Call to Order:

Governor Eddie Lee called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Florida Kiwanis Foundation President Bill Knowles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation:

Lt. Governor Thomas Freiwald gave the invocation

Roll Call:

Executive Director Langguth’s roll call recorded the 2011-12 District Board Members’ attendance:

2011-12 Trustees Present:

Governor Eddie Lee
Governor-Elect Allen Whetsell
Immediate Past Governor Tom Ramiccio
Past Governor Donna Parton
Past Governor Dave Liddell
Treasurer Melanie Winternheimer
Executive Director George Langguth
Division 1 Lt. Governor Rebecca Adams
Division 2 Lt. Governor Bill Hudson
Division 4 Lt. Governor Tina Bullock
Division 6 Lt. Governor Bob Stevens
Division 7 Lt. Governor Frank Consentino
Division 8 Lt. Governor John Ehlenbeck
Division 9 Lt. Governor Robbie Ross
Division 10 Lt. Governor Prairy Riehl
Division 11 Lt. Governor Mary Ann Siemers
Division 12 Lt. Governor Mary O’Connor
Division 13 Lt. Governor Allen Yergovich
Division 14 Lt. Governor Al Diaz
Division 15 Lt. Governor Grace Plants
Division 16 Lt. Governor Dr. Joyce Taylor
Division 17 Lt. Governor Debbie McNulty
Division 18N Lt. Governor Mary Lynn Desjarlais
Division 18S Lt. Governor Mary Gavalas
Division 19 Lt. Governor Bruce Boyd
Division 20 Lt. Governor Theresa LePore
Division 21 Lt. Governor Tom Zemaitis
Division 22 Lt. Governor Steve LeBlanc
Division 23 Lt. Governor Gwen Leys
Division 24 Lt. Governor Arlene Lewis-Marr
Division 25 Lt. Governor Thomas Freiwald
Division 26 Lt. Governor John Clemetson

Also Attending:

Florida Kiwanis Foundation President Bill Knowles
Florida Kiwanis Foundation President-Elect Tim Hart
Florida Kiwanis Foundation Vice President Don Fineout
Florida CKI Governor Carly Henry
Florida Key Club Governor Doug Ream
District Laws and Regulations Chair Tom Weller

2011-12 Trustees Absent:

Division 3 Lt. Governor Tommy Mills
Division 5 Lt. Governor Butch Shadwell

Quorum:

Executive Director Langguth confirmed the presence of a quorum for the conduct of business.

International Representation:

The Kiwanis International Board was represented at the Board Meeting and throughout the convention by International Trustee Dr. John Button, M.D.. John was assigned by 2011-12 International President Alan Penn as Board Counselor to the Florida District. John’s wife, Debbie, also attended the convention.

Acknowledgement of Guests and Opening Comments:

Governor Lee thanked the guests and the Board for attending, giving special recognition to the Key Club Board Members represented.

Dates and Locations of 2011-12 Meetings and Conventions:

(These dates can be found on the calendar at FloridaKiwanis.com)

September 2-4, 2011
CKI Leadership and Training Conference, Camp Kiwanis, Ocala, FL

September 18, 2011 - 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Achieving Club Excellence Tour – Boy Scout Council Office
15255 NW. 82nd Ave, Miami Lakes, FL 33016 Divs. 24,25,26.
September 19, 2011 - 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

September 20, 2011 - 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Achieving Club Excellence Tour – Ft. Myers, Divs. 18S,19,22
Boy Scouts of America Conference Center, 1801 Boy Scout Dr., Fort Myers FL 33907

September 21, 2011 - 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Achieving Club Excellence Tour – Tampa, Divs. 8,12,13,14,17, 18N
Keiser University, 5225 Memorial Hwy., Tampa FL 33634

September 22, 2011 - 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Achieving Club Excellence Tour – Kiwanis Club of South Orlando, Divs. 9,10,11,15,16.

September 24, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Achieving Club Excellence Tour – Lake City, Divs. 4,5,6,7.
Lake City Shrine Club, 771 NW Brown Rd., Lake City, FL 32055.

September 24, 2011 - 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Achieving Club Excellence Tour – Tallahassee, Div. 3.

September 25, 2011 - 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Achieving Club Excellence Tour – Freeport FL, Divs. 1,2.

September 30 -October 3, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to the Cayman Islands

October 5, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 24

October 6, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 23

October 13, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 14

October 14, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 13

October 14-15, 2011 – Florida Kiwanis Executive Officers’ Retreat, Madeira Beach

October 14-15, 2011
CKI IDEAS Conference
Site to be Determined, Orlando, FL (note: officially canceled by CKI Board in September)

October 15, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 12

October 20, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Divisions 17 & 18N

October 21, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 18S

October 21-22, 2011 – SLP Kiwanis Advisors’ Training Sponsored by Florida Kiwanis Foundation
October 22, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 15

October 22-23, 2011 SLP Kiwanis Advisors’ Training Conference
International Palms Resort and Conference Center, Cocoa Beach, FL.
Funded by a Grant from the Florida Kiwanis Foundation

October 27, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 9

October 28, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 10

October 29, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 7

November 3-6, 2011
Governors’-Elect Training Conference
Indianapolis, IN

November 2, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 20

November 3, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 25

November 4, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 26

November 5, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 11

November 11, 2011 - Deadline for all Board Members to Complete their
Online Criminal Background Check. Reimbursable.

November 11, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 22

November 12, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 19

November 18, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 16

November 19, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 21

December 1, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 5

December 2, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 6

December 2-4, 2011 – Key Leader Weekend – Camp Aurora, Lake Wales

December 3, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 4

December 9, 2011 – Regional Prayer Breakfast – St. Pete Beach, 8:00 a.m.

December 9, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 8

December 10, 2011 – Brooksville Christmas Parade
December 15, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 1

December 16, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 2

December 17, 2011 - Governor Lee’s Official Visit to Division 3

December 17-18, 2011 - CKI Winter Board Meeting, Lakeland, FL

January 6-8, 2012 - Key Club Winter Board Meeting

January 7-8, 2012 - Florida Kiwanis Winter Board Meeting
(All Board Members must complete an online background check, no later than November 11, 2011. This is a requirement since we are staying overnight with the Key Club Board. The Florida District will reimburse the expense.)

January 10-16 – Kiwanis International District Secretaries Mtg., Site Survey and International Council Meeting, New Orleans, LA

January 20-22, 2012 - Service Leadership Programs Conference, Indianapolis, IN


February 11, 2012 - Kiwanis Education Days in Divisions 8-14.

February 18, 2012 - Kiwanis Education Days in Divisions 15-20.

February 24-25, 2012 - Florida Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting.
Wyndham Tampa Westshore Hotel

February 24-26, 2012 - Florida District of CKI Annual Convention.
Wyndham Tampa Westshore Hotel


March 10, 2012 - Day of Service-Night of Stars…A Kiwanis Family and Community Event
Location to be determined in St. Petersburg area.

March 11-16, 2012 – Florida Kiwanis 5 Day Western Caribbean Cruise to Cayman Islands and Cozumel, Mexico.
Join Governor Eddie Lee and Carol Reynolds on this Kiwanis Fellowship Cruise. Contact Markus Mittermayr, St. Petersburg Travel, 727-327-4444 or click on the cruise banner at www.FloridaKiwanis.com.

April 7, 2012 – Kiwanis One Day

May 3-6 – Key Club Governors and Administrators Training Conference, Washington, D.C.

May 10-13, 2012 Key Club District Convention
Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, FL
May 18-20, 2012 Past Governors’ Retreat, Daytona Beach, FL

June 1-3, 2012 Governor-elect’s Training for 2012-13 Lt. Governors

June 9, 2012 Club Leadership Education Training for Odd Numbered Divisions

June 15-17, 2012 Key Club Leadership Training Conference
Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, Leesburg, FL

June 16, 2012 Club Leadership Education Training for Even Numbered Divisions

June 17-19, 2012 Key Leader
Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, Leesburg, FL

June 27-July 1, 2012 CKI International Convention, New Orleans, LA

June 28, 2012 Florida District Jazz Dinner Aboard the Creole Queen, New Orleans, LA.

June 29, 2012 Florida District Board Meeting and District Caucus, time tbd.

June 28-July 1, 2012 Kiwanis International Convention, New Orleans, LA.

July 4-8, 2012 Key Club International Convention, Orlando, FL.

August 9-12, 2012 Florida Kiwanis District Convention, Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel

August 9, 2012 Final Meeting of the 2011-12 District Board, 1:00 p.m. Thursday

August 12, 2012 First Meeting of the 2012-13 District Board, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Approval of Authorized Signers on Kiwanis Family Accounts:

Lt. Governor Freiwald made a motion to designate and approve the signers for the Kiwanis Family Accounts. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Hudson and carried. The designated signers are:

a. Governor, Executive Director/District Secretary or Treasurer for Kiwanis Accts.

Approval of District Committee Chair Appointments:

Lt. Governor Stevens made a motion to approve Governor Lees’s 2011-12 Appointments of Committee Chairs. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Leys and carried.

(The 2011-12 Committee Chairs can be found at www.floridakiwanis.com.)
Approval of Appointments to Long Range Finance Committee:

Lt. Governor Gavalas made a motion to approve Governor Lee’s appointments to the Long Range Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Lewis-Marr and carried.

The appointees are:
   a. Allen Yergovich, Division 13
   b. Steve LeBlanc, Division 22

Appointment of Bylaws & Policies & Procedures Review Committee:
(The Governor-designate appoints 3 Lt. Governors and 1 Past Governor to the Committee. The current Governor also serves on the Committee which is chaired by the Governor-designate’s Laws and Regulations Chair. The Governor-designate serves as an Ex-Officio member of the Committee.)

Lt. Governor Gavalas made a motion to allow Governor Lee to make Appointments to the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Review Committee. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Diaz and carried.

The appointments have not yet been made.

Note: Following the meeting, Governor Lee informed the office that he was appointing:
   a. Frank Consentino, Division 7
   b. John Ehlenbeck, Division 8
   c. Mary Lynn Desjarlais, Division 18N
   d. Past Governor Don Fineout

Adoption of 2011-12 Florida Kiwanis Family Operational Budgets:

   a. Approval of Kiwanis 2011-12 Budget
   b. Approval of 2011-12 Key Club Budget
   c. Approval of 2011-12 CKI Budget.

Lt. Governor Freiwald made a motion to approve the CKI budget for 2011-13. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Ross and carried.

Convention Expense Reimbursement:

Executive Director Langguth reminded the Board Members that to qualify for eligible reimbursement for the District Convention, they must submit their reimbursement request by September 30, 2011, the close of Kiwanis’ fiscal year.
Creation of 2011-12 Executive Committee:

a. If created the Executive Committee would be composed of Governor, Governor-elect, Treasurer, Executive Director, 2 Immediate Past Governors and 3 Lt. Governors, who are elected by the 27 Lt. Governors.

Lt. Governor LePore made a motion to authorize the creation of a 2011-12 Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Adams and carried.

Nominations and Election to the Executive Committee:

The following Lt. Governors accepted nominations to the Executive Committee: Freiwald, Div. 25; O’Connor, Div. 12; Ross, Div. 9. There were no further nominations.

Lt. Governor Hudson made a motion to close nominations and elect the nominated Lt. Governors. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Lewis-Marr and carried.

Nominations and Election to the Personnel Committee:

a. The District Personnel Committee is composed of: Governor, serving as Chair; 3 Immediate Past Kiwanis Governors; Governor-Elect; Treasurer; 2 Lt. Governors from the Immediate Past District Board; 2 Lt. Governors from the Current District Board to serve a 2 year term; and 2 Kiwanis members appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of the District Secretary/Executive Director.

b. The 2 Lt. Governors are to be elected to the Personnel Committee for a two year term by the 27 Lt. Governors.

The following Lt. Governors accepted nominations to the Personnel Committee: Lt. Governor Riehl, Div. 10; and Lt. Governor Leys, Div. 23. There were no further nominations.

Lt. Governor Hudson made a motion to close nominations and elect the nominated Lt. Governors. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Stevens and carried.

Lt. Governor Report Deadlines:

Executive Director Langguth reminded the Lt. Governors of their required reporting obligations:

a. **Report of Training and Contact Visits and Reimbursement Request (2 forms)**
   Due December 1, 2011. Reimbursement request must be submitted with report. Reports more than 30 days delinquent are ineligible for reimbursement.

   Due March 31, 2012. Reimbursement request must be submitted with report. Reports more than 30 days delinquent are ineligible for reimbursement.

   Due May 31, 2012. Reimbursement request must be submitted with report. Reports more than 30 days delinquent are ineligible for reimbursement.
d. Verification of Division Election Reports of 2012-13 & 2013-14 Lt. Governors, and election of Foundation Trustee in even numbered divisions.

e. Report of Club Elections
Report due from clubs by June 1, 2012.  Elections to be held between March 15th and April 30th.

f. Lt. Governor’s Monthly Report of Activities
File a written report of your activities with your Lt. Governor Liaison and Governor by the 15th of each month.

Executive Director’s Report:

Executive Director Langguth reviewed the highlights of his written Executive Director’s report. He complimented the Board on the excellent convention and the gratifying convention turnout.

Executive Director Langguth stated that Lt. Governors must communicate club concerns regularly and not wait until their required reports to contact Executive Officers. He said we must attend to the needs of our clubs as soon as we become aware of them.

Executive Director Langguth said that the Board has a fiscal responsibility to be good stewards of our funds. He recommended that we have to look at a dues increase and ways of cutting our expenses this coming year.

Hall of Fame Criteria Added to Kiwanis Board Policies:

Lt. Governor Freiwald moved the adoption of the Guidelines for the Florida Kiwanis Hall of Fame. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Boyd. Governor-elect Whetsell moved to amend the guidelines to include the addition of 3 members to the selection committee who have not served as Governor. Lt. Governor Lewis-Marr seconded the amendment. The amendment was approved. The amended motion was approved.

Resolution Requesting the Kiwanis International Board to Reconsider its Background Check Policy:

Lt. Governor Bullock made a motion to adopt a Florida Kiwanis Board Resolution Requesting that the Kiwanis International Board Reconsider its Background Check Policy. Lt. Governor LeBlanc seconded the motion which carried. Copies of the Resolution were distributed to the International Board.

Remarks by International Board Counselor Dr. John Button, M.D.:

Trustee Button stated that he has come to Florida to listen and learn and provide counsel when asked, not to tell you what to do and over the next year but to deliver your comments and concerns at the International level. My other task is to help Governor Eddie and the Florida District have the best year you have ever had in the history of the District. Debbie and I leave Marco Island with great reluctance because of the warmth we have received and the warmth in which our message has been received in the Florida District.
Dr. Button thanked the Florida District for its hospitality toward he and Debbie. He stated that he would share the District Board’s resolution on the current International Background Policy.

Trustee Button said that he and Debbie particularly appreciated having the Canadian National Anthem played in their honor and that this has rarely been done in other counseled districts.

He complimented the Florida District on its excellent organization and attention to every detail from the first day his appointment was announced.

Governor-elect Whetsell moved that the Minutes reflect the Florida District’s appreciation of John Button’s and Debbie Button’s many contributions to the convention. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Hudson and carried.

Request from Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman to be Reassigned to Division 26:

The Board received an email request from the President of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman for the club to be moved from Division 25 to Division 26. Governor Lee stated that he was appointing Governor-elect Whetsell, Lt. Governor Boyd and Laws and Regs. Chair Weller to work with Lt. Governor Freiwald and Lt. Governor Clemetson and the clubs of Divisions 25 and 26 and the Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman.

Following considerable discussion, Governor-elect Whetsell made a motion to table action on the request until it is formally presented and requested by the club’s Board of Directors, following a meeting of the club’s Board of Directors where this request is reflected in the Minutes of the Board. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Leys and carried.

Remarks by Florida Kiwanis Foundation President:

President Bill Knowles stated that the Foundation appreciated the opportunity for the Foundation to be represented at your Board Meetings. President Knowles said that before he begins his remarks it important that you know me. He said, I am a pioneer. I see things on the horizon and I go do it. I get this from my grandmother. She told me, just do it. It is easier to ask for forgiveness than it is for permission.

He announced the creation of a Scholarship Committee and a five year Foundation Strategic Planning Committee. President Knowles explained that Kiwanis’ request to fund a training program for Kiwanis Service Leadership Training Advisors was referred to the Executive Committee of the Foundation to seek additional information, but assured the Kiwanis Board that the program would be approved in time to promote and conduct the training.

President Knowles said that the Foundation should be able to have emergency funds set aside for unanticipated needs and opportunities. He asked, Why do we limit the scope of our donations?

He assured the Board and the Service Leadership Programs that they have a friend in the Kiwanis Foundation President. He said if you have a great idea I am here to listen. He said that details can be worked out, but that we need to embrace the possibilities.
Remarks by CKI Governor:

Governor Carly Henry gave an organizational update and thanked Kiwanis for its support. She said that although CKI is small in membership, it leads the way in service hours per member. She said that they have 9 Kiwanis clubs looking at chartering new CKI clubs sometime soon. Work with your CKI counterparts. Please attend our CKI District Convention in February. You continue to provide leadership opportunities that help us grow as individuals.

Past Governor Liddell suggested that Kiwanis Clubs help pay for, or totally underwrite, the dues for CKI. He said that $600.00 is too much for most CKI clubs to pay on their own.

Remarks by Key Club Governor:

Governor Doug Ream gave an organizational update and thanked Kiwanis for its support. This convention has had a great effect on me. I have met some of the finest people in the world. I will definitely join Kiwanis when I get older. I got to meet Sarah Dewitz from Just 1 Book. Can you imagine a 12 year old who has already collected more than 50,000 books. Throughout my Key Club experience the influence of Kiwanis has been outstanding. The expert guidance I have received has led to my caring and direction. I am tremendously impressed with the unity of the Board enabling us to serve to our fullest potential. Kiwanis has reinforced in me that although we are all leaders, we must put service before leadership and become servant leaders.

Lastly I want to inform you that Key Club is joining with the Florida Kiwanis Foundation to have a Foundation fundraiser in conjunction with the 2012 Key Club International Convention with Walt Disney World. Details are still being worked out, but watch for this unique opportunity to support the Foundation through theme park attendance.

Goals for Conferences and Conventions:

Immediate Past Governor Ramiccio made a motion to establish the following goals for Conferences and Conventions in 2011-12. Lt. Governor LeBlanc seconded the motion, which carried:

- 600 registered at International Convention in New Orleans, LA
- 400 attending the Florida Kiwanis Jazz Dinner Cruise in New Orleans, LA
- 400 participating in A Day of Service…A Night of Stars
- 1000 registered for District Convention in Tampa, FL
- 1200 attending Kiwanis Education Days
- 1400 attending Governor’s Official Visits.

Closing Comments:

Governor Lee distributed information on First Lady Carol’s Project: Cure Search for Children’s Cancer. He said that he and Carol would be spreading the message at their official visits, but asked the Board to begin promotion back home. Funds collected will underwrite research for all types of childhood cancer, including the rare disease that affects Carol’s grandson.
Governor Lee stressed the upcoming ACE Tours conducted at several locations throughout the District in September. He encouraged enthusiastic promotion and participation.

Governor Lee stated that Kiwanis Education Days are replacing Zone Conferences and that plans should already be underway for locations, presenters and promotion. He urged the Lt. Governors to use your District Chairs who are within a reasonable distance of your division.

Begin thinking about our Official Governor’s Visits. They will be here before we know it.

Governor Lee stated that his primary objective is to strengthen relationships within the K-Family. He stated Key Club and CKI “get it” and they want us to participate with them. Involve them in Division Council Meetings. Attend their conventions, for the first time ever Key Club will be offering 1 day registration packets to allow Kiwanians to observe and participate in the Key Club District Convention. Key Club is reaching out to us to join them on Saturday, May 12th and participate in their walk to ELIMINATE and their banquet.

Governor Lee said this has been a full day and a very busy weekend and that everyone is anxious to head for home. He announced that every Board Member would be playing a role on one of the 9 sub-committees of the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee being Chaired by Jim Wylie and will be asked to make reports before or during the Winter Board Meeting in January.

Governor Lee concluded by saying, Enjoy this year, travel safely and have fun.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Governor Lee adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

**Certification:**

Copies of these Minutes have been forwarded to Kiwanis International Executive Director Stan Soderstrom; Kiwanis International Governance Specialist, Diana Rader O’Brien; Thomas Tschopp, Schafer, Tschopp, Whitcomb, Mitchell & Sheridan, LLP., Kiwanis’ officially designated Certified Public Accountants; and permanently filed in the Official Records of the Florida District of Kiwanis International, Inc., at its headquarters at 5545 Benchmark Lane, Sanford, FL 32773-8116.

George F. Langguth, Executive Director/District Secretary  
The Florida District of Kiwanis International