



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT)**

Miami-Dade College North Campus
11380 NW 27th Avenue
Conference Rooms 3238 and 3239
Miami, Florida 33167

May 31, 2014
As Advertised

Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners

Christopher Agrippa, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

SPECIAL NOTE:
The minutes were prepared by Traci Pollock, MDEAT staff



**MDEAT'S SUMMARY OF MEETING AND MINUTES
MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST
MEETING MAY 31, 2014**

The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) convened in a meeting at Miami-Dade College North Campus, 11380 NW 27 Avenue, Conference Rooms 3238 and 3239 on May 31, 2014, at 9 a.m. The following MDEAT members were present: Chairman Marc Douthit Esq., Ms. Stephanye Johnson, Ms. Barbara Montero, Mr. Ron Butler, Ms. H. Leigh Toney, Mr. George Ray III, Ms. Cheryl Mizell, Mr. Cornell Crews, Jr., Ms. LaTonda James and Mr. Carl Nicoleau (Mr. Carlos Morales, Mr. Charles Sims, Reverend Walter T. Richardson, and Ms. Treska V. Rodgers were absent).

ROLL CALL

The following staff members were present: MDEAT Executive Director John Dixon, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Ms. Traci Pollock, Mrs. Maria Diaz de la Portilla, Ms. Melba Gasque, Mr. Eric Johnson, Mr. Zachary Rinkins, Mr. Ischaji Robertson, Mr. William Simmons, Mr. Anthony Williams, and Mr. Ralph McCloud. [Minutes prepared by Traci Pollock]

Chairman Douthit conducted a roll call vote of the board members and acknowledged the presence of a quorum.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

QUERY FOR EARLY DEPARTURES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Marc Douthit called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

I. Board Action Items

A. Youth Intern Partnership Initiative

Mr. Douthit noted that the board will consider the one item on the agenda and asked Mr. Dixon to explain the item.

Mr. Dixon stated that the Youth Action Committee was recommending the establishment of a Youth Intern Partnership Initiative. He explained that the initiative allows for 20 select teen court kids to obtain gainful employment over a six-week period during the summer months. He noted that the students would receive the minimum wage of \$7.93 and work part-time.

Mr. Nicholeau inquired about the source of the funds for the program. Mr. Dixon responded by saying that the initiative is funded by teen court funds.

Mr. Dixon then asked Teen Court Director Anthony Williams to elaborate on the program.

Mr. Williams explained that staff wanted to get companies that were willing to accept the Teen Court kids. "Some of them are law firms as John had mentioned and other kinds of businesses, Mr. Williams shared. "We matched them in terms of where they would go based on what they would be doing. We would have certainly like to have more law firms involved because we are a law-type program. But we understand that many kids don't want to necessarily be lawyers. So, there wasn't much match-making outside of staff's efforts. But even though we are giving these

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companies something, they understand that there is a level of responsibility that goes along with having these kids work for them. So the number was limited. But we are going to make sure we have an orientation on June 10 for a half a day so the kids know what is expected of them – how they are supposed to act; how they are supposed to dress and making sure they are on track with the businesses they will work with and what they are going to be doing.”

Ms. Toney said that she would like to offer that they also touch on resume preparation as they prepare for college.

Mr. Ray asked if the kids were coming from the Targeted Urban Areas. Mr. Williams said that some do and some don't. “We have a large number of kids who come from the TUAs, Mr. Williams explained. “We have some kids who come to us by virtue of being sanctioned who don't come from TUAs as well as some volunteers. Case in point, we have a young lady who involved in Teen Court who lives in Pembroke Pines. Her parents work in Dade County. She goes to school in Dade County. So, she wants to be involved in Teen Court in Dade County. When we first met her she wanted to be a volunteer. My response was that Broward County has a teen court program. She said, “I know, but I don't want to be involved in Broward County.” By virtue of that, she is with us.”

Mr. Ray said that the reason he asked is because he thinks it is a good idea. He would like to see single parent families living in the TUAs benefit. He recognizes that the program can't do that all the time because of the type of program. Mr. Williams agreed and said, “Again, this was an issue discussed at the Youth Action Committee to target individuals who need the most help. The question came up that because we are giving these kids jobs, are they the ones that really need it the most? We looked at it from the standpoint of yes. We want to give those kids a chance. But a number of kids who come from good families we wanted to reward those volunteers who have been loyal to the program. Without our volunteers our program cannot function. We have a number of kids who travel from court to court volunteering for the program. So we wanted to give something back to them.

Ms. Mizell asked if there was some type of program assessment or appraisal built into the structure of the initiative. Mr. Williams answered, “Yes. On the last day of the program, the kids will be brought back to do an essay on what they have learned and how they feel about the program. We also will obtain feedback from the employers to ascertain similar information. Along with that, each week the kids will be evaluated by the employer. So, we know if the kids as well as the employers are getting what they expected.”

Ms Mizell also asked about the fringe benefits. Mr. Williams and Mr. Dixon went on to explain other benefits associated with exposure to a variety of professions.

Ms. Toney clarified Mizell's question and stated that the fringe benefits is more in the traditional understanding of fringe benefits associated with employment.

Mr. Williams stated that too other benefits come to mind. He explained, “They will be Dade County employees. So, they will get a chance to go through the hiring process and get an ID number and an ID card. They have to complete an application online. The second benefit is that because they are Dade County employees they must have a checking account or some type of banking account for direct deposit. So if they do not have a bank account, we will help them open one with the Dade County Federal Credit Union which will remain open after they

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complete the six weeks of employment. For those kids who have difficulty getting from home to work, they will be provided with a bus and train pass during the six weeks of employment.

Mr. Douthit asked if there were any other questions and hearing none took a roll call vote. He asked members to respond yea or nay. It was a unanimous approval.

Adjournment

Mr. Douthit noted that there were no further items on the agenda and asked for a motion for adjournment. Ms. Toney motioned to adjourn meeting. Mr. Nicoleau second it.

There being no further business to come before the Trust, the Trust meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Chairman Marc Douthit Esq.
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust

**MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MOTION AND APPROVAL BALLOT**

SUBJECT: Agenda Item IA: Motion to approve a Memorandum of Approval (MOA) to provide funds not to exceed \$25,000 for the Youth Intern Partnership Initiative. This initiative will hire 20 temporary youth employees from the Teen Court budget for Teen Court students.

Motion made by: ROLL CALL VOTE
Seconded by:

	MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSENT
1 st Vice Chair	Butler, Ron	X		
	Crews, Cornell Jr.	X		
Chairperson	Douthit, Marc, Esq.	X		
	Edwards, L. Sheldon	X		
	James. LaTonda	X		
	Johnson, Stephanye	X		
	Mizell, Cheryl	X		
	Montero, Barbara B.	X		
	Morales, Carlos E.			X
	Nicoleau, Carl	X		
	Ray III, George	X		
	Reverend Richardson, Walter T.			X
	Rodgers, Treska V.			X
	Sims, Charles F.			X
2 nd Vice Chair	Toney, H. Leigh	X		
	TOTALS	11		5

 X APPROVED

 NOT APPROVED

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust
Chairperson

04/16/2014
Date

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

I, HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida,
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the motions and
votes tallied at the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Board of Trustee's meeting of
April 16, 2014, pertaining to agenda item(s): I-A, I-C and I-D
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 7th day
of May A.D. 2014.

HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida

By _____
Deputy Clerk

SEAL

Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida



MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 31, 2014

Agenda



MEETING NOTICE

MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING

DATE: Saturday, May 31, 2014

TIME: 9AM

LOCATION: Miami-Dade College – North Campus
11380 NW 27 Ave., Rooms 3238 and 3239
Miami, FL 33167-3495

Parking at Lot 15
(enter from NW 115 ST/NW 27 Ave)



MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, May 31, 2014 | 9AM

MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE, NORTH CAMPUS | 11380 NW 27 Ave | MIAMI, FL 33167

CONFERENCE ROOMS 3238 AND 3239, BUILDING 4/SECOND FLOOR

Roll Call

- **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

I. Board Action Items

A. Youth Intern Partnership Initiative

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II. Next Meeting

Adjournment



MEMORANDUM OF APPROVAL

TO: Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board
FROM: Treska V. Rodgers, Chair
Youth Action Committee
DATE: May 21, 2014
SUBJECT: Youth Intern Partnership Initiative

PURPOSE OF ITEM

The purpose of this item is to request the Board of Trustees authorization to provide funds of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the Youth Intern Partnership Initiative. This initiative will hire twenty (20) temporary youth employees from the Teen Court budget for Teen Court students. The Teen Court budget is derived from designated funding of three dollars (\$3.00) from every moving citation in Miami-Dade County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The summer program will operate for six (6) weeks from June to July 2014. The students will be hired as county employees and will be paid seven dollars and ninety three cents (\$7.93) an hour for a four (4) hour workday plus fringe benefits. This initiative has been recommended by the Youth Action Committee (YAC).

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact will be in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Teen Court budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Board approves the expenditure from the Teen Court budget for the Youth Intern Partnership Initiative not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

Shaw, Jovel (COC)

From: Pollock, Traci (MDEAT)
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 2:08 PM
To: Harrison, Karen (COC); Shaw, Jovel (COC)
Cc: Dixon, John (MDEAT); Smith, Terrence (CAO)
Subject: MDEAT May 31, 2014 Board Meeting
Attachments: 053114_MDEAT Board Package_FINAL_revised room location.pdf; 2014 05 31 MDEAT Ballot.doc; MDEAT Board Minutes_05 16 2014.docx

Importance: High

Hi Karen,

John said the clerk did not have to attend on Saturday.

So, I've attached a copy of the agenda, the vote and minutes from the board meeting on May 31, 2014.

I was not sure what format you wanted. So, I just tried to emulate what I see from your office (not sure how roll call votes are captured though).

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks.

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