

Florida Association of City Clerks

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Message from FACC President

Leadership is not
about being in charge.
Leadership is about
taking care of those in
your charge.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Burke, MPA, MMC, RLO

2024-2025 FACC President

Town Clerk-Manager, Town of Palm Shores

FACC Friday Newsletter



Please note, there will not be a Friday Newsletter the week of
November 25.

Member News

CMC Certification



The following FACC member has earned their Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) certification.

Congratulations!

- Heather Bradman, CMC, Deputy City Clerk, City of Lakeland

Recognition Presentation



On November 19 at the New Port Richey City Council Meeting, FACC Central West District Director Dawn M. Wright (pictured on the left), MMC, FCRM, PHRP, City Clerk, City of Eagle Lake, presented City Clerk/Public Information Officer Judy Meyers (pictured on the right), MMC, City of New Port Richey, with her MMC pin and plaque.

Congratulations, Judy!



Pictured above, left to right: FACC Central West District Director Dawn M. Wright, MMC, FCRM, PHRP, City Clerk, City of Eagle Lake; FACC Immediate Past President Angie Guy, MMC, City Clerk, City of Dade City; City Clerk/Public Information Officer Judy Meyers, MMC, City of New Port Richey; Town Administrator/Town Clerk Andrea B. Calvert, MMC, Town of St. Leo; and Assistant Town Clerk Rebecca Merwin, Town of St. Leo.



Pictured above, left to right, from the City of New Port Richey: Mayor Chopper Davis; Councilman Matt Murphy; City Manager Debbie L. Manns; City Clerk/Public Information Officer Judy Meyers, MMC; Councilman Peter Altman; and Councilman Bertell Butler, IV.

FACC Board Meeting: November 21, 2024



The FACC Board of Directors met via Zoom on November 21, 2024.

[Agenda Packet](#)

[Executive Summary](#)

Public Records Exemption for City Clerks and Staff

The FACC Board of Directors is requesting input if FACC should pursue state legislation to provide a public records exemption for the personal information of current municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work.

Background:

Many municipal staff who perform duties that include, or result in, investigations into complaints regarding election fraud, legal enforcement of hearings related to neglect or abuse, or other activities that could lead to a criminal prosecution are exposed to threats and other acts of violence.

Municipal clerks often administer elections. Some election workers have been targeted for threats and violence due to the nature of materials they are responsible for. Further, clerks are often involved in legal enforcement proceedings in actions related to violations of codes and ordinances. Occasionally, these proceedings have led to retaliation and threats by defendants.

There are currently 27 public records exemptions in Florida. Of these exemptions, eight are for local personnel who either investigate, enforce or otherwise provide a service that can result in contentious interactions when action is taken. Municipal clerks and their respective staffs fall within the window for greater protection.

Questions for FACC Membership:

1. Should FACC pursue state legislation to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work? Yes or No?
2. Do you have examples of being targeted with threats of violence, including death threats, via phone calls, e-mails or in person, in response to duties you performed as a municipal clerk and/or election worker? If Yes, please provide a detailed description.

Email your responses to FACC President-Elect Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford at ebeckford@wiltonmanors.com. Please include Legislative Feedback in the subject line. Submit your responses no later than December 6, 2024.

This feedback is important in explaining why a public records exemption is needed for municipal clerks and/or election workers.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your response.

FACC Make-Up Mini Fall Academy (MMFA)



January 6-7, 2025

The Florida Hotel and Conference Center

1500 Sand Lake Road

Orlando, FL 32809

FACC Members \$175

Nonmembers \$225

The FACC Make-Up Mini Fall Academy (MMFA) is open to Florida Clerks who were unable to attend the 2024 FACC Fall Academy due to Hurricane Milton.

Space is limited.

NOTE: The MMFA is being held in conjunction with the 2025 IIMC Region III Conference (January 8-10, 2025) at the same location.

Our hope is that you will attend the MMFA and the 2025 IIMC Region III Conference.

Florida only hosts the IIMC Region III Conference every five years; this conference is where you can expand your Clerk/Peer networking with Clerks from other states, and also have access to exceptional trainings that are unique to only this conference. The cost for the 2025 IIMC Region III Conference is \$400 for early registration. To register for the 2025 IIMC Region III Conference, click [here](#).

Regarding Hotel Reservations: After you register for the MMFA, you will receive the hotel reservation link in your confirmation email. **If you will be attending both the MMFA and the Region III Conference, please factor that into the dates of your reservation (MMFA is January 6-7 and 2025 IIMC Region III Conference is January 8-10). The hotel group rate is \$179/night plus a \$10/night service charge. Self-parking is complimentary. The deadline to make your hotel reservation at the group rate is December 10.**

[Download MMFA Announcement](#)

Questions? Contact facc@flcities.com.

[Register Now for MMFA](#)

2025 IIMC Region III Conference



January 8-10, 2025

#FACCCRegionIII

The Florida Hotel and Conference Center

1500 Sand Lake Road

Orlando, FL 32809

Early Registration Ends December 13.

Early Registration (Ends December 13) \$400

Regular Registration (December 14 - December 31) \$425

Late Registration (After December 31) \$450

The conference will begin on Wednesday, January 8, at 9:00 a.m. with the Opening General Session and Keynote, followed by the IIMC Region III Annual Business Meeting. Following lunch, a joint educational session will take place. Education sessions continue all day Thursday, and the conference will conclude at noon on Friday, January 10, after a joint session and door prizes.

Hotel Reservations: The hotel group rate is \$179/night plus a \$10/night service charge. Self-parking is complimentary. The deadline to make your hotel reservation at the group rate is December 10.

[Download Announcement](#)

Register for a Conference Buddy! Learn more [here](#).

Plan to attend a Know Before You Go Information Webinar on December 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. ET via Zoom. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

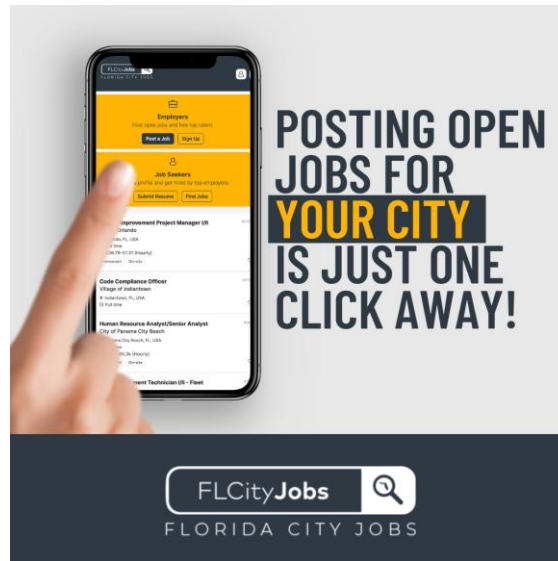
Donations needed for welcome bags and door prizes, click [here](#) to learn more.

Questions? Contact facc@flcities.com.

[Register Now for Region III Conference](#)

From Our Partners - FLC

Post Your City's Open Positions on FLCityJobs Today!



It's never been easier to find the right people for your city – at no cost! The Florida League of Cities (FLC) has launched a robust new jobs portal designed to support your city's recruitment efforts. With FLCityJobs, candidates can filter postings by job type, salary and more!

Watch this [video tour and tutorial](#) to see the 4 easy steps to FLCityJobs:

1. Create an account
2. Post open jobs
3. Get applicants
4. See results

Start posting your jobs today at flcityjobs.com.

Job Openings



Click [here](#) to browse current job openings on the FACC website.

Upcoming Events

To view a list of all upcoming events, click [here](#).

Recognition Presentation, Palmetto

December 2, 2024

4:30 p.m. ET

Location:

City of Palmetto's Commission Workshop

Palmetto City Hall

16 8th Avenue West

Palmetto, FL 34221

FACC Southwest District Director Scotty Lynn Kelly, MMC, CGSP, City Clerk, City of Sanibel, will present Assistant City Clerk Cassi L. Bailey, CMC, City of Palmetto, with her CMC pin and certificate.

2025 IIMC Region III Conference Know Before You Go Informational Webinar, Zoom

December 17, 2024

10:00 a.m. ET

[Register for Webinar](#)

FACC Make-Up Mini Fall Academy (MMFA), Orlando

January 6-7, 2025

The Florida Hotel & Conference Center

[Register Now](#)

FACC Board of Directors Meeting, Orlando

January 7, 2025

The Florida Hotel & Conference Center

6:45 p.m. ET

2025 IIMC Region III Conference, Orlando

Hosted by FACC

January 8-10, 2025

The Florida Hotel & Conference Center

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