



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

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## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Fox 13 News  
3212 W. Kennedy Blvd  
Tampa, FL

1. Call to order at 6:10PM by President Greg Mertz
  - a. Board members present: President Greg Mertz, Vice President Jeff Young, Treasurer, Lee Bercaw, Secretary, Dave Romine, Directors: Bobby O'Neill, Brooke Harris, John Wilson, Bob Passwaters, Julie Weintraub, Jim Previtera (stand in for Director Brian Auld), Foundation Counsel Casey Harrison, Foundation C.P.A. Ronald Rosas, Foundation Administrative Assistant Starla Kuettner
  - b. Guest: Representative to the Foundation from the Association, Chief Dan Slaughter
2. Approval of the minutes from the October 3, 2018 board meeting: Vice President Young motioned to approve, Director O'Neill second. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance: A proposed TBACPERF 2019 budget was submitted by Treasurer Lee Bercaw. Adjustments from the board were as follows; \$93,000.00 will be transferred to the TBACP Association. These funds will include \$40,000.00 for the Florida Police Chief's Conference, \$50,000.00 for training, and \$3,000.00 for the Administrative Assistant's luncheon training. The funds transfer will be via a purchase card to the Association for payment of approved expenses. A motion to accept the amended budget was made by Vice President Young, Director O'Neill second. The motion was unanimously approved. An amended budget will be forwarded. A 2018 - 2019 Finance report was provided by Treasurer Bercaw. A motion to approve was made by Vice President Young, Director O'Neill second. The Finance report was unanimously approved.
  - b. TBACP Association Update: Chief Dan Slaughter advised that the Florida Police Chief's 2019 Summer conference will be at the Saddlebrook Resort in Wesley Chapel, June 22 thru 26. Chief Ken Albano, Temple Terrace Police Dept, and TBACP Association member will be the FPCA President.

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4. New Business:

a. Change in Executive Board of Directors

Foundation Treasurer, Lee Bercaw has requested to step down to a Board of Director position. Director Brooke Harris has volunteered assume the Executive Board's Treasurer duties.

b. Change in Board of Directors

Director Brian Auld has asked to step down. He has requested / suggested that he be replaced by Jim Previtera, Director of Security for the Tampa Bay Rays.

c. These requested / suggested Executive Board and Board changes along with the re-swearing in of the current Board members will be voted on at the TBACP Association installation meeting, January 10, 2019 at the Pepin Hospitality Center.

d. The 2019 Foundation Budget proposal was submitted and discussed during Committee Reports - Finance.

e. The Foundation Gala, scheduled for September 7, 2019 at The Pepin Hospitality Center was discussed: Attendance at 2018 Gala was 480 - The Pepin Center will accommodate 500. Discussions related to table seating numbers, a red carpet, vendor for food, pricing of sponsorships were held.

5. Old Business:

a. The Foundation Gala at The Innisbrook Resort on September 8, 2018 was discussed.

b. The Foundation Golf Tournament at The Avila Country Club on December 3, 2018 was discussed.

6. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned by President Mertz at 7:30PM

**Next Meeting**  
**March 13, 2019**  
**One Buc Place**  
**6PM**