



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

Board of County Commissioners

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Commission Chamber
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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF AGENDA ACTION
AND OFFICIAL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST NOMINATING COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 23, 2005

The Public Health Trust Nominating Council (PHTNC) convened at 11:18 a.m., on February 23, 2005, in the second floor conference room of the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 Northwest First Street, Miami, Florida, there being present PHTNC Chairwoman Rebecca Sosa (selected during today's meeting), State Representative Rene Garcia; Mr. Larry Handfield, Chairperson, Public Health Trust (PHT), and Commissioners Katy Sorenson and Javier Souto; Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz; Assistant County Attorney Eugene Shy; Mr. Marvin O'Quinn, President, PHT; and Deputy Clerk Linda Derleth.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz introduced himself and requested self-introductions from everyone present.

II. Overview of Process

Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz noted the PHTNC did not have a chairman or chairwoman at this time and the chair was typically selected by the members of the PHTNC. He stated Commissioner Sosa was the new PHTNC member, replacing Commissioner Rolle.

Mr. Munoz advised that the last slate of candidates forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for a vote was withdrawn because the PHTNC requested a background investigation, and there was a problem in the background of one of the candidates.

III. Selection of Chairperson

It was moved by Commissioner Souto that Commissioner Sosa be selected as the Chairwoman of the PHTNC. This motion was seconded by Mr. Handfield, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0.

IV. Discussion

Chairwoman Sosa stated the Public Health Trust (PHT) needed members who were experienced in business and who did not have a conflict of interest.

Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz summarized the PHT application process.

Commissioner Souto emphasized the importance of ensuring that PHT members did not have a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict.

Assistant County Manager Munoz advised the interview questions could be provided to the PHTNC members ahead of candidates' interviews.

Commissioner Sosa suggested that once or twice per year the PHTNC should schedule an informal meeting with the PHT for an exchange of ideas.

Mr. Handfield concurred with Chairwoman Sosa's suggestion, noting such meetings could lead to positive change.

Mr. O'Quinn noted the PHT was required to schedule one joint meeting per year with the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Souto spoke in support of lobbying the Florida legislature for additional funding for the PHT.

Chairwoman Sosa expressed concern with the attendance records of some of the PHT members.

Commissioner Sorenson recommended the PHTNC seek members with a broad base of knowledge with many community contacts.

Mr. Handfield requested the PHTNC hear a report regarding an investigation of a PHT applicant and why he would not be recommended for membership, even though he had been recommended previously.

Mr. Mark Aprigliano, Director of Public Safety, Jackson Health System, summarized the results of the background investigation he conducted regarding Mr. Marion Dennis Thorp, an applicant for PHT membership.

It was moved by Commissioner Sorenson that the PHTNC deny the application of Mr. Thorp. This motion was seconded by Chairwoman Sosa, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Handfield recommended that in the future background investigations be conducted on PHT candidates prior to their interview.

Following discussion, Commissioner Sosa stated investigations would be conducted on the PHT membership applicants after the PHTNC selected them for further review but prior to a formal interview.

Assistant County Attorney Eugene Shy clarified, for the record, that the foregoing motion was a motion to amend the prior action of the PHTNC to remove the name of Marion Dennis Thorp, Jr., from that five person slate of candidates.

Chairwoman Sosa stated she would present proposed attendance rules to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the meeting attendance of PHT members.

The PHTNC voted to nominate the following persons for PHT membership:

- Angel Medina
- Walter James Harvey
- Kathie Sigler
- Rosie Cancela

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the PHTNC, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 a.m.

Commissioner Rebecca Sosa
Chairwoman