



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Public Health Trust Nominating Council**

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**CLERK'S SUMMARY
PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST NOMINATING COUNCIL
MEETING OF JULY 15, 2008**

The Public Health Trust Nominating Council convened at 9:00 a.m., in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 Northwest First Street, Miami, Florida. There being present Chairman Dennis C. Moss; Public Health Trust Chairman Ernesto de la Fe; Commissioner Katy Sorenson; Commissioner Javier Souto; and Representative Julio Robaina.

Staff members present were Assistant County Manager Alina T. Hudak; Assistant County Attorney Eugene Shy; Ms. Christina Lares, Assistant to the County Manager; and Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer.

I. Welcome

Chairman Moss called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed those in attendance and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

It was moved by Commissioner Sorenson that the minutes of the June 9, 2008 and June 11, 2008 Public Health Trust Nominating Council meeting be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Souto and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously by those members present.

II. Overview of Background Check Process

Mr. Luis Gonzalez, Manager of Recruitment & Internal Placement, Department of Human Resources, gave a brief overview of the background check process. He noted that a background check was conducted on each candidate via a Media/Internet Search, a public records search (Auto Track), the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as well as Interstate Identification Index searches. Mr. Gonzalez pointed out that one candidate was found to have a past arrest record and another candidate's finger prints were rejected by the FBI due to a data field error or because the quality of the fingerprints were not adequate for identification purposes.

III. Interviews with Finalists

The following candidates appeared before the Public Health Trust Nominating Council:

Ms. Lisa Kearns
Dr. Kate Callahan
Dr. Jack Grossman
Mr. David Brown
Mr. Alan Rock
Ms. Judy Rosenbaum (via telephone)

Following interviews with each candidate, Chairman Moss requested feedback from Council members regarding each candidate that was interviewed. Chairman Moss reminded Council members at the previous meeting it was decided that the incumbents would be added automatically and Council members were left to identify two individuals as alternates from the group of finalists.

Representative Robaina suggested replacing one of the current incumbents with a person from today's (7/15) group of finalists.

In response to Chairman Moss' inquiry regarding how Council members should proceed, Assistant County Attorney Shy reiterated that the action of the Council at the last meeting (6/11) was to send the names of the six designated incumbents forward to the County Commission. He said there were five current vacancies, and Council members had to submit the same amount of names as there were vacancies, plus two alternates.

With regard to Representative Robaina's suggestion, Mr. de la Fe stated that if Council members decided to replace a current Public Health Trust (PHT) Board member, he would suggest providing a Chairman's Evaluation to the County Commission in terms of the Board member's contributions. He also noted that it was his recommendation that the person that the Council decided to remove be given an opportunity to speak to the Council members.

Representative Robaina stated that Mr. de la Fe's suggestion would become very complex and inquired about the possibility of making two incumbents alternates as opposed to submitting today's finalist as an alternate.

Commissioner Sorenson noted that if Council members were considering adding alternates to the top five, that the persons chosen as incumbents should be re-interviewed, to allow each person a fair hearing.

Mr. de la Fey and Representative Robaina concurred with Commissioner Sorenson's comments regarding re-interviewing the incumbents.

Commissioner Sorenson pointed out that she felt there were two strong women candidates that had extensive experience.

In response to Chairman Moss' inquiry regarding the timeframe in which recommendations must be presented to the County Commission, Mr. Shy explained that the timeline this year was for the Commission to vote on the trustees in the month of September so that when the terms expired in October and the ten day veto period expired, the candidates would be ready to take office.

It was moved by Commissioner Sorenson that the Nominating Council re-interview the five chosen incumbents before submitting names to the County Commission. This motion was seconded by Representative Robaina, and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously by those members present.

Discussion ensued regarding interviewing an individual with an engineering background during the re-interview process.

Chairman Moss commented that he felt bringing in another person would complicate the process and he was not in support of this suggestion.

Representative Robaina explained that the Board members had expressed a need to have a candidate with engineering knowledge and experience on the board.

Mr. Shy explained that if the person Council members intended on interviewing had not previously submitted an application this would have to be legally advertised.

Commissioner Sorenson noted that there were strong candidates and broad representation was needed, however, there were no requirements for a person with engineering experience.

Chairman Moss concurred with Commissioner Sorenson's comments.

It was moved by Representative Robaina that the Nominating Council submit Dr. Jack Grossman as the first alternate. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Souto, and upon being put to a vote passed by a vote of 4-1 (Commissioner Sorenson voted No).

It was moved by Commissioner Sorenson that the Nominating Council submit Ms. Judy Rosenbaum as the second alternate. This motion was seconded by Representative Robaina, and upon being put to a vote passed by a vote of 5-0.

Chairman Moss noted that Dr. Jack Grossman was selected to be submitted to the County Commission as the first alternate and Ms. Judy Rosenbaum as the second alternate. He further noted that the five incumbents would be re-interviewed in the month of August.

There being no further business to come before the Public Health Trust Nominating Council, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
Public Health Trust Nominating Council