

Summary of the Voting Rights Discussion from the March 3, 2025 BSBC Board Meeting

As a result of the March 1, 2025 Bonnet Shores Fire District (BSFD) Reconstituted Charter Revision Committee meeting, it was suggested that a committee representative attend the March 3, 2025 Bonnet Shores Beach Club Board (BSBC) meeting to determine if the BSBC had any appetite to compromise on the solutions being presented to solve the BSFD voting rights issue. Jane Duran, a committee member who owns a bathhouse at the BSBC offered to go and speak at this board meeting. Below are Jane's notes from that meeting that were read at the March 6, 2025 Reconstituted Charter Review Committee Meeting and confirmed to be accurate by Louise Healey who was also in attendance at the board meeting. Subsequently, Jane also read these notes at the March 8, 2025 BSFD Council meeting as part of the Charter Committee Update agenda item. These notes reflect a summary of the dialogue and are not necessarily the opinion of Jane Duran. They are also not the official minutes of the BSBC Board Meeting.

BSBC Board Meeting – March 3,2025 - Notes

The Goal – The goal of Jane Duran attending the March 3, 2025 BSBC Board Committee Meeting was to determine if there was any appetite for compromise from the BSBC on the voting rights issue.

The Approach - Jane reviewed the following with the BSBC Board and those in attendance:

- The reason why the BSFD had established a Reconstituted Charter Review Committee which was to be in alignment with the Consent Order and the process that was followed, including appointing a committee member from the beach club so their opinion could be heard. She thanked Louise Healey for being the appointed representative from the BSBC on this Committee.
- Jane urged the BSBC to compromise.
- The dialogue was civil and professional and the BSBC respected her opinion.

Summary of BSBC's Commentary:

- The BSBC indicated that they feel that they are the only group being asked to compromise.
- They accepted the appointment to the Reconstituted Charter Review Committee in good faith to discuss options but the plaintiffs did not accept their appointed seat which they interpret as the plaintiff's unwillingness to collaborate and compromise.
- The plaintiffs continually state that there will be litigation with any solution that allows the beach club owners to vote either in current state or with one unit one vote (*The BSBC did not seem interested in any other proposal*). Therefore, BSBC does not trust that any compromise that the BSBC makes will be met with genuine acceptance and will result in

another lawsuit so they just prefer to move right into legally binding mediation or litigation if it is initiated.

- The BSBC indicated that they continue to be the target of malicious statements, the fabrication and spreading of complete falsehoods and harassment by a small yet very vocal group within the community.
- Therefore, they see no reason to compromise and will leave it in the hands of the attorneys and a judge to decide.
- The BSBC indicated that they are very grateful to the members of the community who have put so much effort into this process and appreciate that the majority of the BSFD Community are supportive of the long-standing partnership that has been in place.
- At the end of the dialogue, Louise Healey (Secretary of the BSBC Board) took a poll of the audience and the majority of those in attendance wanted to stay the course with current state and see what happens.