

**MEETING OF THE CORPORATE BOARD
OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA**

June 1, 2024

No. 1

The Organizational Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 9:35 a.m. on June 1, 2024, via video conference on Microsoft Teams, by M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master
R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master
R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden
R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden
R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer
M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.
R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

Also present:

M.:W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M.
M.:W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master. The Grand Master then requested R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, to give the Invocation.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, that the Grand Lodge Officers and Committees be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the year in the performance of their duties. Travel allowance for the driver of the automobile only, at the rate of \$0.50 per mile or actual expense of travel by commercial plane, train, or other commercial carrier. Hotel or motel rooms, meals, and miscellaneous expenses at actual cost, only to the limit of the amount budgeted for the Officers' or Committees' expense budget.

The cost of meals purchased for others must be itemized, including the date of the expenditure along with the Committee or title of the person(s) whose meal you purchased, the time and place of the meal and the cost. The nature of business or business reason for the expenditure must be indicated on the reimbursement request form. All expenditures must be supported by a receipt. Inadequate documentation will result in the expense reimbursement request being returned. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., that all check vouchers issued by the Grand Secretary be delivered to the Grand Master on demand. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, that in the event of the incapacity of the Administrator, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are authorized to sign such payroll checks. Motion carried.

The Grand Master announced that the monthly meetings of the Corporate Board will be held at various locations or via video conference on the published date to begin at 10:00 a.m. or at another time as designated by the Grand Master.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, that Howard and Company, CPA, P.A., be hired/continue to conduct the audits in accordance with our Regulations. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, that the Investment Management Agreement for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund between The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and Morgan Stanley be extended for the ensuing year, with the Masonic Home Endowment and Investment Committee reviewing their performance. Motion carried.

The Grand Master requested that the Grand Secretary prepare the monthly Corporate Board Agenda and distribute it to each Board Member the week prior to the Corporate Board Meeting.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by M.:W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., that the petty cash in the Grand Secretary's Office be continued at the present amount. Motion carried.

Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, that the Minutes of the 195th Annual Grand Communication, having not been read in the Annual Grand Communication, be published and distributed in the Proceedings after having been reviewed by the Grand Master and immediate Past Grand Master. Motion carried.

The Grand Master discussed proposed guidelines for the Properties Committee. Motion was made by R.:W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and seconded by R.:W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, for the guidelines to remain the same. Motion carried.

The Grand Master announced that the next Corporate Board Meeting will be held June 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Ocala, Florida, and via video conferencing.

Prior to closing, the Benediction was given by R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden.

There being no further business, M.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman, closed the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M.
Secretary to the Board

Approved:



Donald W. Cowart
Grand Master