



# MEPIC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tallahassee, Florida  
10 September 2018  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

The Missing and Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse Advisory Board Awareness was called to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. on September 10, 2018 by chairperson Jamie Meeks.

## In Attendance

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- **Board Members**

- David Brand
- Dan Campbell
- Bill Corfield
- Tim Enos
- Antonio Gilliam
- Jessica Janasiewicz
- Walt McNeil
- John Pitta
- Peggy Pitta
- Barbara Renczkowski
- John Robertson
- Hilary Sessions
- Susan Smith
- Kim Spence
- Floy Turner
- Mike Vasilinda
- Stephanie White

- **Ad Hoc Board Members**

- Kathryne Gomez
- Christina Harris
- Kristin Litteral
- Elena Simonsen

- **FDLE Members**

- Zach Berlinghoff
- Mary Coffee
- Katelyn Cummings
- Jeff Dambly
- Brett Lycett
- Brendie Hawkins
- Seth Montgomery
- Linda Pollard
- Erin Rounds
- Donna Uzzell
- Craig Schroeder

- **FMCD Foundation Members**

- Lauren Adams
- Ed Dean
- Pamela Marsh
- Jim Previterra
- Ken Tucker

# Minutes

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- **Jamie Meeks (JM):** Welcome everyone, let's please go around the room and introduce yourselves.
- **JM:** Next, I'd like to ask everyone to take a few minutes to read the minutes and we will vote to accept them.
- **JM:** Craig has asked me to remind the board that we need a new co-chair of the communication and technology committee, so please be thinking on that.
- **John Pitta (JP):** I want to take a minute to thank Donna Uzzell for being here today.
  - **JM:** Donna, can you tell us how you've been.
  - **Donna Uzzell (DU):** Gives update on the past year.
- **JM:** Let's take a minute to discuss this morning's ceremony. I think it went very well.
  - **Stephanie White (SW):** I think it went well also and I want to thank all of the FDLE staff that worked so hard on the ceremony.
- **JM:** Mike, we're moving you up on the agenda, can you talk to the board about what you are available for regarding the creation of PSAs.
  - **Mike Vasilinda (MV):** This Board means a lot to me and I'm happy to do whatever I can for this board.
  - **MV:** There's a great story to tell here and I think we can help parents avoid their worst nightmares.
  - **MV:** I'm happy to help with messaging, production, writing, etc.
- **JM:** Hopefully by now everyone has been able to review the minutes from our June meeting, do we have a motion to carry the minutes?
  - **JP:** Motion
  - **JM:** Do we have someone to second the motion?
  - **Kim Spence (KS):** Seconded.
  - **JM:** Motion accepted.
- **JM:** Next I'll give it over to Brett Lycett to provide a CART update.
- **Brett Lycett (BL):** Not too many new updates since our last meeting. I do want to reemphasize what the commissioner said: we now have 7 CART teams certified across the state, which leads the country.
  - **BL:** I'll let Chief Gillum talk about the process of getting the next team certified.
  - **Antonio Gilliam (AG):** We are in the process of certifying the team. We had to activate the CART team recently with a two year old that went missing. There was something wrong with the story and we were able to

work closely together. Unfortunately in this case we recovered his dead body.

- **AG:** We did use drones and were able to get a more detailed view.
- **BL:** With hurricane season the final certification probably won't happen until the beginning of next year.
- **Ken Tucker (KT):** Do we have any statistics over the past few years on missing children and how many were recovered?
- **DU:** Seth can get that for you and we'll put that information together.
- **JM:** We received an email asking us to discuss the expert list and the curriculum review sheet, but Barbara and I spoke and we have decided to table that until our next in person meeting.
- **JM:** I'd next like to ask James Previterra to update us about the involvement of the Tampa Bay Rays.
  - **James Previterra (JP):** The Rays have been outstanding with these events and they were all about sponsoring.
  - **JP:** They've also opened the door for some more stuff. I'm talking to them and the Miami Marlins about getting more of MLB involved.
- **JM:** Ken, could you briefly share with us an update on the Foundation?
  - **KT:** I told many of you at the last meeting that I accepted the role of president and we have been recruiting board members.
  - **KT:** We have a former us attorney, former sheriff, former school board administrator and member, a former under-sheriff, and a former FDLE SAC.
  - **KT:** The first goal we have is to make sure we have the money for the FMCD event and any associated costs.
  - **KT:** We are also talking about what else we want to do.
  - **KT:** For next year, I'd ask your help getting the word out for fundraising. Some of our law enforcement donations were down, due to changing information on forfeiture funds, so we could use the assistance.
- **JM:** Next I'm going to ask Craig to give us an EIS update from FDLE.
  - **Craig Schroeder (CS):** The only major update I have for you is that now that missing children's day is over, we are putting our full effort in the planning of the Offender Registration and Enforcement Conference which will be in December in Orlando in conjunction with the ICAC and CART conferences.
- **Mary Coffee (MC):** I do want to take a moment here and present Heather Mitchell with an award.
  - **MC:** Heather has been the outside coordinator for Missing Children's Day event for years and is the reason this event runs so smoothly.

- **MC:** This will be her last year so on behalf of the Foundation, the Advisory Board and FDLE I want to thank her for her efforts.
- **JM:** I also want to thank FASRO for doing the reception for us.
- **JM:** I also want to tell everyone on the Board that I appreciate what you do and providing input.
- **KT:** I also want to thank everyone at FDLE specifically Brendie and Craig for the support.
- **JM:** Thanks to everyone for coming.
- **JM:** Do I have a motion to adjourn.
  - **JP:** Motion
  - **JM:** Do I have a second?
  - **Barbara Renczkowski (BR):** Seconded.
  - **JM:** Meeting Adjourned.

## Adjourn

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