



Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting  
Monday December 11, 2017

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- Meeting was called to order by Chair Juan Cuba at 7:01 pm
- Moment of Silence by Deltravis Williams
- Pledge of Allegiance by Anaruth Soalche
- Chair Cuba announce that quorum was met.
- Motion to set the Agenda by Chris Riker, seconded by Deltravis Williams. Motion passes
- Motion to approve the minutes by Hank Honig, seconded by Gail Paris. Motion passes
- State Committeeman Election
  - Chair Juan Cuba announces candidates who nominated themselves prior to the meeting (Denzel Burnside, Carlos Condarco, Aaron McKinney, and Seth Sklarey) and opens the floor for any new nominations.
  - Motion to close nominations of the floor by Deltravis Williams, seconded by Chris Riker. Motion Passes.
  - Candidate Speeches. Denzel Burnside and Seth Sklarey withdrew. Carlos Condarco and Aaron Mckinney gave speeches.
  - Voting by ballot begins. After several minutes, motion to close the balloting by Gail Paris and seconded by Edwin Pagan-Rivera. Motion passes
  - Result: Aaron McKinney wins with 97 votes; Carlos Condarco 37 votes
- Chair Juan Cuba gave the gavel to Vice Chair Dotie Joseph
- Treasurer Election
  - Vice Chair Joseph announces candidates who nominated themselves prior to the meeting (William Byatt and Gonzalo Vizcardo) and opens the floor for any new nominations.
  - Motion to close nominations for treasurer by Deltravis Williams and seconded by Mariano Corcilli
  - Candidate Speeches by William Byatt and Gonzalo Vizcardo
  - Voting by ballot begins. After several minutes, motion to close the balloting by Hank Honig seconded by Deltravis Williams. Motion passes
  - Result: William Byatt wins with 89 votes; Gonzalo Vizcardo 64 votes

## Chair's Report

- Reviewed this year's accomplishments and thanked the membership, party leaders, and clubs/caucuses for their work.
- State Chair election was on Saturday, December 9. Miami-Dade voted through a software called Election Buddy. DEC members chose Stacey Patel. All of Miami-Dade's 125 votes were cast for Stacey Patel. However, Terrie Rizzo won the state election decisively.
- Carlos Condarco stepped down as executive director.
- DEC office is now located in CIC Miami located at 1951 NW 7th Ave, 6th floor.
- We are working on a 2018 strategic plan. Survey sent out to the membership in November was the first step.
- An email will be sent out regarding the meeting dates for 2018.
- Chair Cuba has asked Vice Chair Dotie Joseph to form a Women's Task Force to work on creating standards (a code of conduct), reporting structure, and training regarding sexual harassment. He will ask candidates and steering committee members to take the training, and invite and encourage all DEC members to attend.
- Chair Cuba asked the Affirmative Action Chair Kevin Chambliss to make sure the Party is being inclusive and diverse. He's asked Mr. Chambliss to expand the work of the Affirmative Action committee and look into implementing standards and outreach.
- Chair Cuba has asked DEC member Skip Pita to lead the formation of a Candidate Vetting Task Force that will provide recommendations to the DEC on the process we should take before lending our support to candidates.
- Chair Cuba acknowledged the difficulty in attending DEC meetings and announced that he is working with Mr. Chambliss and Credentials Chair John Wander on using technology to allow DEC members to attend remotely by going to a Satellite meeting. The first experiment will be with Homestead.
- Special Election for HD 114: Primary is 2/20 and General Election is 05/01

## Credentials Report

- Credentials Chair emailed the Credentials report in advance. He announced that some members slated for removal have indicated their intention to be active DEC members and were taken off the removal list.
- Motion to accept the Credentials report by Deltravis Williams and seconded by Eddie Lewis. Motion passes unanimously.

## Rules and Bylaws Committee Report

- The Rules and Bylaws Committee considered a new rule for introducing and passing resolutions in the DEC. The overriding principles of the new rules are to give members earlier opportunities to engage in the process and provide proper notice on what's being considered.

- Motion to approve the resolution Erika Peralta seconded by Eddie Lewis.
- Discussion.
- Motion to close debate by Deltravis Williams & seconded by Alex Flores. Motion to close debate passed.
- Point of order by Chester Fair. Mr. Fair questioned quorum. Quorum was met.
- Motion to approve the new rule regarding DEC resolutions passed.

#### Unfinished Business

- Chair Cuba explained the Robert's Rules voting process. The Chair can ask for a voice vote on a motion. A DEC member may ask for division or a hand count. The Chair may then ask for a vote by a show of hands or for members to stand. A DEC member may ask for a roll call vote, but the members must approve of a roll call by a majority vote of the members present. Chair Cuba explained that this process was not followed at the last meeting, and that we will correct it going forward.
- Resolution on Assurances that President Donald Trump is Capable of Making Important Military and International Policy Decisions and is of Sound Mind
  - Motion to pass the resolution on Trump's Mental Ability made by Francesca Menes seconded by Edwin Pagan-Rivera.
  - Motion to close debate by Ramon Guillen and seconded by Francesca Menes.
  - Motion Passes
- Chair Cuba explained that the motion from the previous meeting regarding Democrats who held a fundraiser in support of Carlos Curbelo was passed by a voice vote and by a show of hands; a DEC member had then asked for a roll call vote; the Chair had then asked the membership if they wanted a roll call, and the membership resoundly said they did not; nonetheless a roll call vote began and subsequently quorum was lost at the last meeting.
- Chair Cuba clarified that a roll call vote was not necessary at the last meeting. The Chair asked the membership if they agree that the motion from the previous meeting had passed.
  - A motion to reaffirm and honor the results from the previous meeting on the Resolution regarding Democrats who held a fundraiser in support of Carlos Curbelo made by Hank Honig and seconded by Edwin Pagan Rivera.
  - Discussion. Carole Jackson said the motion was unnecessary since the motion passed at the last meeting.
  - The question was called. Motion to reaffirm and honor the results from the previous meeting passed.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Riker and seconded by Alex Flores