

# Florida Association of City Clerks

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## 4th of July Week



There will not be a newsletter next week, as we celebrate the independence of our nation.

The administration office will be closed Friday, July 3.

Happy 4th of July!

## Highlight



We will be highlighting a different member each week to share "what it means to be a member of FACC" for that person.

Today, enjoy reading about **Gwen Peirce, CMC, MPA, City Clerk, City of Satellite Beach.**

I began my interest in public service while I was attending Florida State University for my undergraduate degree (BA in English Literature), and it led me to obtain my Master of Public Administration at the University of Central Florida in 1993. My first public sector job was working in a Brevard county commissioner's office. This position gave me a great understanding of agendas, meetings and the relationship between elected officials and staff. [Read more.](#)

## Member News

### CMC Certifications



- Nicole Dritz, CMC - Development Services Director - Town of Lantana
- Juan Garcia, CMC - Deputy City Clerk - City of Miami Springs
- Laurie Nossair, CMC - Deputy City Clerk - City of Orlando

Congratulations Nicole, Juan, and Laurie!

## Message from FACC President



### FACC President Debra R. Buff, MMC

#### Presidential Speech During FACC Annual Business/Membership Meeting

*I would like to start by extending heartfelt appreciation to Bea Meeks, my dear friend, who served us extremely well with integrity, unity, leadership, professionalism and love. I personally thank you for giving such tremendous encouragement to our membership to become engaged with each another, as well as our association.*

*I am humbled and honored to stand before you as your president of the Florida Association of City Clerks. Thank you for entrusting me with such a noble responsibility. I will strive to never disappoint you, and I ask you to appeal to me with any suggestions you may have to improve our association. [Read More.](#)*

## Message from FACC Immediate Past President



**FACC Immediate Past President  
Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO**

### **Outgoing Speech During FACC Annual Business/Membership Meeting**

*William Langewiesche (Long-gah-vee-shuh) a pilot, journalist and author said, "So much of who we are is where we have been". This falls in line with how I remind myself in times that challenge me, saddened me and yes, even test my faith, I will not let that challenge or that moment define me; I will define it.*

*So far, 2020 has gone in a direction we never imagined. As clerks, we have found out how flexible we are, or maybe not. We found out that networking doesn't necessarily mean we are in the same room, just the same ZOOM meeting. We found out that when I challenged and encouraged you last summer in St. Augustine to "Bea Engaged and Bea Involved" it would mean standing six feet apart and wearing a mask. The challenge is ongoing. [Read more.](#)*

## Honoring Immediate Past President Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO

Join FACC in the City of Edgewood on **July 21, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. EST** to honor and present resolutions to FACC Immediate Past President Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO (City of Edgewood's City Clerk) and the City of Edgewood. Everyone is invited to attend.

**July 21, 2020  
6:30 p.m. EST  
City of Edgewood City Council Meeting  
405 Bagshaw Way  
Edgewood, FL 32809**

## 2019-2020 State of the Association

**"Bea" Involved**

**State of the Association  
Immediate Past President Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO**

*This has been a challenging and different year for all due to Covid-19. We had to cancel the 2020 Summer Conference and Academy, which has not been done for a long time, if ever. Municipalities have learned to function and work in a whole new*



world. We are all becoming experts with virtual platforms and using remote technology. We have faced challenges that we never thought we would have to face, both in our workplace and in our personal lives. However, through it all, we have continued to have hope and know that eventually we will come through the other side stronger than ever.

[Read More.](#)

## FACC Annual Business/Membership Meeting: Recap



We conducted our Annual Business/Membership Meeting on **Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. EST. .**

President Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO, presided over the meeting. Agenda highlights included approval of last year's [business meeting minutes](#), approval of the [2020-2021 budget](#), approval of [by-laws changes](#), approval of the 2020-2021 Slate of Officers, awards and recognitions, outgoing president remarks, incoming president remarks, and installation of president and

immediate past president.

- [Listen to audio from the meeting](#)
- [View pictures from the meeting](#)
- [Watch the installation of President Debra R. Buff, MMC](#)
- [Watch the installation of Immediate Past President Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO](#)

## Installation of President-Elect, Vice President and Directors

Typically, the FACC officers and district directors are installed during our luncheon at the Summer Conference and Academy; however, under the circumstances, the board agreed that the president-elect, vice president and district directors would be installed in their hometowns. We appreciate their understanding of the situation; we thank them for their leadership and willingness to serve as officers and directors.

Click here to view the [video montage](#) and [photos](#) of the installations.

## 2020-2021 Slate of Officers



**President**

**Debra R. Buff, MMC  
City Clerk, City of Belle Glade**



**President-Elect**

**Stacey Johnston, MMC  
City Clerk, City of Holmes Beach**



**Vice President**

**Cheryl A. Mooney, MMC  
City Clerk, City of Temple  
Terrace**



**Immediate Past President**

**Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO  
City Clerk, City of Edgewood**



**Northwest Director**

**Leslie Guyer, CMC**  
**City Clerk, City of Gulf Breeze**



**Northeast Director**

**Caroline Best, CMC**  
**City Clerk, City of Fernandina Beach**



**Central West Director**

**Angie Guy, MMC**  
**City Clerk, City of Dade City**



**Central East Director**

**Patricia J. Burke, MPA, MMC**  
**Town Clerk, Town of Palm Shores**





### **Southwest Director**

**Patricia Rambosk, MMC  
City Clerk, City of Naples**



### **Southeast Director**

**Lanelda D. Gaskins, MMC  
Town Clerk, Town of Highland  
Beach**



### **South Director**

**Sandra N. McCreedy, MMC  
Town Clerk, Town of Surfside**

## **2020 Award Winners**



### **Clerk of the Year Award**

**Debra R. Buff, MMC, City Clerk, City of Belle Glade,  
won the 2020 Clerk of the Year Award.  
Congratulations, Debra!**

## Robert N. Clark Memorial Award

Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford, MMC, Deputy City Clerk, City of North Lauderdale, won the 2020 Robert N. Clark Memorial Award. Congratulations, Elizabeth!



## President's Award

Debra R. Buff, MMC, City Clerk, City of Belle Glade, won the 2020 President's Award. Congratulations, Debra!

## 2019-2020 Resolutions

These resolutions were issued during fiscal year 2019-2020.

2019 – 02 Ray Ellis

2019 – 03 Cindy Bonham

2019 – 04 Melissa Teal (Death)

2019 – 05 Barbara Petersen

2019 – 06 Judy Pyle

2019 – 07 Sherry Casessus

2020 – 01 Pat Lee

2020 – 03 Rachel Callovi

2020 – 04 Bea Meeks/President of FACC

2020 – 05 City of Edgewood/Bea Meeks



2020 – 06 Gwen Keough-Johns/Immediate Past President

2020 – 07 Lakisha Burch/Southeast Director

2020 – 08 Kimberly Godwin/Northwest Director

## FACC Committee Sign-Up

Now is the time to sign-up to serve on a committee. FACC committees for the 2020-2021 fiscal year will be appointed in June of 2020. **Please complete this sign-up and select the top three committees you would like to serve on.**

For more information about the duties and responsibilities of FACC committees, [click here](#).

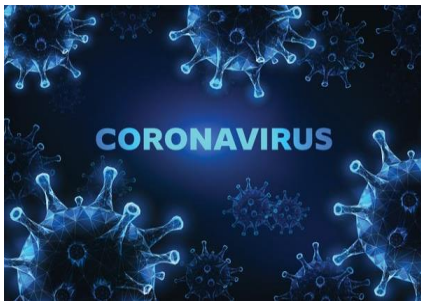
**Sign-up no later than June 30, 2020.**

Questions? Contact [facc@flicities.com](mailto:facc@flicities.com).



[Sign-Up Here](#)

## Coronavirus Resources



### Resources

FACC has created a web page dedicated to resources for you regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). [View Resources](#).

## Job Openings



[Browse current job openings.](#)

## Upcoming Events

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Edgewood, FL 32809

### **2020 Fall Academy, Marriott Lake Mary, Orlando**

October 18-22, 2020  
#FACCFall2020  
Room Rate: \$149 per night  
Member Rate: \$400 approximately

### **2021 Summer Conference and Academy, PGA National, Palm Beach Gardens**

June 26-30, 2021  
#FACCSummer2021  
Room Rate: \$169 per night  
Member Rate: \$350 approximately

### **2021 Fall Academy, The Shores Hotel, Daytona Beach Shores**

October 17-21, 2021  
#FACCFall2021  
Room Rate: \$129 per night  
Member Rate: \$400 approximately



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