

Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting

Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 ~ 7:00 P.M. - 10:00P.M.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Anaruth Solache

-Chair Juan Cuba called meeting to order at 8:03 P.M. He welcomed all members and asked officials to continue registration.

-Deltravis Williams led the invocation. Edith Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

-Chair Juan Cuba asked for a quorum. Anaruth Solache announced quorum was met. (Quorum needed was 99 members.)

-Chair Juan Cuba delivered his Chair's report.

-Chair Juan Cuba announced appointments of municipal elected officials as Elected Official Members of the DEC:

- County Commissioners Jean Monestime and Sally Heyman
- Sunny Isles City Commissioner Dana Goldman
- Coral Gables City Commissioners Pat Keon and Jeannett Slesnick
- Aventura City Commissioner Denise Landman
- Miami Beach City Commissioners Joy Malakoff, Kristen Rosen Gonzalez, Micky Steinberg, Ricky Arriola, and Michael Grieco
- Key Biscayne Councilmember Frank Caplan
- North Miami Councilmembers Alix De Sulme and Phillippe Bien-Aime
- Bay Harbor Islands Mayor Jordan Leonard
- City of Miami Commissioner Ken Russell
- South Miami Mayor Philip Stoddard
- Pinecrest Councilman Jim McDonald
- and State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle
- Cutler Bay Mayor Peggy Bell, Vice Mayor Susi Loyzelle, and councilwoman Mary Ann Mixon
- And Surfside commissioner Barry Cohen

-Chair Juan Cuba announced appointments of At-Large members:

Lili Bach	Antonio Rodriguez	Robin Kadish
Yolanda Balido	Adam Sosnick	Laura Dominguez
Diana Burnet	Joshua Sproat	Tiffany Heckler
Mari Corugedo	Christopher Williams	Valerie Oliver
Francesca Covey	Darryl Banks	Victoria Ann Wechsler
Carly Grimm	Alexander Heckler	Reanna Lee
Anabella Grohoski	Brandon Salky	Iris Fiallos Finstad
Gabriela Guzman	Michael LeFevre	Rachel Narvaez
Marie Flore Lindor-Latortue	Alejandra Stern	Susan Berlin
Mindy McIlroy	Alexis Polanco	Valeria Del Rio
Diana Mendez	Barbara Silverman	Shari Lee
Julie Nissenbaum	Barbara Pope	Karen Moran
Michelle Pamies	Carole Jackson	Frederica Wilson
Lauren Parra	Caroline Donkin	Diane Crowley
Sheila Riojas	Charlotte Klieman	Jacquelyn Pope James

Yany San Luis	Cheryl Kaufman	Adam Kravitz
Abra Adrabi	Cynthia Seymour	Andrew Weiss
Alexis Flores	Debra Folsom	Ariel Molina
Leah Messing	Fayola Delica	Adam Schwartzbaum
Ignacio Acosta-Thompson	Debbie Mucasel-Powell	Steven Berlin
Nace Crawford	Donna Bell	Glenn Terry
Kristopher Decossard	Evelyn Greer	Bartholomew Motes
Clint Diamond	Jackie Simms	Bruce Greer
Gregory Goddard	Josie Batista	Christopher Cabral
Brian Goldmeier	Julie Paikowsky	Dan Gelber
Carlos Gonzalez	Kamalah Fletcher	David Stern
Bruce Jacobs	Kira Willig	Samuel Jackson
Phillip Jerez	Leslie Kaplan	Devin Cordero
Thomas Kennedy	Lana Swanson	Damian Narvaez
Thomas Korge	Leah Shadle	Freddy Funes
Richard Lobo	Madeleine Barker	David Singer
Jose Manana	Maria Elena Prio	David Mandel
Alex Meyer	Melina Gordon	Alfredo Duran
Alejandro Miyar	Maria Fernanda Villota	Francisco Pelayo
Ariel Morel	Michelle Frazier	Francisco Perez
David Patlak	Nila Pastor	Seth Gordon
Carlos Puentes	Gillian Mirabelle	Santiago Leon
Grant Stern	Juan Penalosa	Joshua Williams Tarkoff
Gustavo Marshall	Michael Llorente	James Porter-Brown
Jeffrey Solomon	Mark Myers	Nigel Neale
Harley Tropin	Mark Blank	Wasim Shomar
JP Austin	Martin Culver	Julio Perez
Jeffery Agron	Michael Pearson	Maurice Allgrove
Jesse Walters	Michael Shelley	Christopher Moran
Jeremy Kozyak	Michel Weisz	James Sheils
John Kozyak	Noel Rodriguez	Deborah Gorelick
Jason Nieves	Steven Paikowsky	Robert McWilliams
Joel Fields	Matt Adler	Sagiv Edelman
Joel Zwelling	Richard Williams	Daniel Horton
John Bowen	Ralph Patino	Don Festge
Joseph Perkins	Richard Quincoces	

-Chair Juan Cuba announced appointments of Deltravis Williams as Sergeant-at-Arms, Edith Owens as Parliamentarian, and Representative Joe Geller as General Counsel, and Zenia Perez as Credentials Chair. He also recognized Mark Herron, FDP counsel, as the election attorney.

-Chair Juan Cuba announced that leadership positions in the DEC are available and encouraged members to apply for chair and committee positions.

-Bernard Jennings made a motion to approve the Chair's report. It was seconded by Richard Lamondin. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

-General Counsel Joe Geller and FDP Counsel Mark Herron discussed the grievances filed with the FDP and the findings of the Special Committee review of the Miami-Dade DEC elections held on December 6.

-Chair Juan Cuba recognized the hard work of Credentials Chair Zenia Perez and all the members of the credentials committee, and mentioned that all credentials reports are available on our website.

-Chair Juan Cuba asked for a motion to ratify precinct vacancy appointments from the December 6th meeting & to approve the lists from the interim credentials and credentials committee reports.

-A motion to ratify precinct vacancy appointments from the December 6th meeting & to approve the lists from the interim credentials and credentials committee reports was made by Maggie Fernandez. It was seconded by Bernard Jennings. The motion passed.

-A motion to rescind the December 6th approval of new DEC members was made by Erika Grohoski Peralta. It was seconded by Ernesto Medina. The motion failed.

-A Point of Order was raised by Elizabeth Judd asking why members were not sworn-in. Counsel Geller responded that swearing-in is not necessary. They have been voted-on and approved by the membership.

-A Point of Order was raised by Kira Willig asking why members voted-on in December 6th were listed during the Chair's report again as At-Large appointments. Counsel Geller responded that it is the Chair's prerogative to make At-Large appointments, and that was done during the Chair's report.

-General Counsel Geller reviewed the rules for the election.

-A motion to table the election was made by Dr. Mae Christian. It was seconded by Ernesto Medina. The motion failed.

-Chair Juan Cuba opened the floor for nominations for State Committeeman. He announced that candidates that emailed info@miamidadedems.org by Thursday, December 15 at Noon already placed their name in nomination but they could still have people speak on their behalf. Those candidates were Stephen Bittel, Dwight Bullard, Sam Feldman, Seth Sklarey, and Rubin Young.

-Ernesto Medina nominates Victor Nieto for State Committeeman.

-Isabel Loaiza nominates Ernesto Medina for State Committeeman.

-Ernesto Medina nominates Tomas Kennedy for State Committeeman.

-Motion to close nominations was made by Justin Pinn. It was seconded by Bernard Jennings. The motion passed.

-The following candidates gave speeches: Rubin Young, Tomas Kennedy, Victor Nieto, Sam Feldman, Ernesto Medina, Stephen Bittel, and Denzel Burnside III and Chris Norwood spoke on behalf of Dwight Bullard who was absent.

-The Ballot Boxes were presented. Voting began at 9:16pm.

-Chair Juan Cuba announced the results. There were 413 official ballots cast. Stephen Bittel received 250 votes, Senator Dwight Bullard received 161, Sam Feldman received 1 vote, and Rubin Young received 1 vote. There were also 45 provisional ballots cast. Stephen Bittel received 26 provisional votes and Dwight Bullard received 19 provisional votes.

-Stephen Bittel won the election for State Committeeman.

-Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bernard Jennings. It was seconded by Justin Pinn.

-A quorum call was made by Carlos Condarco. Chair Cuba announced quorum was visibly present. Attorney Geller explained that a quorum isn't necessary to adjourn a meeting.

-Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 PM