	John
Dudley	Wanda
Elson	Max
Finnerty	Terri
Johnson	Patti
Nazario	Jack
Neidinger	Gail
Notaro	Leslie
Penny	Arthur
PETRUCELLI	Michael A(MIKE)
Quinn	Jim
Reed	Cheryl
Saracki	Dan
Saracki	Paula
Thomas	Ben

The January monthly business meeting was called to order at 11:49 AM by Heather Gracy, President, SLC and Commissioner, City of Dunedin. President Gracy asked for everyone to introduce themselves and then invited everyone to enjoy the lunch provided by the City of Largo. Heather introduced John Carroll, Commissioner, City of Largo, to give a special welcome from the City of Largo. Commissioner Carroll welcomed everyone to Largo and discussed some of the exciting events happening within the city.

Heather Gracy, President, then led everyone in the invocation and the pledge.

### Legislative Roundtable

State Representative Wengay “Newt” Newton, District 70 spoke to the members about upcoming legislative issues as well as local issues facing the cities/towns within in his district. Specifically, the Representative stated he was serving on the Higher Ed Appropriations Committee, State Affairs, Children & Family Services as well as Business & Professional Regulations. He also mentioned two of his sponsored bills: HB 265 and HB 241. There was great discussion and dialogue among members and the legislator.

State Representative Jennifer Webb, District 69 also had an opportunity as a freshman legislator to speak to the members about some of her initiatives and how she has had a huge learning curve in understanding the legislative process. She discussed her committees including the K-12 Education as the Democratic Ranking member, Infrastructure and Environment. Representative Webb expressed her support for local governments and her willingness to support those cities/towns within Pinellas County.

### President’s Report

Heather Gracy stated that approval of the October 19, 2018 minutes was being temporary postponed until the February 22, 2019 meeting.

President Gracy asked everyone to review the Financial Overview provided in their packets and stated he has been very pleased with the financials this year. Tom Shelly, Town of Belleair, made a motion to accept the financial overview as presented. Trish Springer, City of Seminole, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Heather thanked all the associate members for their continued support of the league. She also reviewed the new levels of associate member sponsorship levels which combine annual member dues and the Legislative Awards Dinner. Heather then preceded to discuss the May 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Awards Dinner to be held at the Fenway Hotel in Dunedin.

### Legislative Committee

Jamie Robinson, SLC Legislative Chair, discussed the 2019 SLC Legislative Priorities Brochure. He also thanked everyone who participated last year in the SLC Travel Pilot Program and stated that this year the program is no longer a pilot. He also mentioned that the SLC will be sending two people per week to Tallahassee during the 2019 Legislative Session. Chair Robinson stated the official sign up forms were included in the packet and asked members to sign-up. He reiterated the recognition the Suncoast League of Cities received last year from this program and how important it is to continue the regional presence in Tallahassee during the Legislative Session.

Commissioner Robinson also reminded members to mark their calendars for FLC Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee on March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Announcements**

President Gracy thanked everyone for their attendance and encouraged members to keep fighting for HOME RULE.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm.