



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Miami-Dade Military Affairs Board**

The District Office  
Of  
Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
8345 NW 12 Street  
Doral, FL 33122

April 4, 2016  
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**CLERK'S SUMMARY AND OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD**  
**April 4, 2016**

The Military Affairs Board (MAB) convened in an emergency meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016 at the Honorable Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz's District Office, located at 8345 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Doral Florida 33126.

The following voting Board members were present: Chairman Jose 'Pepe' Diaz; Ms. Michelle Mason for Mr. Alex Acosta; Dr. Anthony Atwood; Mr. David Blake; Town of Miami Lakes Vice Mayor Timothy Daubert; Mr. Charles Johnson; Mr. Sergei Michael Kowalchik; Mr. Eduardo Lombard; Mr. Phil Lyons; Mr. Joseph Martory; Ms. Donna Masson; and Mr. Keith Whitbeck.

Mr. Mark Blumstein arrived at 6:37 p.m.

The following voting Board members were absent: Mr. Mario Alvarez; Mr. Thomas Davis; Mr. Manuel Gonzalez; Mr. Kevin Humes; and Retired Lieutenant Colonel Jorge Sibila.

The following non-voting Board members were present: Lieutenant Colonel Dave Olson; and Officer Victor Milian;

The following non-voting Board members were absent: Lieutenant Colonel Connie Alge; Ms. Glorianne Amor; Captain Benjamin Davis; Colonel Lisa Garcia; Mr. Ed Haynes; Ms. Leandra McCommas; Ms. Leandra Padron; Colonel Elwin Rozyskie; City of Doral Vice Mayor Sandra Ruiz; Mr. Paul Russo; Ms. Joanna Sandstrom; Gunnery Sergeant Jeremiah Scott; Captain Peter Vach; Lt. Colonel Son Vo; and Ms. Debbie Zimmerman.

The following staff members were present: Mr. Gustavo Cruz, MAB Director; Assistant County Attorney Miguel Gonzalez; Mr. Bayardo Medrano, Commission Auditor's Office; and Deputy Clerk Alan Eisenberg.

In addition to the above, the following guests were present: Mr. Adam Temple, City of Doral.

❖ **Welcome**

Chairman Diaz called the MAB meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., welcoming members and guests. He apologized for calling an emergency meeting; however, indicated that there were several essential votes needing to be taken which could not wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Chairman Diaz expressed his reluctance to call such meetings, noting he would request members failing to attend meetings to be replaced by their appointing commissioners in the future.

❖ **Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Anthony Atwood led the MAB in a Moment of Prayer, followed by Mr. Joseph Martory in the Pledge of Allegiance.

❖ **Items Requiring MAB Approval**

• **Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2016**

It was moved by Mr. Timothy Daubert that the February 23, 2016 MAB meeting minutes be approved. This motion was seconded by Dr. Anthony Atwood and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 12-0 (Mr. Mark Blumstein was absent).

• **MAB Headgear**

Chairman Diaz stated that it was an honor to be part of the MAB, noting consensus of members at the April 4, 2016 MAB meeting to purchase headgear for its members to wear at community events. He reported that the headgear would be black with the MAB emblem on one side and the American Flag on the other.

Assistant County Attorney Miguel Gonzalez clarified that the purchase should adhere to Internal Service Department (ISD) guidelines.

It was moved by Mr. Timothy Daubert that the MAB purchase headgear; that the purchase adhere to ISD purchase guidelines; and that the best of three comparable quotes, preferably from companies already working with Miami-Dade County be accepted. This motion was seconded by Dr. Timothy Atwood and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 13-0.

• **Project Healing Waters South Florida**

It was moved by Mr. Timothy Daubert to allocate \$2,000 from the MAB Trust Fund to Project Healing Waters South Florida for the 2016 Backcountry Purple Heart Slam. This motion was seconded by Mr. Joseph Martory and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 13-0.

❖ **Comments and/or input from the public**

Chairman Diaz opened the floor to public comments. There being no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Diaz closed to floor to public comments.

## ❖ **Announcements**

Mr. Joseph Whitbeck requested assistance with the July 4 picnic held at PortMiami to which Chairman Diaz asked Mr. Gustavo Cruz to support this project.

Dr. Anthony Atwood announced that the Army's 124<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion will mobilize approximately 700 troops who will be deploying to Djibouti on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at Ft. Lauderdale International Airport.

Mr. Sergei Kowalchik reported that the Key Biscayne American Legion Post would host a picnic for 65 nursing home veterans and staff on April 21, 2016 at Bill Baggs State Park.

Mr. Eduardo Lombard mentioned that there would be another Honor Flight in October, 2016.

Mr. Keith Whitbeck commented that the Key Biscayne American Legion Post was very helpful to the Veterans Lounge at Miami International Airport. He suggested that the MAB hosted a Sunday cookout for veterans living at the Veterans Administration Convalescent Home.

## ❖ **Honor Flight**

Chairman Diaz reported on the Honor Flight at Miami International Airport on Saturday, April 2, 2016, noting the United States Southern Command Admiral, the Command Sergeant Major, and the Marines were in attendance. He noted the Police Drill Team served as the Honor Guard as well as the bag pipe corp's participation.

## ❖ **City of Doral**

Chairman Diaz stated that the City of Doral (Doral) was willing to become more involved in MAB activities, noting they wanted to participate in veteran programs. Mr. Adam Temple from Doral was introduced, confirming that a Vietnam veteran museum piece would be placed in Veterans Park during the upcoming Memorial Day holiday.

## ❖ **Mentor Program**

Chairman Diaz mentioned that Miami-Dade County approved one hour per week (up to five hours per month) Administrative Leave for veteran employees wanting to participate in the mentor program.

## ❖ **Concert**

Chairman Diaz indicated that he would cancel the concert if Verizon, the concert's title sponsor, did not confirm their commitment by Thursday, April 7, 2017. He said that he

would not allow anyone else to put the event together should this occur. Chairman Diaz discussed the need to proceed quickly as the event was just 22 weeks away, noting it was rapidly approaching and time was of an essence. He reported that he was travelling to the Pentagon later this week to request their commitment of assets to the event, even though the Verizon sponsorship had not been confirmed. Chairman Diaz said the United States Southern Command and the Homestead Air Reserve Base was fully committed.

#### ❖ **Tribute to the Military Miami Beach Project Air Show**

Chairman Diaz mentioned that the MAB needed to participate in the Tribute to the Military Miami Beach Project Air Show scheduled for Memorial Day, 2017. He reported there will be issues related to the scheduling; however, noted the importance that Memorial Day was to remember our fallen.

#### ❖ **Homestead Air Reserve Base Air Show**

In response to Mr. Keith Whitbeck's question about the Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB) Air Show, Chairman Diaz reported that Lieutenant Colonel Connie Alge attended the March 29, 2016 MAB meeting and announced the upcoming Air Show. He reported on a significant loss of personnel at the HARB making the planning process a little difficult. Chairman Diaz explained that Miami-Dade County provided transportation and other support services totaling approximately \$300,000; however, there were coordination issues needing to be resolved with the Homestead Military Affairs Committee. He estimated attendance of approximately 750,000 people at the upcoming show.

#### ❖ **Memorial Wall**

Mr. Phil Lyons reported that Special Operations Command South (SOCSOUTH) was erecting a memorial wall for fallen soldiers, noting 120 have died since 1963. He mentioned a cost of \$44,000 with \$11,000 donations received to-day and another \$6,000 pledged. Mr. Lyons said that an anonymous donor also pledged to cover the balance needed to complete the project.

Chairman Diaz recalled the Cuban American Veterans Association's (CAVA) Legacy Project recognizing Cuban-American Veterans that was presented to the MAB in May, 2016 and questioned the status of that project, noting he previously secured a marble donation.

Mr. Joseph Martory said that he would find out the status of the project and report back.

#### ❖ **MAB Member Reappointments**

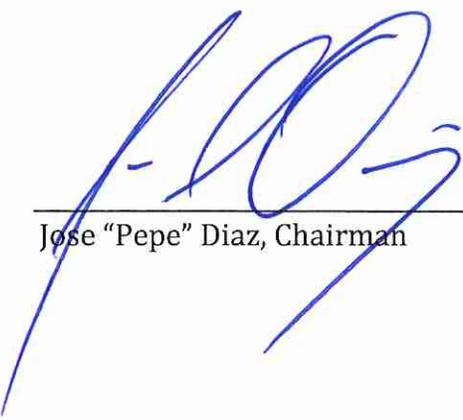
Mr. Gustavo Cruz mentioned that several MAB members needed to be reappointed to a new term of office; that he would meet with Assistant County Attorney Miguel Gonzalez to

determine the members needing to be reappointed; and that he would notify those members by email later this week.

Chairman Diaz commented that MAB voting members needed to attend meetings, noting the federal partners and educational institutions were regularly attending.

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the MAB meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



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Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman



## Military Affairs Board April 4, 2016

Prepared by: Alan Eisenberg

### EXHIBITS LIST

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
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## **Exhibits: \*Place the exhibits in the order of the agenda.**

### **This is a list of the items to be kept as an exhibit:**

- 1 = Order of the Day
- 2 = Pull List
- 3 = Memoranda for Changes to Agenda (Mayoral, County Manager or BCC Chair's Memo)
- 4 = **For BCC meetings:** Save PDF copies of all agenda items not assigned a resolution/ordinance number such items on first reading, reports, withdrawn, deferred, presented, the original version of an item if the item is amended
- 5 = Memoranda Re Allocations from Commission Office Funds/District Reserve Funds
- 6 = Memoranda Re Board Appointments
- 7 = Memoranda From Commissioners Re Absenteeism/late
- 8 = All materials, documents, exhibits, and other items related to the Agenda distributed during meetings such as Memoranda, Reports, Maps, PowerPoint Presentations, Petitions (signed), Photographs, Speakers Cards not apart of the agenda package.
- 9 = **For BCC Committees:** Save PDF copies of all agenda items not forwarded to the BCC and documentation for waivers of agenda items.
- 10 = **For Zoning meetings:** the Zoning Agenda, the sheet containing the list of the applications to be heard for the day (Yellow), the Zoning Action Sheet; a copy of the Zoning Meeting Exhibit list, which indicates exhibits transferred to the Zoning Department [this is prepared by the Commission Clerk], and other items related to the Agenda distributed during meetings such as Memoranda, Reports, Maps, PowerPoint Presentations, Petitions (signed), Photographs, Speakers Cards not a part of the agenda package.
- 11 = **For CDMP meetings:** a copy of the CDMP Meeting Exhibit list, which indicates exhibits transferred to the Zoning Department [this is prepared by the Commission Clerk].

*MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE CHAIR  
MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
MONDAY, April 4th, 2016  
6:30 PM*

*DISTRICT 12 OFFICE  
8345 NW 12<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Doral, FL 33126  
AGENDA*

- ❖ **Welcome**
- ❖ **Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance**
- ❖ **Approval of:**
  - **February 2016 Minutes**
  - **MAB Headgear selection best of 3 comparable quotes**
  - **Allocation of \$2000 (Gold Sponsor) from the MAB Trust Fund to Project Healing Waters South Florida for the 2016 Backcountry Purple Heart Slam**