

# Florida Association of City Clerks

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## Message From FACC President



I received a message last week from my dear friend, FACC Past President and retired Edgewood City Clerk Bea Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO. She sent me a message stating when she saw the below quote, “she thought of me.” Thank you, Bea, for knowing me so well and thank you for sharing this quote; it is perfect!

SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT  
It is hard work, perseverance, learning,  
studying, sacrifice, and most of all,

love of what you are doing.  
---Pelé---

**"Never Stop Learning"**

Sincerely,  
Stacey Johnston, MMC  
2021-2022 FACC President  
City Clerk, City of Holmes Beach

## Member 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 City Clerk Kelly Michaels, MMC, City of Venice.**

What does it mean to be a member of the FACC? Coming from Wisconsin where I was a long-time member and Past President (2018-2019) of the WMCA (Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association), I certainly know the value of being connected to fellow professionals

in your field. [Read More](#)

## Member News

### Retirement



City Clerk Laura Litzan, CMC, City of Marco Island, is retiring on April 15th, after serving 24 years as the City Clerk.

Laura joined the FACC on January 25, 2008. She earned her CMC on January 11, 2012.

Congratulations on your retirement, Laura!

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### Promotion



Kathleen "Kathy" Sotero, MMC, has been promoted to Assistant City Clerk for the City of Daytona Beach.

Congratulations, Kathy!

## FACC Mentors Needed



**The FACC Mentoring Committee needs more mentors!**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact FACC Mentoring Committee Chair Renee ShROUT, CMC, City Clerk, Oakland Park, [renees@oaklandparkfl.gov](mailto:renees@oaklandparkfl.gov).

## Legislative Committee Update



**FACC Legislative Committee Chair  
Deputy Town Clerk Savannah Cobb, CMC  
Town of Longboat Key**

The 2022 Legislative Session has ended, please see below which bills passed/failed:

**[SB 674](#) Public Meetings During Declared States of Emergency – (Support) -FAILED**

**[SB 1472](#) Public Records – (Oppose) - FAILED**

**[HB 7049](#) Legal Notices – (Support) - PASSED**

**[SB 280](#) Local Ordinances – (Watch) - FAILED**

[CS/SB 1670](#) Cybersecurity – (Watch) – Refer to [CS/HB 7055](#) - PASSED

[SB 152](#) Super Majority Vote for Legislative Preemption – (Support) - FAILED

[HB 69](#) Agreement Amount the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote – (Watch) - FAILED

[SB 584](#) Agreement Amount the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote – (Watch) - FAILED

[HB 11](#) Impeding, Provoking, or Harassing Law Enforcement Officers – (Watch) - FAILED

[HB 13](#) Property Tax Exemptions for Widows, Widowers, Blind Persons, Persons Totally and Permanently Disabled. – (Watch) - FAILED

[HB 6033](#) Preemption of the Regulation of Vacation Rentals – (Support) - FAILED

[HB 985](#) Sovereign Immunity Caps – (Oppose) – FAILED

[CS/SB 974](#) Sovereign Immunity – (Watch) - FAILED

[SB 620](#) Local Business Protection Act – (Watch) - PASSED

[CS/SB 510](#) Financial Disclosures for Local Officers – (Oppose) – FAILED

[CS/HB 531](#) Brevard County – (Oppose) – FAILED

The Governor did sign [SB 520](#) into law – Public Records and Public Meetings.

[Florida Lawmakers Pass a \\$112.1 Billion Budget to End Legislative Session](#)

[Florida Lawmakers Pass \\$112 Billion Budget, Largest in State History](#)



**Florida League of Cities (FLC) will have a Post-Legislative Session webinar on March 23rd.**

Join the **Florida League of Cities'** Advocacy Team for their FREE Post-Legislative Session webinar on March 23rd from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET. Attendees will learn what major legislation with municipal impact passed and failed during the 2022 Legislative Session. The webinar will be recorded and made available in the FLC Online Learning Library after the live broadcast. [Register Now](#)

**FACC Live Webinar**



## Best Practices for Charter Reviews

Thursday, April 14, 2022  
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET  
Via Zoom

**Registration ends April 13, 2022.**

FACC Members: \$75  
Non-Members: \$100

[Register Now](#)

Join your colleagues for a panel discussion on municipal best practices for charter review. The discussion will include the appointment and staffing of charter review committees (CRC), charter resources, statewide statistics from FLC on charter contents and much more.

Panelists: Lynn Tipton, Director, FLC University, Florida League of Cities, Inc., Stacey Johnston, MMC, City Clerk, City of Holmes Beach, FACC President and Caroline Best, CMC, City Clerk, City of Fernandina Beach, FACC Northeast District Director

Moderator: Robert E. Lee, DPA, ICMA-CM, Associate Professor, MPA Program Coordinator, Florida Gulf Coast University and Executive Director, Center for Florida Local Government Excellence, The John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government

***This program has been approved by IIMC for 2 hours (1 point) of CMC/MMC credit. A completed Ideas to Action (ITA) form is required to receive education credit.***

The Zoom link will be emailed to you approximately 2-3 days before the webinar.

The education curriculum for both the CMC and MMC session content was developed, reviewed and approved by the Florida Institute of Government at Florida State University as an IIMC-approved institute, in cooperation with the FACC Professional Education Committee and Board of Directors.

[Register Now](#) and submit payment online or [Download Fillable Registration Form](#) to mail your check.

*Registrations will not be considered complete until payment has been received. If the check is received after the webinar is full, you can take the recorded version and still receive credit after completing the ITA form.*

## 2022 Municipal Clerks Week



**May 1-7, 2022**  
**#MuniClerks**  
**#MuniClerks2022**

The IIMC is sponsoring the **53rd Annual Municipal Clerks Week**, a week-long series of activities aimed at increasing the public's awareness of municipal clerks and the vital services they provide for local government and the community. **This week is a celebration and reflection on the importance of the clerks office.**

To help celebrate clerks week, FACC has put together a [toolkit](#) for Florida clerks.

Toolkit resources include:

- Content for Social Media Platforms & Websites
- Top Tips for Communicating Municipal Clerk Services
- Social Media – A How To Guide For Citizen Engagement
- Sample Proclamation
- Sample Press Release

Please submit information about your celebration (i.e., proclamations, celebrations, photos, etc.) to [FACC staff](#).

[Download Toolkit](#)





June 19-22, 2022  
#FACCSummer2022  
Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld  
Member Registration Rate: \$400  
Hotel Room Rate Per Night: \$179  
Registration opens in April.

**FACC 2022 Fall Academy, Lake Mary**

October 9-13, 2022  
#FACCFall2022  
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary Hotel  
Member Registration Rate: \$400  
Hotel Room Rate Per Night: \$149  
Registration opens in August.



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