



Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC)
Advisory Board

Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM (EST)

Mission Statement: Together with the citizens of Florida, we promote the safety of children and other vulnerable populations through public and private collaborations.

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson: Karen Mazzola

Welcome

Meeting begins at 1:05 PM.

Roll Call

Advisory Board Members: Chairperson Karen Mazzola, Vice-Chairperson Darry Lloyd, Mr. Mark Young, Mr. Dan Campbell, Ms. Fran Carlin-Rogers, Major Jerry “Mark” Hensley, Ms. Jessica Janasiewicz, Mr. Brian Moore, Ms. Janet Hartman, Ms. Stephanie White, Ms. Brandi Manley, Captain Peter Bergstresser, Mr. Travis Paulk, Mr. John Pitta, Ms. Peggy Pitta, Mr. Bill Corfield, Ms. Hilary Sessions

FDLE Members: Director Melissa Bujeda, Assistant Special Agent in Charge John McClellan, Special Agent Supervisor Aida Limongi, General Services Operations Manager Mehgen Peoples, Ms. Makenna Nix, Ms. Kylie Frantello, Ms. Megan McDonald, Mr. Del Cortez, Ms. Savannah Gray

Organizations and Individuals Represented: Florida PTA, Office of the State Attorney (8th Circuit), Jimmy Ryce Center for Victims of Predatory Abduction, St. Petersburg Police Department, Florida Association of School Administrators, Florida Association of District School Superintendents, Tallahassee State College Florida Public Safety Institute, Executive Office of the Governor (Legal Office), Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Florida Department of Children and Families

Operation Home for the Holidays

- Chairperson Mazzola describes the news coverage of missing children recovered during this operation and asks if FDLE can provide further information.
- Director Bujeda explains FDLE’s role in the operation.
- Chairperson Mazzola suggests a newsletter article on this operation; GSOM Peoples explains that the DJJ will provide one on their involvement.

Newsletter

- The newsletter has been approved by the Public Information Office and will be posted on the public FDLE website and the Florida Missing Children’s Day Foundation website. Board members are invited to distribute the newsletter to others.
- So far, FDLE has received two articles on human trafficking for the upcoming winter/spring newsletter, and there is still time for board members to submit an article.

Appointment Letters

- Letters are being signed and will be sent out shortly.

Strategic Plan

- Chairperson Mazzola suggests revisiting the Strategic Plan on a regular basis. Mr. Campbell suggests adding a “Strategic Plan Update” to the end of the meetings alongside the MEPIC update.

Ad Hoc Voting Status Discussion

- Ad hoc members cannot currently vote or be Chair or Vice-Chair; do members wish to vote to change this rule in the bylaws?
 - Note: This would increase the size of the board, which would result in the need for a larger quorum.
 - It would provide a vote and the opportunity for leadership to ad hoc members who attend every meeting.
 - GSOM Peoples went through board meeting information and bylaws going back to 1996 and found that an ad hoc member could be moved to be a full board member as a citizen, without being a representative of their agency, if a specific member wants to be a full member without changing ad hoc voting rules and leading to a larger quorum.
- Chairperson Mazzola asks the board for commentary on this issue.
 - Mr. Campbell comments in favor of moving members from ad hoc to full member status without changing ad hoc voting rules.
 - The board agrees with this statement; GSOM Peoples will look further into this.

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

- Chairperson Mazzola and Vice-Chairperson Lloyd have offered to swap roles in the absence of other members interested in either role.
- Members are invited to speak up in the meeting to offer themselves or a nomination for another member for either role, or to email GSOM Peoples by December 1st with that information.
- A SurveyMonkey will be sent out with the information on who is running, and the board will vote at the February meeting.

Florida Missing Children’s Day Update

- The decision to have the 2026 ceremony at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum has been finalized. This is for financial reasons as well as the logistics of ongoing Capitol construction and the fact that the remodeled courtyard is considerably smaller than previously.

CART Update

- SAS Limongi introduces herself as the new MEPIC SAS and gives the updated CART statistics.

Adjournment

Next virtual meeting date is February 12, 2026. Brian Moore motions to adjourn; Dan Campbell seconds the motion. The meeting adjourns at 1:48 PM.