

Florida East Coast Missionary Baptist Association, Inc.

Reverend Toby T. Philpart, Moderator
Reverend Dr. C. P. Preston, Jr., Moderator Emeritus
Sister Gloria Jackson-Davis, Women's Auxiliary President
Deacon Raymond Smith, Jr., Laymen's Auxiliary President

Florida East Coast Baptist Association Board of Directors Meeting
18 July 2021, 04:00 pm

Rev. Dr. Jimmie L. Bryant, Chairman of the Board, Presiding Officer

NOTE: The minutes reflect a synopsis of the meeting. The entire meeting is recorded and a copy may be requested.

Invocation was given by Chairman Bryant.

Chairman Jimmie L. Bryant called the FECBA Board Meeting to order at 4:03 pm. Moderator Philpart asked to table the sharing of minutes from the previous Board Meeting until the October 2021 Joint Session, as General Secretary Paris was unable to join the proceedings until later. Chairman Bryant called for the Reading of the Agenda and its Adoption. *Congress President Benjamin Parrott moved to adopt the agenda. President Howard Barr, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

REFLECTIONS & PROPOSALS

MODERATOR PHILPART

Chairman Bryant called for Moderator Philpart to begin with his reflections. Moderator Philpart shared his recommendations that the matter of removing, by way of letter from the election committee, signed by the moderator and the board chair, the following persons from the existing board of directors, due to inactivity, lack of interest, and/or tenure as an officer has expired, the following persons:

1. Rev. Eldrew Baldwin
2. Rev. Ellis Cox
3. Rev. Jeffrey Mack
4. Sis. Thereasa Pickett
5. Rev. S. S. Read (Board Member Emeritus)
6. Rev. Willie Richardson
7. Rev. Robert Stanley
8. Dea. Samuel Strainge
9. Rev. Curtis Thomas

Moderator Philpart further recommended that the following persons should be added to the FECBA Board of Directors:

1. Rev. Dr. Frank Kennedy
2. Sis. Ophelia Wilson
3. Rev. Jovan Davis
4. Rev. Kenneth Allen Johnson
5. Rev. Demetric R. Ford
6. Rev. Nate Ward
7. Rev. Wendell H. Paris, Jr.
8. Rev. James Darling
9. Sis. Valerie Mays
10. Rev. Maurice Alexander (added upon recommendation of the Moderator)

Chairman Bryant reminded the board that Rev. S. S. Read should be listed as a Board Member Emeritus, and not simply removed from the Board. Discussion ensued:

Rev. T. T. Shellman noted that Rev. Maurice Alexander had been omitted from the list of persons to be added to the Board of Directors. Moderator Philpart affirmed the omission and called for its correction in the official minutes.

President Howard Barr, Jr. noted that Rev. S. S. Read should be recorded as Board Member Emeritus immediately, given his history and service to the Board. Moderator Philpart and Board Chair Bryant called for the correction in the official minutes.

The motion to accept the names for removal and addition to the Board of Directors, as well as the notation that Rev. S. S. Read will officially be named as a Board Member Emeritus, was made by Rev. T. T. Shellman. President Howard Barr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Moderator Philpart then called for the Constitution Committee to update the Board on its developments.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAW COMMITTEE: Notifications & Updates

REV. LARRIE M. LOVETT, II

Rev. Larrie M. Lovett, II reported on updates from the Constitution and Bylaw Committee. Rev. Lovett listed four items that were presently before the Constitution and Bylaw Committee. These were:

1. Clarifying the “Minister’s Board” from the “Benefit Board”
2. Ensuring that the Bylaws provide instructions on internal audits, with specific regard to changes in the treasurer position.

3. Definitively stating that audits are conducted independently from the Finance Committee.
4. Amending the Constitution and Bylaws to allow the Moderator to become the only elected officer in the Association. All other officers will be appointed by the Moderator.

In conclusion of his report, Pastor Lovett requested, to be ready for the October Joint Session, a working Board Meeting in Mid-September, and an Executive Board Meeting in Early October.

Chairman Bryant suggested the board revisit and assess the request for subsequent meetings as the Constitutional Committee's work progressed.

The report was received as information by the Board Chair.

FINANCIAL BALANCE OPERATING PRIOR TO CONGRESS

Rev. Woodrow Hay

In Rev. Hay's absence, Moderator Philpart reported that we are operating between \$33-36,000, and being good stewards.

The report was received as information by the Board Chair.

CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

President Benjamin H. Parrott, Sr.

President Parrott reported that the Congress of Christian Education is planning for a virtual Congress again this year, due to the persistent preponderance of COVID-19 in South Florida. President Parrott is planning for morning and afternoon programming, and increased class offerings. Programming, worship and classes have been finalized for the week. All sessions will be recorded.

Special presentations from Pastor D. L. Powell, Nova Southeastern University, and corporate sponsor Faith Life Software (Logos) representatives will be given throughout the week.

Discussion ensued regarding invitations for the Board of Directors to attend the Oratorical Competition. President Parrott informed the Board that due to COVID-19 protocols attendance at the event was limited.

The report was received as information by the Board Chair.

CLOSING PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT

President Gloria Jackson-Davis rendered the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 04:55 pm by Chairman Bryant.