**Florida Emergency Management Assistance Foundation, Inc**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Chair Mimbs called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

1. Roll Call

Chair Mimbs called the roll. Chair Mimbs, Taryn Fenske (Director Fenske), Javier Marques (Secretary Marques), and Steven Lerner (Vice Chair Lerner) were marked present. Chris Spencer (Treasurer Spencer) joined later. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of the November 1, 2024, meeting minutes

Chair Mimbs called for comments or questions about the meeting minutes from the November meeting. Chair Mimbs called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Secretary Marques called for a motion to approve; Vice Chair Lerner seconded the motion. All present board members were in favor of the motion and the minutes were adopted.

1. Updates
   1. Financial Updates

Jeremy Smith (FDEM) reported that the 2024 audit is still being finalized in collaboration with the auditing firm Thomas Howell Ferguson. The Foundation’s available balance stands at just over $242,000, with additional revenue expected from upcoming events.

1. Discussion on Pending Business Items

None stated.

1. Upcoming Activities
   1. FTEM 2025

Marnie Villanueva with FDEM presented an update on FTEM 2025, scheduled for June 9-13 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress. The planning process is progressing well, and efforts are underway to secure sponsors and ensure proper notifications.

* 1. Cohort 3

Jeremy Smith reported that Cohort 3 is scheduled to graduate on January 13, marking the completion of all cohorts administered to date. Plans for future cohorts are still under discussion.

* 1. EM Day

Chair Mimbs updated the board on EM Day at the Capitol, encouraging attendance. Marnie Villanueva announced that EM Day will take place on March 11, with a small welcome event on March 10. She provided details on where to find event information, hotel room blocks, and RSVP options on the Florida Disaster website.

1. Public Comment: None heard

Board Comments: Chair Mimbs welcomed new Chief of Staff Jake Felder and suggested exploring opportunities aligned with his background at the Department of Corrections Foundation. Treasurer Spencer, familiar with the Corrections Foundation, expressed interest in hearing Jake’s ideas at the next meeting.

1. Adjournment

Chair Mimbs adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM