



# Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Education & Research Foundation, Inc.

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Daniel Slaughter  
Clearwater Police Department

**Secretary**

David Romine  
Retired, Chief of Police

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## MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: L. Cannavan Annex  
Hands Across the Bay Donation & Empowerment Center  
13247 38th St. North  
Clearwater, FL 33762

1. Call to Order: at 6:20 PM by President Greg Mertz
  - a. Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Brooke Harris, Treasurer Dan Slaughter, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Robert O'Neill, Julie Weintraub, John Wilson, Lee Bercaw, Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner.
2. Approval of the minutes: May 17, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dan Slaughter, a second to approve was made by Robert O'Neill. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee reports:
  - a) Finance report: Treasurer Dan Slaughter submitted a written report and gave a verbal financial report. Lee Bercaw motioned to approve the financial report. Robert O'Neill seconded the motion
  - b) The financial report was unanimously approved. Items to be discussed: funding for leadership training via St. Leo College - requested by Lee Bercaw. Financial donation from Tom Pepin for training. Domestic Violence training - requested by Julie Weintraub. Hiring a training coordinator - requested by President Mertz. Funding for individual agencies Citizen Police Academies - requested Secretary Romine.
4. New business:
  - a) 2022 Gala: The 7th Annual Gala venue will be the Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel on Sept. 10th, 2022. Executive Assistant Kuettner advised:
    - i. The Gala is sold out. All tables have been purchased.
    - ii. The cut off for auction items is Friday August 26, 2022.
    - iii. Volunteers for the set up are still needed.President Mertz went through the run of show schedule and format.
  - b) 2023 Gala: President Mertz requested board approval to sign the contract for the 2023 Gala at the Wyndham Grand, located at 100 Coronado Drive, Clearwater Beach. Robert O'Neill moved to approve, Lee Bercaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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- c) Storage unit: President Mertz requested board approval to rent a storage unit for Foundation items that are reused annually, donated items, etc. Julie Weintraub volunteered to donate storage space at her Hands Across the Bay's Donation & Empowerment Center to avoid the need to rent a storage space. This offer was unanimously accepted by the board.
  - d) The Golf Tournament scheduled for Dec. 5th, 2022, at the Avila Golf and Country Club discussion was tabled until the next board meeting.
  - e) Changing our Mission Statement discussion was tabled until the next board meeting.
  - f) Updating our website content discussion was tabled until the next board meeting.
5. Old Business: Discussion of old business was tabled until the next board meeting.
6. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Lee Bercaw, seconded by John Wilson. President Mertz adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM

NEXT MEETING  
December 7th, 2022  
Hands Across the Bay Empowerment Center  
13247 38th St. North  
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6:00 PM