

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA
May 28, 2025**

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:35 p.m. on May 28, 2025, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, and via Microsoft Teams, by R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman, with the following members present:

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman
W.: Mark A. Davis
R.: W.: Glen L. Garner
W.: Taylor Z. Neil
R.: W.: John Paniccia
W.: Angel Sardina
R.: W.: Michael J. St-Laurent

ALSO PRESENT:

M.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Senior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., Junior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer
R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, P.D.D.G.M.
M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

EXCUSED:

Brother Justin W. Franke, Vice Chairman
R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali

R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman, asked all assembled to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Invocation was given by R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman.

A motion was made by W.: Angel Sardina, seconded by R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman, that Mr. Daniel Newland be hired as the Administrator of the Masonic Home until the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting in June. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.: W.: Glen L. Garner and seconded by W.: Angel Sardina, that R.: W.: John Paniccia be appointed Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.: W.: Michael J. St- Laurent, seconded by R.: W.: Glen L. Garner, to set the daily residency fees as follows:

- Skilled Nursing: \$325 per day for semi-private rooms, extra bed space \$100 per day
- Skilled Nursing: \$375 per day for private rooms
- Assisted Living: \$150 per day, 2 room suites \$225 per day and 50% for 2nd person

A motion by W.: Taylor Z. Neil, seconded by R.: W.: Michael J. St-Laurent, was made to set the Petty Cash Fund at \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

The time of the Board Meetings will be 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month and workshops and Sub-Committee meetings will be held as needed, unless rescheduled by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by R.:W.: John Paniccia, seconded by W.: Taylor Z. Neil, for the Grand Secretary or the Grand Treasurer to sign payroll checks in the absence of the Administrator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by W.: Angel Sardina, seconded by R.:W.: John Paniccia, to have the Audit of the Masonic Home in accordance with the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Glen L. Garner, seconded by W.: Angel Sardina, that all property be handled in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Corporate Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Michael J. St-Laurent, seconded by R.:W.: Glen L. Garner, to have contracts drawn for sale or disposal of property, approved by the Properties Committee, reviewed by a proper attorney, and signed by the Grand Master. Motion carried.

A motion was made by W.: Taylor Z. Neil, seconded by R.:W.: Michael J. St- Laurent, that the revision of printed documents submitted to the Board by the staff of the Masonic Home for the June meeting be considered for permanent acceptance at all future meetings. Motion carried.

A motion was made by W.: Angel Sardina, seconded by R.:W.: John Paniccia, that the contract agreement with Morabito Natural Gas be amended to reflect the price at .66 cents instead of .61 cents. Motion carried.

R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman, presented M.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Grand Master, with an AED defibrillator unit. M.:W.: Atala thanked the Chairman of the Board for working on the Board of Trustees and looks forward to a great year.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Glen L. Garner, seconded by R.:W.: John Paniccia, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The next Board Meeting will be June 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The Benediction was given by R.:W.: Glen L. Garner.

There being no further business, R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob, Chairman, closed the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

R.:W.: John Paniccia
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

R.:W.: R. Patrick Jacob
Chairman