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**DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 12, 2022**

**7:00pm - 8:00pm**

- 1. Welcome/Call to Order:** President Alfredo Olvera called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
- 2. Pledge:** Member Michael Albetta led the group in the pledge of allegiance
- 3. Attendance/Quorum:** Secretary - Tina Jaramillo
  - a. Determination of Quorum: Secretary Tina Jaramillo stated that quorum has been met (22/22)
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **Last Membership Meeting Minutes:** [November 10, 2021](#)
  - b. Membership meeting minutes were approved.
- 5. Elected Officials, Candidates, Leaders**
  - a. President Alfredo Olvera introduced elected officials and candidates.
  - b. Noah Kitty announced that she is running for Wilton Manors commissioner
- 6. Reports:**
  - a. President:**
    - i. Special Elections Update: President Alfredo Olvera announced the winners of the current Broward County elections
      1. Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Florida State Senate Candidate
      2. Daryl Campbell, Florida State House, Dist. 94
      3. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, US House Representative, Dist. 20
    - ii. Holiday Party recap: President Alfredo Olvera gave a recap of the holiday party and the money earned from the event.
    - iii. T-Shirts are now for Sale \$20 each: [CLICK HERE TO BUY](#)
  - b. Treasurer:** Treasurer Hillary Dougherty presented the treasurer's report.
    - i. Bank Balance: \$21,046.89**
    - ii. For the full report, click [HERE](#)
    - iii. President Alfredo Olvera explained what the funds will be used for in terms of the 2022 election
  - c. Committees:**
    - i. Membership: Nicky Vasquez - see report below**
    - ii. Legislative: Anthony Ginsberg - see report below**
    - iii. Campaign: Lorenzo Robertson & Adam Sabin - no report
    - iv. Communications: Emma Collum & Nic Zantop - no report
    - v. Club and Caucus: Jose Cedenno - no report
    - vi. Community Outreach: - no report
    - vii. Events and Fundraising: Dawn Bossaller - no report
    - viii. Municipality and County Outreach: Mary Eakins - no report
- 7. New Business:**

- a. BOD Elections: 3 Directors and Confirmation of VP Schaffer Zaret
  - i. President Alfredo Olvera announced Schaffer Zaret for confirmation of VP
    - 1. Schaffer Zaret introduced herself and spoke about her background and talked about bringing her experiences to the Dolphin Democrats.
    - 2. Nik Harris motioned Paul Sparandera Jr seconded, the motion passed
  - ii. President Alfredo Olvera presented a video by Jason Dunne explaining his background and experience and how that would serve the Dolphin Democrats.
  - iii. President Alfredo Olvera explained the requirements and commitment for becoming a board member/director for the Dolphin Democrats prior to
    - 1. Kyle Turner introduced himself and offered his background and explained how his experience would benefit the Dolphin Democrats.
  - iv. Moved to appoint Jason Dunne and Kyle Turner by a vote by acclamation—motion passed unanimously
- b. February - Annual Membership Meeting
- c. Other events and actions
  - i. President Alfredo Olvera asked members to pick up door hangers from the Broward Democratic Party to give out.
  - ii. President Alfredo Olvera announced that we will be holding candidate forums and GOTV efforts.
  - iii. President Alfredo Olvera announced that we will be holding endorsement voting meetings online
    - 1. To be part of the endorsement process, you have to be part of the LGBTQ caucus and he encouraged members to sign up with them.
  - iv. President Alfredo Olvera announced that we will hold monthly membership mixers v. President Alfredo Olvera announced that we will hold LGBTQ education segments hosted by Nik Harris
  - vi. President Alfredo Olvera announced that the Dolphin Democrats is turning 40 years old and President Alfredo Olvera is creating a video of the history of the organization, and he also spoke about the upcoming Gala.
- d. Guest Speakers: Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr
  - i. Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr talked about redistricting and the impacts on Broward County
  - ii. Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr explained that FAU drew the lines (after voters voted to have an outside person do it)
  - iii. Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr spoke about how the redistricting process was done to ensure equal representation.
  - iv. Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr spoke about the importance of canvassing door to door for the upcoming 2022 election cycle.

**8. Old Business: NONE**

**9. For the Good of the Party:** Bill asked if we had to include Anthony's agenda in the meeting but we don't because we are part of the state caucus.

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

### **Committee Reports**

**1. Membership:** Nicky Vasquez - see report

- Nicky Vasquez thanked everyone for 2022 renewals
  - 314 members at the end of 2021
  - 149 members for the start of 2022 (almost 50%)
  - Thanked the Silver and Gold Sponsors for renewing and their support

- Thanked the Harvey Milk Sponsors

2. **Legislative:** Anthony Ginsberg - see report

- Anthony Ginsberg gave the report and discussed the following:

## 2022 FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- SEPTEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 3, 2021: COMMITTEE WEEKS
- November 15-18, 2021: SPECIAL SESSION RE VACCINES & MASK MANDATES
- JANUARY 11, 2022: BEGINNING OF THE 60 DAY REGULAR SESSION. FINAL DAY (AT NOON) TO FILE BILLS. •
- MARCH 11, 2022: END OF REGULAR SESSION

## FLORIDA STATE DEMOCRATIC LGBTQ+ CAUCUS

- BILLS OF INTEREST
- IN COLLABORATION WITH EQUALITY FLORIDA

## EQUALITY FLORIDA'S LEGISLATIVE SLATE CATEGORIES (AS OF DEC. 8):

LGBTQ EQUALITY

CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

HEALTH & REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

## LGBTQ EQUALITY: BILLS TO OPPOSE

- **HB 211**
- Sponsor: Rep. Sabatini
- Not yet titled, but referred to as the "Vulnerable Child Protection Act."
- Subject: Youth gender and sexual identity
- Objective: Providing criminal penalties for health care practitioners who perform or cause to be performed specified practices on a minor under certain conditions:

A health care practitioner who performs or causes to be performed the following procedures upon a minor "for the purpose of attempting to change the minor's sex or for the purpose of affirming the minor's perception of the minor's sex if that perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree."

## LGBT EQUALITY: BILLS TO OPPOSE

- **HB 403/SB 280** (IDENTICAL); **HB 569/SB 620** (IDENTICAL). COMPLEMENTARY, AFFECTING LOCAL ORDINANCES.
- COMBINED OBJECTIVE: IMPOSE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS IN THE PREPARATION OF LOCAL ORDINANCES (EG., BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENTS); PROVIDING LEGAL STANDING AND PROCESSES FOR CHALLENGING & PLACING ON HOLD SUCH ORDINANCES ON THE PART OF NON-POLITICAL ENTITIES; SPECIFYING COST REIMBURSEMENTS.
- **HB 569** SUBJECT: "BUSINESS DAMAGES CAUSED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS"; **SB 620** SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT

► Authorizes certain businesses to claim business damages from county or municipality if county or municipality enacts or amends certain ordinances or charter provisions; provides exceptions; requires pre-suit procedures; authorizes recovery of costs & fees

- **SB 620** RECEIVED A FAVORABLE VOTE NOVEMBER 30 IN ITS FIRST COMMITTEE.

## **LGBTQ EQUALITY: BILLS TO OPPOSE**

- **HB 403/SB 280.** SUBJECT: LOCAL ORDINANCES.

► Authorizes courts to assess & award attorney fees & costs & damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments; requires local governments to prepare business impact statement before adoption of proposed ordinances; specifies requirements for posting & content of statement; requires counties & municipalities to suspend enforcement of certain ordinances subject of certain legal actions; requires courts to give priority to certain cases; specifies factors court must consider in determining whether ordinance is arbitrary or unreasonable; provides declaration of important state interest.

3. **HB 403** received a favorable vote in its first committee December 1.

► **The danger of these four bills.** (1) These are not preemption bills that specify certain areas of law off limits to local governments: they are open-ended. (2) This creates a potential to challenge pro-LGBTQ ordinances. (3) They reflect a national Republican trend of empowering non-political entities and individuals to challenge state and local laws, put those laws on hold through legal action, and provide for legal cost compensation. This subverts local political institutions. (4) They intentionally place indeterminate cost burdens on local governments. (5) The messaging is sophisticated and serious: the rationale prese

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