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MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: HSI Tampa, 2203 N. Lois Ave, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33607

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Greg Mertz at 6:10 PM. Attendees: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Brooke Harris Wetzork, Treasurer Mike Kovacsev, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Bobby O'Neill, Julie Weintraub, Lee Bercaw, Tony Holloway, Jim Boyce, Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner, Guests: TBACOP Association President Jeff Peake, Tampa Bay Buccaneers Chris Housholder, HSI A/SAC, Nick Ingegno, HSI Michael Calvo

2. Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the March 4th meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Director Lee Bercaw and seconded by Director Tony Holloway. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Committee Reports:
   a. Finance report: Treasurer Mike Kovacsev submitted a written and verbal Finance report. Director Tony Holloway moved to approve and was seconded by Director Bobby O'Neill. The Finance report was unanimously approved.
   b. TBACOP Association Report: Association President Jeff Peake submitted a written and verbal, full year initiative (January - December 2026) training and events calendar report.

4. New Business:
   a. Board of Directors: President Mertz announced that the Foundation needs two new Directors. He suggested, 1. Ken Babby, Tampa Bay Rays CEO. 2. Mark Brutnell, retired SAC FDLE Tampa. President Mertz asked everyone to think of viable candidates and bring their ideas to the next board meeting.

   b. International Visitors Leadership Program: Director Holloway made a presentation to the board requesting funding for the International Visitors Leadership Program to be held August 12-18, 2026. Director Holloway's request was for $15,000. Lee Bercaw motioned approval, seconded by Mike Kovacsev. The request was unanimously approved.

   c. 2026 Gala: The Gala will be held at the Opal Sol on Clearwater Beach on 8/29/2026. Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner reported that as of this meeting date we had 32 out of 56 available tables sold. She advised that donated items for auction were very much

needed. Director Julie Weintraub stated she would donate items. Other Gala issues discussed were invites and awards.

5. Old Business: None

6. Adjourn: President Mertz adjourned the meeting at 7:00PM

NEXT MEETING

October 14, 2026
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2203 N. Lois Ave, Suite 300
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