



**Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee (DEC)
Re-Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 ~ 7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Prepared by outgoing Secretary Lucia Baez

- Chair Senator Dwight Bullard called meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. He welcomed all members and asked officials to continue registration. Meeting would start when all in line were checked in.
- Seth Sklarey led the Pledge of Allegiance, Deltravis Williams led the invocation.
- Chair Sen. Dwight Bullard emphasized the importance of this re-organizational meeting to energize the party and to be as committed as we are in this meeting in between election seasons.
- Christine Florez spoke on behalf of the Elections Committee. She explained that we would be following the order of elections stated on the agenda and reviewed policies for nominating from the floor, speech time limits, and election process.
- Former Congressional candidate Pam Keith addressed members regarding upcoming race in Louisiana. Efforts are being made at the ground level in Florida to travel to Louisiana this week to canvas for Foster Campbell in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Donations are being accepted throughout the meeting.
- Chair Sen. Dwight Bullard recommended we table credentials report to go onto swearing in after registration is completed.
- Barbara Schwartz announced initiative for anyone to wear a black ribbon on inauguration day because we will be in mourning. She Encouraged members to take a piece, then spread the word to all organizations and make initiative go viral.
- Tere Gavalda announced there was a quorum with 139 voting members signed-in.
- Chair Sen. Dwight Bullard initiated the swearing-in process. All voting members stood up and repeated the loyalty oath. Chair announced voting will commence and ballots would be collected in an orderly fashion. People will be called up row by row.
- Chair Sen. Dwight Bullard opened the floor for nominations for chair.
- Lorenzo Canizares, Pct. 766 nominated Dr. Leonarda Duran for chair. Duysevi Miyar. Pct. 303 seconded. Dr. Leonarda Duran accepted and gave her speech.
- Donald Abicht, Pct. 713 nominated Fred Frost for chair. Glenda Abicht, Pct. 713 seconded. Fred Frost accepted nomination and gave speech.
- Chair Sen. Dwight Bullard announced the removal of Dr. Mae Christian's name from the Chair's race. She will no longer be running for Chair.
- Richard Lamondin, Pct. 518 nominated Juan Cuba for chair. Edith Owens, Pct. 221 seconded. Juan Cuba accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Annie Betancourt, Pct. 609 nominated Millie Herrera for chair. Deltravis Williams, Pct. 817 seconded. Millie Herrera accepted the nomination and gave speech.



- Dan Di Matteo, Pct. 029 nominated Rafael Velazquez for chair. Olivia Cutting, Pct. 845 seconded the nomination. Rafael Velazquez accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Isabel Loaiza, Pct. 23 nominated Ernesto Fernandez for chair. Victor Nieto, Pct. 148 seconded. Ernesto Fernandez withdrew his nomination.
- Motion to close the nominations for Chair was made and seconded. Voting ensued.
- Outgoing Chair Sen. Dwight Bullard announced Juan Cuba as new Chair of the party with 99 of the votes. No runoff necessary. Dr. Duran won 26 votes, Millie Herrera won 22 votes, Fred Frost won 21 votes, and Rafael Velazquez won 21 votes.
- Chair Juan Cuba accepted his position and began by opening nominations for State Committeewoman.
- Dr. Leonarda Duran, Pct. 969 nominated Francesca Menes for State Committeewoman. Chris Riker Pct. 143 seconded. Francesca Menes accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Rafael Velazquez, Pct. 048 nominated Dr. Mae Christian for State Committeewoman. America Schroh seconded. Dr. Mae Christian accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Bernard Jennings, Pct. 239 nominated Elizabeth Judd for State Committeewoman. Edith Owens, Pct. 221 seconded. Elizabeth Judd accepted nomination and gave speech.
- Wendy Sejour, Pct. 928 nominated Bess McElroy for State Committeewoman. Louella Grayson, Pct. 212 seconded. Bess McElroy accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Elizabeth Rodriguez, Pct. 569 self-nominated and gave speech.
- Motion to close the nomination for State Committeewoman was made and seconded. Voting ensued.
- Chair Juan Cuba opened the floor open for nominations for State Committeeman.
- Elizabeth Judd, Pct. 239 nominated Bret Berlin for State Committeeman. Ivette Gonzalez Petkovich, Pct. 454 seconded. Bret Berlin accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Annette Taddeo, Pct. 650 nominated Manuel Gutierrez for State Committeeman. No second. Manuel Gutierrez accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Deltravis Williams, pct. 817 nominated Dwight Bullard for State Committeeman. Senator Oscar Braynon seconded. Dwight Bullard accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Motion to close the nomination for State Committeeman was made and seconded. Voting ensued.
- Chair Juan Cuba announced Francesca Menes as State committeewoman with 107 of the votes. No runoff necessary. Elizabeth Judd won 32 votes, Dr. Mae Christian won 11 votes, Bess McElroy won 10 votes, Elizabeth Rodriguez won 8 votes, and Elizabeth Washington Wells won 3 votes.
- Chair Juan Cuba opened the floor open for nominations for female First Vice Chair.
- Deltravis Williams, Pct. 817 nominated Anette Taddeo for Vice Chair. Donald Abicht, Pct. 713 seconded. Annette Taddeo accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Bob Goldstein nominated Dotie Joseph for Vice Chair. Tracy Weems, Pct. 971 seconded. Dotie Joseph accepted the nomination and gave speech.



- Verlance Echoles, Pct. 262 nominated Dr. Mae Christian for Vice Chair. Eddie Lewis, Pct. 155 seconded. Dr. Mae Christian accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Motion to close the nomination for Vice Chair was made and seconded. Voting ensued.
- Chair Juan Cuba announced Bret Berlin as State Committeeman with 106 of the votes. No runoff necessary. Dwight Bullard won 47 votes and Manuel Gutierrez won 9 votes.
- Chair Juan Cuba opened the floor open for nominations for Secretary.
- Alex Flores, Pct. 819 nominated Anaruth Solache for Secretary. Dr. Leonarda Duran seconded. Anaruth Solache accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Lorenzo Canizares, Pct. 766 nominated Zenia Perez for Secretary. Fred Frost seconded. Zenia Perez accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Motion to close the nomination for Secretary was made and seconded. Voting ensued.
- Chair Juan Cuba announced Dotie Joseph as Vice Chair with 78 votes. No runoff necessary. Annette Taddeo won 42 votes, Dr. Mae Christian won 29 votes, and Elizabeth Washington Wells won 6 votes.
- Chair Juan Cuba opened the floor open for nominations for Treasurer.
- Roseline Philippe, Pct. 136 nominated Arthur Costa for Treasurer. Venghan Tang, Pct. 728 seconded. Arthur Costa accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Annette Collazo, Pct. 304 nominated Gonzalo Vizcardo for Treasurer. Steve Jackson, Pct. 561 seconded. Gonzalo Vizcardo accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Erika Grohoski Peralta, Pct. 298 nominated Carlos Condarco for Treasurer. Victor Nieto, Pct. 148 seconded. Carlos Condarco accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Chair Juan Cuba announced Anaruth Solache as Secretary with 80 votes. No runoff necessary. Zenia Perez received 75 votes.
- Motion to close the nomination for Treasurer was made and seconded. Voting ensued.
- Chair Juan Cuba opened the floor open for nominations for Outreach Vice Chair.
- Roseline Philippe, Pct. 136 nominated America Schroh for Outreach Vice Chair. Venghan Tang, Pct. 728 seconded. America Schroh accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Anaruth Solache, Pct. 303 nominated Alex Flores for Outreach Vice Chair. Phyllis Lehman, pct. 148 seconded. Alex Flores accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Wendy Sejour, Pct. 928 nominated Erika Grohoski Peralta for Outreach Vice Chair. Zenia Perez seconded. Erika Grohoski Peralta accepted the nomination and gave speech.
- Chair Juan Cuba announced Arthur Costa as Treasurer with 99 votes. No runoff necessary. Carlos Condarco won 43 votes and Gonzalo Vizcardo won 13 votes.
- Motion to close the nomination for Outreach Vice Chair was made and seconded. Voting ensued.
- Announcements: raffle winner, Coalition for Progressive platform meeting Decemembr 8th, Toy Drive for Homestead soup kitchen, Downtown Dems holiday party on December 15th.



-Chair Juan Cuba announced 74 votes were needed to win Outreach Vice Chair. Erika Grohoski Peralta had 70 votes, Alex Flores won 50 votes, America Schroh won 15 votes, and Asrielle Stubbs won 10 votes. Alex Flores and Erika Grohoski are going to a runoff.

-Chair Juan Cuba opened the floor open for nominations for Programs Vice Chair.

-Allan Nichols, Pct 154 nominated Chris Riker for Programs Vice Chair. William Pena Wells seconded. Chris Riker accepted the nomination and gave speech.

-Steve Jackson, pct. 561 nominated Jonathan Fernandez for Programs Vice Chair. Richard Lamondin, Pct. 518 seconded. Jonathan Fernandez accepted the nomination and gave speech.

-Chair Juan Cuba announced Erika Grohoski Peralta was elected as Outreach Vice chair.

-Motion to close the nomination for Programs Vice Chair was made and seconded. Voting ensued.

-Chair Juan Cuba announced Chris Riker as Programs Vice chair with 88 votes. Jonathan Fernandez won 46 votes.

-State Committeeman Bret Berlin made a motion to suspend the rules and accept the new membership applications received up-to today and all members who lost their elections in August and elect them as elected precinct members (if vacant) or at-large committee members of the Democratic Executive Committee. Edith Owens seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The new members are as follows:

Precinct #	First Name	Last Name	M/F	Elected or At-Large
9	Ian	Abrams	M	Elected
9	Yolanda	Abrams	F	Elected
14	Bradley	Zappala	M	Elected
18	Ariel	Morel	M	At-Large
23	Tyler	Loy	M	Elected
28	James	Consolantis	M	Elected
29	Alexander	Heckler	M	elected
29	Karen	Maerovitz	F	Elected
31	Diana	Burnet	F	At-Large
32	Anahi	Hurtado	F	Elected
33	Carly	Grimm	F	At-Large
33	Caitlin	Leor-Fishman	F	Elected
48	David	Patlak	M	At-Large
51	Pedro	Domit	M	Elected
51	Andrew	Gordon	M	Elected
103	Melina	Gordon	F	Elected



111	Laurie	Flink	F	Elected
114	Michelle	Pamies	F	At-Large
115	Helen	Boyer	F	Elected
119	Gregory	Saint-Jean	M	Elected
123	Marcus	Dixon	M	Elected
124	Johanna	Cervone	M	Elected
127	Marckenson	Jeanty	M	Elected
142	Ilyana	Albarran	F	Elected
148	Don	Festge	M	Elected
148	Courtney	Premer	F	Elected
149	Melinda	Cowen	F	Elected
156	Abra	Adrabi	F	Elected
156	Jon	Adrabi	M	Elected
156	Giovanna	Salucci	F	Elected
207	Andrea	Perez	F	Elected
224	Dwayne	Manuel	M	Elected
270	Janice	Coakley	F	Elected
298	Anabella	Grohoski	F	At-Large
305	Lily	Alvarado	F	Elected
337	Carlos	Puentes	M	At-Large
337	Antonio	Rodriguez	M	At-Large
338	Daniel	de Leon	M	Elected
343	Alberto	Carrillo	M	Elected
344	Constance	Brandenburg	F	Elected
347	Christian	Duran	M	Elected
352	Jose	Manana	M	At-Large
360	Rafael	Gomez	M	Elected
364	Ben	De Yurre	M	Elected
370	Luis	Falconi	M	Elected
377	Julio	Rodriguez	M	Elected
388	Sasha	Lopez	F	Elected



413	Javier	Hernandez	M	Elected
448	Eduardo	Milanesa	M	Elected
458	Lai	Wah Eng	F	Elected
461	Monica	Montes	F	Elected
467	Patrick	Hidalgo	M	Elected
502	Kiesha	Moodie	F	Elected
504	Ronald	Bilbao	M	Elected
504	Mindy	McIlroy	F	At-Large
504	Jonathan	Stewart	M	Elected
510	Ulyses	Almanza	M	Elected
512	Maria	Wimberly	F	Elected
516	Lili	Bach	F	At-Large
517	Phillip	Jerez	M	At-Large
534	Adam	Sosnick	M	At-Large
534	Brandon	Alfred	M	Elected
536	Kristopher	Decossard	M	At-Large
538	Ignacio	Acosta-Thompson	M	At-Large
538	Joshua	Sproat	M	At-Large
538	Ines	Mato	F	Elected
541	Diana	Mendez	F	At-Large
541	Vanessa	Francis	F	Elected
541	Carlos	Odio	M	Elected
541	Anthony	Williams	M	Elected
546	Lauren	Parra	F	At-Large
561	Carlos	Gonzalez	M	At-Large
561	Darryl	Banks	M	Elected
567	Abigael	Mahony	F	Elected
569	Alexis	Flores	F	Elected
576	Clint	Diamond	M	At-Large
579	Thomas	Kennedy	M	At-Large
579	Nace	Crawford	M	At-Large



582	Linda	Hausmann	F	Elected
582	Maria-Cecilia	Tavera	F	Elected
583	Bruce	Jacobs	M	At-Large
586	Richard	Lobo	M	At-Large
586	Stephen	Bittel	M	Elected
586	Caren	Lobo	F	Elected
601	Benjamin	Pollara	M	Elected
609	Gregory	Goddard	M	At-Large
609	Michael	LeFevre	M	Elected
611	Yolanda	Balido	F	At-Large
614	Francesca	Covey	F	At-Large
614	James	Covey	M	Elected
614	Julie	Nissenbaum	F	At-Large
614	Thomas	Korge	M	At-Large
614	Maria-Elena	Lopez	F	Elected
616	Mark	Gilbert	M	Elected
617	Alejandro	Miyar	M	At-Large
621	Laisa	Pertet	F	Elected
621	Alexa	Lubin	F	Elected
624	Courtney	Whitney	F	Elected
627	Christopher	Williams	M	At-Large
627	Linda	Carroll	F	Elected
628	Christopher	Korge	M	Elected
630	Cindy	Lerner	F	Elected
631	Howard	Pita	M	Elected
633	Yanyyn	San Luis	F	At-Large
636	John	Pessoa	M	Elected
636	Andrea	Molina	F	Elected
641	Gabriela	Guzman	F	At-Large
649	Carlos	Cabrera	M	Elected
670	Eric	Brakken	M	Elected



673	Elizabeth	Perez	F	Elected
697	Gabriel	Gomez	M	Elected
712	Vilma	Tobar	F	Elected
715	Viviem	Rivero	F	Elected
723	Simon	Ferro	M	Elected
748	Carol	Solano	F	Elected
754	Brandon	Salky	M	Elected
760	Augusto	Lopez	M	Elected
761	Edwin	Pagan	M	Elected
765	Norman	Whyte	M	Elected
769	Mari	Corugedo	F	At-Large
769	Elizabeth	Moss	F	Elected
773	Hector	Caraballo	M	Elected
775	Stephany	Feijoo	F	Elected
803	Dianna	Anderson	F	Elected
814	Freddie	Young	F	Elected
815	Denzel	Burnside III	M	Elected
825	Caroline	Lewis	F	Elected
853	Kevin	Diaz	M	Elected
920	Kevin	Chambliss	M	Elected
969	Marie Flore	Lindor-Latortue	F	At-Large
971	Sheila	Riojas	F	At-Large
983	Kayla	Czape	F	Elected
995	Brian	Goldmeier	M	At-Large
995	Leah	Messing	F	Elected
996	Alex	Meyer	M	At-Large
996	Gabriel	Goffman	M	Elected
996	Nabilah	Islam	F	Elected

-Carlos Condarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cedric McMinn seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 P.M.