

Nominations to the Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee presents this slate for the 2022–2023 Board of Directors to the membership of the League of Women Voters Jacksonville First Coast. The Nominating Committee worked to present nominees they believe are ready to elevate the League and our impact.

Several of these nominees are currently serving on the board. Members will vote on the candidates for President, Secretary, Director of Membership, Director of Voter Registration, Nominating Committee.

Office	Term Ends	Candidate
President	2024	Lanelle Phillmon (incumbent)
Secretary	2024	Elaine Weistock
Director – Membership	2024	Karen Parish (incumbent)
Director – Voter Registration	2024	Rhona DiCamillo

2021- 2022 Nominating Committee

Chair	To be determined by new committee after election
Members	Sandy Martin
	Juanita Powell-Williams
	Rebecca Lee-Duffell

Nominations from the floor will be accepted

Officers / Board members continuing to serve until 2023

Officer / Board Member	Name
Vice President	Mariette Brodeur
Treasurer	Hattie Kaufman
Director – Communications	Amy Mitchell
Director – Education	Linda Mann
Director - Environment	Angela DeMonbreun

Profiles of candidates:

Nominated position: President

Lanelle Phillmon

Lanelle joined LWVJFC in 2017 and was an active Voter Registration volunteer. In June of 2018 she filled the vacant Vice President position created when the President resigned to move out of state and the existing Vice President became the President. Due to health issues of the President, she became acting President in 2019 and was elected President in June 2020.

As President, Lanelle lead the chapter through a technology upgrade to Club Express, maintained the League's presence throughout the pandemic, facilitated the development of the Local Program, represented the League during Lobby Days, LWVUS Convention, LWVFL Biennial State Convention and annual Council. She has presented Voter Education, Suffrage and Redistricting presentations, spoken on behalf of the League at press conferences, rallies, and government meetings, and written letters to the editor and correspondence to elected representatives expressing League positions and priorities. She has chaired several committees to include the Centennial Celebration Committee, Candidate Forums, and Redistricting. She also actively supported the chapter's initial use of Vote411.org and consistently seeks opportunities for the League to engage the public and our membership.

Lanelle currently serves as Voter Registration Chair on LWVFL Voter Services Committee and Co-Chair of LWVFL Immigration Action Committee. She formerly served on LWVFL Gun Safety Committee. She is routinely called upon by LWVFL to mentor newly elected Presidents and Vice Presidents. Lanelle served 27 ½ years in the United States Navy retiring as a Command Master Chief, earned her MBA post-military and currently works for a federal agency providing care and resources to Veterans experiencing homeless in Jacksonville. She currently serves on the board of the Northeast Florida American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP Military Service and Veterans Committee, and is a facilitator for 904Ward.

Nominated position: Secretary

Elaine Weistock

Elaine joined the LWVJFC this year. She was a founding member and President of the Clay County Democratic Women's Alliance from 2010-2019. Other volunteer work includes serving on the Executive Board for Indivisible Clay from 2018-2022 and as a Board member and Secretary (2007-2009) for the Friends of Fleming Island Library. Elaine has also served on the Board of two HOAs, including as Treasurer from 2018-2022.

Elaine comes to the League after twenty-seven years working as a Program Manager for the Offices of Inspector General with the Department of Defense and the Department of the Interior. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Accounting and English and a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

Having spent her career in Washington DC, Virginia and the US Virgin Islands, Elaine now lives in Clay County. She is married with two children and five magnificent grandchildren and her interests include baking, reading, bridge and gardening.

Nominated position: Membership Director

Karen Parish

Karen joined the LWVJFC in 2018 and in April of 2018 was asked to serve on the Board as the Membership Director. She has been serving in that role since June of 2018.

As Membership Director, Karen was involved with the migration of LWVJFC membership data to the Club Express platform. She provides orientation to new members during the League's Membership Forum and works with the Treasurer to ensure the League's database is accurate for the end-of year reconciliation. Karen has also taken on the responsibility of ensuring that our League's brochure is kept current.

Karen currently serves on the Education Committee, as well as the Vote411 committee. In the past she has also been involved with Voter Registration, the Centennial Celebration committee, and the Candidate Forum Committee, as well as participating as a voting delegate in two state conventions and one national convention. This participation has provided Karen with a wealth of information on the League organization and how it operates. Her employment background was in Information Technology first as a Network Analyst in the area of Healthcare, and later as Director of Information Technology and Services for a local hospital.

Nominated position: Director, Voter Registration

Rhona DiCamillo

Rhona has been a member of the LWV for 6 years, and a member of the LWVJFC for 3 years, including serving on the Nominating Committee. Rhona has been active with voter registration efforts for the LWVJFC working closely with Dianne Main and was co-chair of the programs committee and student/local government program in her previous league. She has also served on various parent/teacher organization Boards including as treasurer and president. Rhona is the co-owner of a boutique consulting firm that provides strategic and financial advice to U.S. airports and is active in several industry organizations.

Nominated position: Nominating Committee Member

Sandy Martin

Sandy is seeking a position on the nominating committee. She has been a long-time active member of LWVJFC, serving most recently as our Treasurer from 2018-2021. Prior to that she served on the nominating committee. Sandy has served as chair or co-chair of League criminal justice committees and as Vice President and President of her local League from 1976-79.

Her professional background is in the banking industry in operations and in law, serving as a paralegal and office manager. She has a BS in Banking and Finance from the University of Florida.

Juanita Powell-Williams

Juanita has been a member of the League of Women Voters First Coast since June, 2020. Other community service includes:

- Served on the Boards of the Florida Black Business Investment Board, Jacksonville Housing Authority, Housing Partnership of NE Florida, Jacksonville Branch of the NAACP, and JWW Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History
- Chartered the National Congress of Black Women, Tallahassee
- Served on local PTAs, Learn to Read Program, McKnight Achievers Parent Organization, The Right Track Mentor program, and Foster Care Citizen Review Panel
- SE Region Legal Advisor and member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
- Active in Duval Dem Black Caucus, Dem Senior Caucus, Democratic Women's Information Network, and the Duval County Democratic Executive Committee
- VP for Jacksonville National Organization for Women

Following graduation from Florida A&M with degrees in Chemistry and Math, Juanita was employed as a chemist and later taught science and math in the Duval schools. She also worked as an Environmental Supervisor for DEP, as Associate Director for the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Jacksonville, and opened her own business, Williams' Microfiling Services.

She obtained her JD from Florida Coastal School of Law and has worked as a public defender, child welfare attorney, partner in Murray & Powell-Williams, PA and now has her own legal practice, The Powell-Williams Law Firm, PA.

Juanita lives in Jacksonville and is the mother of two sons and the proud grandmother of two.

Rebecca Lee-Duffell

Rebecca has been a member of the LWVJFC for almost 4 years. When we had live meetings on evenings and weekends, she would actively participate to execute the objectives and present as the speaker for breakout session groups. She is a current volunteer to register voters and has recently joined the Vote411 team. Rebecca works as a Section Chief with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville and is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers. She also volunteers with the Jacksonville chapter of CISV.