



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

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**PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST NOMINATING COUNCIL
CLERK'S SUMMARY AND OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
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The Public Health Trust Nominating Council convened in the 2nd Floor Commission Conference Room of the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 N.W. 1st Street, on September 18, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. There being present Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Council Members: Commissioner Javier D. Souto, State Representative Rene Garcia, (Commissioner Bruno Barreiro was late) and Public Health Trust Chairman Larry Handfield, Esq.; staff members present were Assistant County Manager Mae D. Bryant, Assistant to the Assistant County Manager, Irene Taylor-Wooten; Assistant County Attorney Eugene Shy; Daniel Ricker, Publisher, Watchdog Report; Clerk Karen Leonard and Deputy Clerk Nelson Diaz.

I. Welcome

Chairwoman Sosa called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. She welcomed everyone in attendance and noted that Lieutenant Joaquin Del Cueto was waiting to be interviewed as one of the candidates for the Public Health Board of Trustees (PHT). Chairwoman Sosa noted that in their last meeting the Public Health Trust Nominating Council (PHTNC) members agreed to extend the interview process to Mr. Del Cueto at today's meeting and subsequently they would discuss their final selection of candidates.

Responding to Mr. Handfield's comments regarding his Federal Court hearing appointment at 10:30 a.m. today, Chairwoman Sosa stated that this meeting would move quickly and the Council needed Mr. Handfield to participate in the final selection of candidates.

Chairwoman Sosa welcomed and informed Mr. Del Cueto that he was the last candidate to be interviewed from their list of applicants. She introduced the Council members that were present and noted that Commissioner Barreiro would arrive shortly.

The PHTNC members proceeded to interview Mr. Del Cueto who served as a Lieutenant in the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue for 24 years.

Following the interview with Mr. Del Cueto, Chairwoman Sosa thanked him for coming and advised him that the administrator of this body would follow up with him regarding their decision.

II. Approval of Minutes

Assistant County Attorney Eugene Shy noted corrections to the Clerk's Summary and Official Minutes for the PHTNC meeting of September 18, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Barreiro that the foregoing minutes be approved as amended. This motion was seconded by State Representative Rene Garcia and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously by those members present.

III. Nominations

Chairwoman Sosa requested that the council members review the candidates that were interviewed. She questioned the PHTNC members whether any of the candidates had retired from running and were there any changes. Chairwoman Sosa noted that the following individuals were the final candidates:

Finalist Interviews

1. Reuben Almaguer
2. Martha C. Adams
3. John Copeland
4. Ernesto De La Fe
5. Marie Etienne
6. Ariana Fajardo
7. Armnando Gutierrez, Jr.
8. Marcos Lapciuc
9. James B. Wright
10. Roland Sanchez-Medina Jr.
11. Marisol Tamarazzo
12. Joaquin Del Cueto

Chairwoman Sosa requested that the council members review the individual candidates in the same aforementioned order. She noted that the PHTNC had to submit a slate of seven names to serve on the PHT. Chairwoman Sosa also noted that Georgena Ford had already been re-appointed to the PHT and eliminated from the process, resulting with six more candidates to be chosen.

Chairwoman Sosa suggested proceeding with the same elimination process that was conducted in their last meeting and this body would discuss the remaining names. She noted that the incumbents were Ernesto De La Fe and John Copeland. Chairwoman Sosa requested that the Council members eliminate Georgena Ford from the nominating process during this meeting and focus on the six names that had to be submitted to the Commission.

Following the elimination process, Chairwoman Sosa read the list of nominees:

Nominee Finalist

1. John Copeland
2. Ernesto De La Fe
3. Ariana Fajardo
4. Georgena Ford
5. Armando Gutierrez, Jr.
6. Marcos Lapciuc
7. Joaquin Del Cueto

Chairwoman Sosa noted that based on the Commission's charge, the Council had responded appropriately by ensuring that representation of PHT members equaled to the population percentage composition, qualifications and additional female members.

It was moved by Mr. Handfield that the PHTNC approve the slate of names aforementioned as nominees at today's (10/31) meeting be submitted as candidates to serve on the PHT. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Souto, and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously by those members present.

State Representative Rene Garcia asked to clarify whether this Council would be submitting seven names to the Board of County Commission to decide who the five final members would be or would five names be submitted with two alternate candidates.

Following the discussion whether the PHTNC members would submit seven names to the Board of County Commission without specific recommendations of the five candidates, Chairwoman Sosa noted that the PHTNC members had complied with the new rules to provide an adequate amount of qualified candidates. She noted that she strongly believed that the Commission should make the final decision.

Hearing no objection, the Council members agreed that there were five vacancies to be filled on the PHT which included Georgena Ford and the Commission would determine who the other finalist were.

Responding to Chairwoman Sosa's question regarding the expiration date of the other PHT member's terms, Assistant County Attorney Eugene Shy noted that as of October 6, 2006, the five vacancies had expired, and that approximately five additional terms on the PHT would expire in October, 2007.

Chairwoman Sosa personally thanked the PHTNC members for their service of two years in working on the selection process for members of the PHT. She noted that since the Commissioners would be changing committees in the near future, the same members of this Council would not be allowed to remain more than two years.

IV. Adjournment

The Public Health Trust Nominating Council meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



**Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Public Health Trust Nominating Council**