



Development Committee Minutes

via Zoom/Telephone/in person

Monday, September 2, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judge James H. Cecile (Chair), Robert T. Tackman,
Nicholas J. DeMartino

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erich W. Shafer

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael W. La Flair

STAFF PRESENT: Carolyn D. Brown

CALL TO ORDER

The September 2, 2025 Development Committee meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM by Board President Judge James Cecile. It was noted for the record that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Bob Tackman made a motion to approve the June 2025 Development Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by James Cecile, and unanimously approved.

INTERVIEW – PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER – MICHAEL W. LA FLAIR

The Development Committee received and reviewed supporting documents for Board Membership application in regards to Mr. Michael W. La Flair for the Elected Public Official Sector.

Judge Cecile introduced Mr. La Flair to the Committee and explained to him the role and responsibilities of Board Membership. He also informed him about Board rotation that requires him to attend at least one meeting of each of the standing committees, as part of the new Board Member orientation, before being assigned to one of the standing committees.

Executive Director Carolyn Brown presented an overview of PEACE, Inc. operations and programs. Mr. La Flair expressed his interest in serving on the PEACE, Inc. board.

Afterwards, Mr. La Flair was excused from the meeting. The committee proceeded to discuss Mr. La Flair's Board appointments. If confirmed, Mr. La Flair will represent the Elected Public Official Sector.

Judge Cecile called for a motion to recommend Mr. La Flair to the Board as new PEACE Inc. Board Member representing the Elected Public Official Sector. The motion was made by Robert Tackman, seconded by Nick DeMartino, and unanimously approved.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the full Board for their vote.

2026 BOARD RETREAT

Judge Cecile discussed potential changes to the board retreat format and informed the board that staff would distribute a survey to gather feedback from board members.

DIRECTOR EMERITUS – PASTOR PHYLLIS LEE WILLIAMS

Robert Tackman made a motion to designate Pastor Lee Williams as Board Emeritus and Nick DeMartino seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Carolyn Brown reported on the Rooftop BBQ Fundraiser planned for Thursday, September 18th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Brown reported that the funding for the Foster Grandparents Program has been released by the federal Office of Management and Budget and plans are underway to restart the program which was put on pause on July 1, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.