

COBWRA

COALITION OF BOYNTON WEST
RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • APRIL 22, 2020 • VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

STATE SENATOR LORI BERMAN:

- Is pleased that State, Federal and Local Officials are working together to address the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It is anticipated that there will be a Special Session of the Legislature and that the budget will have to be adjusted.
- If help is needed call: 561.292.6014.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH CASELLO:

- Reported that his office is assisting with unemployment claims and small business loan application issues. If anyone needs help call: 561.292.6015.
- Explained that his office is working with "Feeding South Florida" to distribute food to those in need.

STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG:

- Reported that the Courthouse is closed and there is no Jury Duty at this time.
- Domestic Violence is up as are vehicle burglaries.
- The State Attorney's office is working with PBSO to address COVID-19 issues.

VICE-MAYOR ROBERT WEINROTH:

- Noted that Mayor Dave Kerner has been appointed to the Governor's Re-Open Florida Task Force.
- The County Health Department is discussing a phased-in restart based upon specific benchmarks such as the number of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. Phased in reopening will be: natural areas, golf courses, beaches and then non-essential businesses.

COMMISSIONER MARY LOU BERGER:

- Commended the local hospitals and thanked PBSO & PBC Fire Rescue personnel as well as her own staff.

PBC SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER KAREN BRILL:

- Praised Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fennoy for his leadership in the face of the COVID-19 crisis.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN:

- Records and reports are available by calling or emailing the District 6 office.
- If called to a house the Deputies will ask residents to step outside to maintain social distancing.
- All officers will be wearing PPE.

PBC FIRE RESCUE BATTALION CHIEF ANTHONY TOZZI:

- Reported that when 911 is called the First Responders are attempting to determine whether the call is COVID-19 related.

PBC FIRE RESCUE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS DOUG MCGLYNN:

- Reported that PBC Fire Rescue staff is assisting at COVID-19 testing sites.
- Advised that the department is using social media sites to educate the public on various COVID-19 related issues such as how to properly remove gloves and how to use masks.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DONALD E. FENNOY II, Ed.D:

- District is 10th largest in the country with more than 176,000 students.
- School districts throughout the state will continue distance learning for the remainder of the school year. 65,000 computers have been distributed to students to support distance learning.
- The District continues to refine its Instructional Continuity Plan to meet the needs of all students, despite school closures.
- Plans moving forward will also focus on mental health supports for students and staff, as well as academic recovery once physical school campuses re-open.
- Virtual graduation ceremonies will be held to commemorate this milestone for our HS Seniors, but every effort will be made to hold in-person celebrations once safety can be guaranteed.
- School feeding sites serve 20,000 children per day and now operate on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule. One million meals have been served since the schools closed.
- Please continue to visit palmbeachschools.org/coronavirus for the latest information.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Master of Ceremonies State Attorney Dave Aronberg

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

BETH RAPPAPORT:

- Recognized the First Responders, Teachers and Healthcare Workers for their heroism.
- Noted that in spite of COVID-19, COBWRA continues to address issues related to the Ag Reserve, Roads, Schools, and the Canyons Library and Park.
- Three retiring Board members were recognized: 2nd VP Steve Slade and Directors Steve Oseroff and Barbara Fink.
- Six Directors were appointed and approved by the Delegates via Electronic Voting: Sam Manuele, Victoria Morton, Mel Morris, Debbie Murphy, Gerri Seinberg and Stan Sherman.
- On behalf of the Water & Wetlands Committee, the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day (April 22, 2020) was acknowledged.



**2020/2021
Officers**

**President
Beth Rappaport**



**1st VP
Barbara Roth**



**2nd VP
Steve Wallace**



**Secretary
Cheryl Dodes**



**Treasurer
Steve Kirschner**

**Next Meeting: May 20, 2020
via Teleconference Call.**