

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

Fall Interim Business Meeting

4 Tenth Month 2025

Sarasota Friends Meetinghouse
and Online

NUMBERED MINUTES

- 25FIBM01** Fall Interim Business Meeting approves the expenditure of up to \$800 to acquire a hearing assistance system to be used at SEYM events.
- 25FIBM02** Fall Interim Business Meeting approves a donation of \$500 to be made to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the funds to be drawn from SEYM's contingency fund.
- 25FIBM03** Southeastern Yearly Meeting Quakers deplore the establishment of the Everglades Migrant Prison in the fragile environment of the Everglades. Reliable reports of conditions within the prison, the lack of adequate nutrition and sanitary facilities give us grave concern for the mental and physical health of the detainees. We stand in solidarity with the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians in Florida in calling for the immediate closure of the camp to preserve the air quality, drinking water supply, and the sacred ecological balance vital to the Miccosukee way of life.

We applaud the recent landmark agreement between the state of Florida and the U.S. Department of the Army to accelerate the restoration of the Everglades. We feel the establishment of the Everglades Migrant Prison is completely counterproductive to the restoration project's goals and betrays the promise made to Florida residents and the one million people who visit Everglades National Park each year, generating more than \$120 million dollars of revenue to our state.

There is only one Everglades in all the world. We Floridians are the trustees of this unique, beautiful, and spiritually important wetland. It is incumbent upon our governor and our legislature to reflect that trust, not betray it.

- 25FIBM04** Friends approve the Nominating Committee report, as revised.
- 25FIBM05** SEYM requires all persons who are hired to work with SEYM youth to be either CAPP registered or have other acceptable Quaker accreditation to work with youth, as approved by the Child Protection Committee, before we agree to hire them.
- 25FIBM06** SEYM thanks Sarasota Friends for their great food and gracious hospitality!