



**Minutes of
Dade County (FL) Chapter of
The Links, Incorporated
Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
February 19, 2024
8:00 p.m.**

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Link Kim McCray.

The Linkspiration was provided by Link Calondria Williams.

Members in Attendance: Link Kim McCray, Link Teresa Brown, Link Arleen Poitier, Link Luvernice Croskey, Link Denese Waiters, Link Tahlia Gray, Link Shelia Cohen, Link Cynthia Hannah, Link Elsie Hamler, and Link Miesha Darrough

Guest in Attendance: Link Veronica Rahming, Link Calondria Williams, Link Debra Owens, Link Cynthia Clarke, Link Stacey McGhee, Link Alysse Richardson, Link Barbara Edwards, Link Bernadette Poitier and Link Tammy Reed

The February Executive Committee agenda was adopted with two corrections.

The January Executive Committee minutes were approved as distributed.

President (or Presiding Officer) affirmed the quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Link Arleen Poitier)

- Link Arleen shared a thank you note for the chapter from Link Alexandria Holloway during her family's time of bereavement.
- Link Barbara Edwards's granddaughter, Coriya Edwards sent a note of thanks acknowledging her graduation gift card.
- The Fort Lauderdale (FL) Chapter sent a save the date for their 50th anniversary, "Magical Evening Together" (MET) Gala in Emerald City, on September 28th.
- The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) sent an invitation and request for

sponsorship for their 30th annual Dr. Mary Mcleod Bethune Umbrella Awards on Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm.

- The Director of Sponsorship for Florida Prince Hall Schriners and Daughters, Leslie Elus, sent a request for sponsorship for their state conference in June a Marriott Biscayne Bay.
- The Florida Marlins Director of Group Sales, Tristan Atterbury, sent a request for sponsorship for their South Florida Black Legacy Celebration.

Officers' Reports:

PRESIDENT REPORT (Link Kim McCray) – The President, Link Kim McCray, presented a verbal report reflecting information from National, Southern area and Chapter. She shared webinars and meetings she attended as President. Highlights included:

- The National Assembly will take place from June 19-23 in Dallas, TX.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed with Florida Memorial University for Links Loves HBCU.
- Link Kim submitted two recommendations for alumna members to obtain platinum membership status.
- Chapters should follow protocol and use the online form when requesting attendance from the National President. Chapters should also be mindful of the dos and don'ts during rituals.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Link Teresa Brown) -The Vice President, Link Teresa Brown, presented a verbal report reflecting the National, Southern Area, and Chapter webinars/events she attended as Vice President.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Link Shelia Cohen) – The report of the Financial Secretary was received from Link Shelia Cohen and placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Link Tahlia Gray) – The report of the Treasurer was received from Link Tahlia Gray and placed on file.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET/FINANCE (Link Tahlia Gray):

- The second reading of the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 year was shared by Link Tahlia Gray.
- Link Tahlia shared the amount for the 2024-2025 membership dues will be \$728.27.

MEMBERSHIP (Link Teresa Brown):

- Link Ann Walters-Pope requested alumna status.
- Link Nicole Fields Lawrence's membership was forfeited due to 1 in 5 conference requirements.
- Link Mercita Wimberly will return from LOA this year.
- Link Diana Barry Frazier has almost completed her second year of LOA.
- Link Marla Harris will continue provisional status.

Link Teresa also shared highlights from the Southern Area Vice President's zoom meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Link Cynthia Clarke)

Link Cynthia shared that the call for nominations will be distributed to members, as well as the names of those submitted for consideration for the following positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Financial Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary

PROGRAM REPORT (Link Tawnicia Rowan)

The program report for February 2024 was shared by Link Tawnicia Rowan and is as follows:

- Link Tawnicia thanked all chapter members attending the fight to "GO RED" on Saturday, February 3rd, 2024.
- Link Tawnicia recognized Link sisters who walked with Greater Miami (FL), and Biscayne Bay (FL) in The Trayvon Martin Foundation's Annual Peace Walk from Walt Frazier Park to Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Center.
- Link Bernadette represented the Dade County Chapter as well as the entire Southern

Area of The Links, Incorporated on the panel “Protecting Our Future and Families: HIV Prevention Programs for Black Women in the United States.”

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT (Link Veronica Rahming)

- Link Veronica shared that the scholarship committee recommends that the second \$5,000 scholarship be named in memory of Link Jessie Stinson.
- It was moved by Link Shirley Archie and seconded by Link Bernadette Poitier to recommend to the executive committee that the name of the additional scholarship be the 2024 Jessie Stinson Memorial Scholarship.

COURTESY REPORT (Link Debra Owens)

Link Debra provided the courtesy report for the month of February.

Special Committees

BLACK FAMILY WELLNESS EXPO (Link Alysse Richardson)

Link Alysse shared that the Black Family Wellness Expo will take place at Olinda Park, March 16, in collaboration with the Greater Miami (FL) and Miami Biscayne Bay (FL) chapters.

LINKS DAY AT THE CAPITOL (Link Tammy Reed)

Link Tammy shared that 3-chapter members attended LDAC on Feb 19-20 in Tallahassee.

FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR (Link Stacey McGhee)

Link Stacey reminded the chapter to make \$25+ donation in support of the Links Foundation.

New Business- No new business

Announcements- No announcements

ADJOURNMENT (Link Kim McCray): The meeting adjourned at 10:11 pm.

Secretary

Date of approval

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