

LCB Member Presentation: Tekesha Saffold

1. What do you do?
 - a. I currently serve as the president for the National Federation of the Blind of Palm Beach. The NFB is the oldest and largest advocacy organization for blind and visually impaired individuals throughout the county.
 - b. I have served as a board member of the Florida affiliate of the NFB for the past two years.
 - c. I serve as the liaison for the disabled community in the office of the Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach.
 - d. I am the owner of Saffold's Consultant Service, which provides disability sensitivity training to educate businesses and their employees about appropriate etiquette when assisting individuals with disabilities.
 - e. I have been a rider of Palm Tran Connection and the fixed route since 2010. I am a huge transportation advocate.
2. How did you become involved?
 - a. I became visually impaired 10 years ago, and began riding Palm Tran Connection in 2010
 - b. I became involved with the NFB when I was invited by the former president of the Palm Beach Chapter. I wanted to serve on the NFB of Florida to add diversity to the board.
 - c. Since I have a passion to advocate for individuals with disabilities, I decided to start my own business to provide disability sensitivity training to bring more awareness to businesses who may need this unique training.
 - d. During Mayor Masters campaign in 2016, I stood up for the disabled community by expressing the needs and concerns in my community.
3. How does what I do relate to the LCB?
 - a. My involvement with the NFB relates to the LCB because of the advocacy that I conduct as president, throughout Palm Beach County, the State of Florida, and even nationally.
 - b. Saffold's Consultant Service can enhance the understanding to other board members who are not disabled to be educated on proper disability etiquettes.
 - c. My ridership helps provide more insight to the board about significant changes that can be suggested to improve the quality of the service that Palm Tran Connection provides.

