

Florida Missing Children's Day (FMCD) Foundation

Meeting Minutes



Meeting/Conference Call
January 15, 2026
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Welcome

Roll Call

Foundation Members: President Kenneth Tucker, Secretary Teri Atchico, Treasurer Hunter Jones, Ms. Diena Thompson, Chief Jeff Devlin

FDLE Members: SAC Melissa Bujeda, ASAC John McClellan, GSOM Mehgen Peoples, Ms. Makenna Nix, Ms. Kylie Frantello, Ms. Savannah Gray, Mr. Abdel Cortez, Ms. Megan McDonald

Meeting begins at 1:05 PM.

President Tucker opens the meeting by congratulating the Foundation for raising more money in 2025 than in any previous year.

Previous Meeting Minutes

- President Tucker asks for a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes.
- Ms. Atchico motions accordingly. Treasurer Jones seconds the motion. The Foundation votes in agreement and the motion carries.

Treasurer's Update

- Treasurer Jones explains that the Foundation is beginning 2026 with \$23,400 as opposed to in 2025, which began with \$17,500.
- His suggested next steps are to look at the budget for 2026.
- President Tucker sets the Foundation's next goal at \$35,000.
- GSOM Peoples suggests a vote for \$35,000 as the proposed budget.
- President Tucker requests a motion to approve the proposed budget. Ms. Atchico motions accordingly and Chief Devlin seconds the motion. The Foundation accepts the proposed budget.

Contracts

- Tallahassee Automobile Museum – FDLE is currently working with legal to review the contract.
 - TAM held FDLE's deposit from 2025 for 2026.
 - The proposed price for 2026 is the same as previous.
 - President Tucker is continuing to discuss the possibility of negotiating a discount on the TAM contract with a personal contact.
- Drury

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- Due to broad approval from the families regarding convenience and accommodations, FDLE is pursuing a contract with Drury Hotel again.
- Mission
 - This contract will be a later focus for FDLE.
 - The Foundation does not need to vote on these until the contract is received and approved by FDLE.

Solicitation/Fundraising Ideas/Discussion

- Draft for upcoming 2026 solicitation letters
 - FDLE shares a rewritten solicitation letter with an aim towards more effective solicitation.
 - GSOM Peoples and President Tucker discuss the possible inclusion of a reference to the requirement of law enforcement organizations to donate a portion of their forfeiture funds as a further incentive to donate.
 - Ms. Nix will send another draft with this point included to President Tucker for his thoughts.
 - President Tucker asks the Foundation for any further commentary on the letter draft.
- Issues with Wix Donations
 - GSOM Peoples explains an ongoing issue with the Wix platform wherein donations cannot currently be accepted through the Foundation website. Troubleshooting this issue is ongoing and GSOM Peoples hopes to have it resolved by the time the solicitation letters go out in late February.
- FSA Winter Conference
 - President Tucker suggests attending the FSA Winter Conference in order to network and assess fundraising opportunities. FDLE has legal approval to advertise the Foundation website, which has a donation page. He suggests asking Lt. Col. Champagne if he will be attending.
 - President Tucker suggests making a list of donors by sheriff department and police department to show who is donating, to encourage donations.
- Possibility of soliciting other state agencies
 - GSOM Peoples suggests posting the solicitation letter through DCF's online portal where other state agencies can see it.
 - GSOM Peoples suggests contacting Guardian ad Litem.
 - President Tucker suggests former FDLE Assistant Commissioner who is currently with DJJ as a possible point of contact for solicitation.

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- Treasurer Jones suggests contacting a DJJ budget chief who had been with FDLE.
- Ms. Atchico's fundraising update
 - Ms. Atchico is working with a contact of Ms. Thompson's and is organizing a BBQ Cook-Off in Callahan, FL to support FMCDF June 5-6.
 - Ms. Atchico invites Foundation members to provide other ideas for fundraising activities. She suggests a car show.
- Media
 - President Tucker suggests publishing an informational video on the Foundation website, possibly using contacts among Florida Sheriffs. He suggests inviting affected family members too.
 - GSOM Peoples will contact FDLE's media team to look into this as well.
 - Ms. Atchico suggests selling t-shirts with the winning poster on them.
 - GSOM Peoples explains that she had designed a t-shirt this way, but that it was too expensive to include all of the colors on the poster. However, she did design a shirt with the FMCDF logo. She will provide the information to the Foundation.
 - SAS Limongi suggests logo shirts for Foundation members who attend events.
 - President Tucker suggests t-shirts for donors along the lines of "I'm a proud donor to the FMCDF".

Contests

- GSOM Peoples explains that FDLE is waiting to hear back regarding whether the national poster contest will go forward this year.
- She is currently working on the possibility of running a state contest with the same prompt and criteria and having a state winner, and sourcing the poster for 2026 FMCD this way.

Corporate Donations

- President Tucker discusses possible corporate donors including Publix.
- GSOM Peoples suggests trying to source a donation from TSI Adjustors Inc., who donated a large amount in 2024 but not 2025.
- She suggests asking Vice President Previterra about this.

House Bills

- No bills relevant to the Foundation at this time.

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New Member Discussion

- Mr. Ed Dean has stepped down from his role in the Foundation.
- Members are asked to consider possible new members, especially in the Ocala or South Florida areas.
- GSOM Peoples has a possible contact she will speak with.

Next Meeting Dates

- February 26, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (Teams)
- March 12, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (Teams)
- April 9, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (Teams)