



# Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Foundation, Inc.

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St. Petersburg Police Department

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Retired, Chief of Police

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## MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: One Buc Place  
1 Buccaneer Place  
Tampa, FL 33607

1. Call to order: 6:25 PM by President Greg Mertz
  - a. Board members present: President Gerg Mertz, Vice President Brooke Harris-Wetzork (by phone), Treasurer Dan Slaughter, Secretary Dave Romine, Directors: Bobby O'Neill, Julie Weintraub, Brian Ford, Lee Bercaw, David Dalton, Jim Boyce, Tom Pepin, Foundation Executive Assistant Starla Kuettner, I.T. Specialist Kevin Lang.
2. Approval of the Minutes: September 26, 2023
  - a. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Robert O'Neill, a second to approve was made by Bob Passwaters. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance report: Treasurer Dan Slaughter submitted a written financial report with verbal highlights. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Bobby O'Neill. A second to approve was made by Tom Pepin. The Financial Report was unanimously approved.
  - b. Training updates: An update on current and planned, future training programs were discussed.
4. New Business:
  - a. As previously approved, the 2024 Gala will be held on September 14th at the Wyndham Grand on Clearwater Beach.
  - b. President Mertz held a discussion as to the location of the Gala for 2025. Because of incentives offered by the Wyndham Grand and the overall positive experience by everyone a recommendation to hold the 2025 Gala there was made. A motion to approve was made by Tom Pepin. A second was made by Dan Slaughter. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Fundraising Campaign proposals and ideas were discussed. Vice President Brooke Harris Wetzork suggested selling license plate holders. Director Tom Pepin offered his considerable marketing skills in helping sell the Gala and promotional issues.
  - d. Treasurer: Dan Slaughter has been promoted to Assistant City Manager, City of Clearwater. He will remain on the Board of Directors for the Foundation; however the workload of his new position has necessitated his resignation as the Foundation Treasurer.

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

A recommendation to appoint Assistant Chief Michael Kovacsev of the St. Petersburg Police Department as Foundation Treasurer was made. The recommendation was approved unanimously. Welcome on board Mike.

5. Old Business: President Mertz reviewed and highlighted several training programs the Foundation has assisted with funding.
  - a. National Conference on Law Enforcement Wellness & Trauma, Oct. 2023.
  - b. Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement, presented by Dr. Kevin M. Gilmartin, Nov. 2023
  - c. FBI - Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, Nov. 2023.
  - d. Grant Writing USA, Dec. 2023.
  
6. Adjourn: President Mertz adjourned the meeting at 7:50PM

**NEXT MEETING**

March 19, 2024  
One Buc Place  
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6 PM