

## In Attendance;

<b>Estero-President Vice Mayor Joanne Ribble</b>
<b>Cape Coral- President Mayor John Gunter</b>
<b>Fort Myers Beach-Treasurer Councilmember John King</b>
Fort Myers-Secretary Teresa Watkins Brown excused
<b>Sanibel-Past President Councilwoman Holly D. Smith</b>
LaBelle-Mayor Julie Wilkins excused
LaBelle Alternate-Hugo Vargas excused
<b>Bonita Springs-Councilmember Laura Carr</b>
Naples-Vice Mayor Terry Hutchison not in attendance
<b>Marco Island-Councilor Stephen Gray</b>
<b>Punta Gorda-Vice Mayor Greg Julian</b>
Clewiston Vice Mayor Hillary Hyslope not in attendance
Everglades City (open)
<b>Executive Director Rachel Keesling</b>
<b>FMIT Lindsey Johannesen</b>
<b>Sanibel Vice Mayor Mike Miller</b>
<b>Cape Coral Councilmember Laurie Lehman</b>
<b>Cape Coral Councilmember Joe Kilraine</b>
<b>Cape Coral Councilmember Rachel Kaduk</b>
<b>Cape Coral Councilmember Bill Steinke</b>
<b>Cape Coral Councilmember Jennifer Lastra</b>
<b>Bonita Springs Council Jim Fitzpatrick</b>
<b>Premier Sponsor FPL Charlotte Miller-presenter</b>
<b>Premier Sponsor FPL Juliet Roulhac-presenter</b>
<b>Boys and Girls Club Erik Zimmer</b>
<b>Lumos Fiber Brandon Miller</b>
<b>Fort Myers Chamber Robert L Goltz President/CEO</b>
<b>Jeri Julian-spouse</b>
Signature Sponsor Waste Pro Ed Farmer not in attendance
Signature Sponsor Waste Pro Bill Jones not in attendance
CAP FLA Luis A. Pérez-Codina not in attendance
CAP FLA Kathleen Croteau not in attendance
UDT Online Paul Moore not in attendance
Capital Strategy Group Jon Costello not in attendance
Estero Chamber-Katy Errington President/CEO not in attendance
Sanibel and Captiva Chamber-John Lai President/CEO not in attendance
Fort Myers Beach Chamber Jacki Liszak President not in attendance
Cape Coral Chamber-Donna Germain President not in attendance
Clewiston City Clerk Lakisha Burch not in attendance
Lumen Technology Dwayne Williams not in attendance

President Joanne Ribble called the meeting to order and announced that it is being recorded.

She gave a short welcome and asked Treasurer John King of Fort Myers Beach to conduct the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ribble congratulated Secretary Teresa Watkins Brown on her Keeper of the Dream Award that Fort Myers recently bestowed on her.

President Ribble asked Executive Director Rachel Keesling to conduct the roll call of the voting members, and a quorum was established.

President Ribble gave her opening comments which included an introduced the first-time attendees to the meeting.

She spoke on the Monday call-ins and how important it is to be on those calls and the numbers were distributed to all attendees. She emphasized how supplying FLC information can help craft better bills for all of our cities.

The voting members business session was opened, and she asked for any discussion on the minutes from 01/16/25. No discussion was brought forth, Vice President Gunter moved and Treasurer King seconded. The minutes carried unanimously with no corrections.

President Ribble brought forth the financial reports and asked for discussion, there was none. Treasurer King moved approval, seconded by Past President Smith and the motion carried unanimously.

President Ribble invited FLC announcements by First Vice President Holly Smith to address the chapter. She spoke on Legislative Action Days, she will give out her cell so that everyone has a contact while in Tallahassee. She gave a brief overview of the bill process and how the start of session has been looking. She told the cities about the property tax worksheet that FLC is looking for cities to fill out dealing with the study on property tax. She also asked about transferring enterprise funds into general and how that is being looked at elimination at the state level. She will produce a summary for all attendees to review and get all the information. Her final message was about working together and getting to know all your state reps at home.

Executive Director commented that the bill summary page from the FLC website and the 2025 priorities that can be found on the FLC and SWFLC websites.

A short break was called so that attendees could get their lunch.

President Ribble introduced our good friend and supporter from FPL, Ms. Charlotte Miller, who introduced the speaker, her director, Juliette Murphy-Rouhlac. Charlotte Miller gave an overview of Ms. Rouhlac's duties as Director of External Affairs and Corporate Philanthropy. She gave many examples of her active engagement in the community,

including BA and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Florida, Florida Blue Key and previously served a five-year term as a gubernatorial appointee on the University's Board of Trustees.

Ms Roulhac took the podium and introduced her PowerPoint "Proudly Powering Florida for a Century". She spoke on how FPL has built an energy grid that delivers reliable electricity, no matter the weather, while keeping bills as low as possible. She gave details on FPL's reliability, redundancy and resiliency. She showed graphs that delineated the transmission changes over the last 100 years. Storm Secure program has been a benefit to many communities that are in the path of storms and the system has been greatly diversified. She showed examples of the automation that has taken place, the 24/7 monitoring, and smart grids. She talked about economic development initiatives and all the community programs that FPL participates in statewide. One that just took place was "Power to Care Week. She concluded with a photo collage.

President Ribble thanked Ms. Roulhac for a very thorough and informative presentation.

She then called for voting member updates.

Mayor John Gunter, Cape Coral, spoke on the Burnt Store corridor and the balance between personal property rights and commercial development. The council is working toward handling the growth issues.

Councilmember Laura Carr, Bonita Springs, spoke on the beach renourishment finishing, downtown is flourishing, and the Ritz Residences are an advantage for the city and are underway.

Vice Mayor Mike Miller, Sanibel, spoke on standing water, how to treat it and contain it. the stormwater plan was being updated and looking at many options including culverts.

Vice Mayor Greg Julian, Punta Gorda, spoke on city manager search was underway and city attorney contract was expiring soon as well. He was encouraged the city would get state appropriations for high water vehicles this session.

Commissioner Stephen Gray, Marco Island, spoke on the seventh member to the board being appointed soon. His concerns as a newer seated commissioner are smart growth and water quality.

Councilor John King, Fort Myers Beach, spoke on the upcoming festival, the Best Western reopening and beach renourishment. He was encouraged that the town would have a new city hall in April and could consolidate operations.

Vice Mayor Joanne Ribble, Estero, spoke on the upcoming EsteroFest as a day of free family fun that included national entertainment, including the Ben Allen Band.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.