

Community Relations Board

September 18, 2013

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Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128

3rd Floor County Commission Conference Room

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I. Welcome/Moment of Silence/Roll Call

Chairman Richardson: Good afternoon and welcome to the monthly meeting of the Community Relations Board (CRB). I would like to preface our moment of silence with some remarks that may sensitize us as to what we need to reflect on.

- A couple of hours ago, a young man died of a self-inflicted wound after shooting his girlfriend and the girlfriend's daughter, went on a chase with the police for several miles from Miami-Dade to Broward County, and killed the passenger of another car after hitting it.

- A young man, unarmed, was shot twelve times by police officers in North Carolina.

- Last night, a young woman was abducted from her home, the family dog was shot, and a manhunt is currently underway.

- Hate mail is being generated from around the country because the new Miss America is of Indian-American descent.

- Thirteen people are dead because a man with a mental disorder was using a weapon in a federal facility.

All of this has happened in the last five days. We have much to reflect on during our moment of silence.

Fontus: Called the roll and announced "15 members are present; you have a quorum".

II. Approval of Agenda/Approval of August General Membership Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Vickie Smith-Jackson that today's (9/18) agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by Mr. Adam Tavakoly, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a unanimous vote of those members present.

It was moved by Mr. Reinaldo Valdes that the minutes of the August 2013 meeting of the Community Relations Board be approved. This motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Smith-Jackson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a unanimous vote of those members present.

III. CRB Chair's Report

Chair Richardson: An installation ceremony took place in the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chambers yesterday for the new Executive Committee. Mr. Shohat, Mr. Valdes, Ms. Smith-Jackson, and

Mr. Fulton were present. The other members of the Executive Committee were absent. I congratulate our newest Executive Committee members. Let me remind you that Mr. Shohat is the Vice Chair, Mr. Ruiz is the Executive Secretary, and Mr. Fulton, Ms. Smith-Jackson, Mr. Valdes and Mr. Vieux are the Executive Committee Members-at-large.

Priscilla Dames-Blake: I am sorry to interrupt, but what I have to say has to do with the agenda item. The last meeting that I attended was a regular meeting, and Ms. Renita Holmes was there with her group. I think that it is very important for me to state for the record what transpired with regard to the task that I was given by the CRB.

Chair Richardson: It was the meeting before our last meeting, and at that meeting we put together an ad hoc committee to address some of the concerns that had been raised by Ms. Holmes. We did not want her concerns to be ignored. Has that meeting ensued? Can we go back and amend today's agenda?

Lovette McGill: That needs to go under "Old Business" in the agenda.

It was moved by Ms. Lovette McGill that the agenda be amended to insert a section entitled "Old Business" to allow Ms. Blake to report on her meeting with Ms. Holmes. This motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Smith-Jackson, and upon being put to a vote passed by a unanimous vote of those members present.

Chair Richardson: At the very end of today's (9/18) meeting, there will be a report on the meeting of the ad hoc committee with Ms. Holmes.

Chair Richardson: The Chair and Vice Chair met with BCC Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa to discuss the CRB's needs, primarily related to our budget. I reported to the Executive Committee and to Mr. Rene Diaz, Director, Office of Community Advocacy (OCA), that the meeting was not satisfactory. We had several concerns, including about our staffing, and we had requested OCA's Director to propose some options to enable us to add staff; however, this has not materialized, as of yet. We wanted to discuss this with the BCC Chairwoman before the budget was approved. Unfortunately, I am not aware of any changes that will be made as a result of our meeting with the Chairwoman.

~~Reinaldo Valdes: We wanted to have a meeting with the BCC Chairwoman; however, when we finally had that opportunity, she told us that she works for free, that she gets up at 6 a.m. to go to her job, in order to be able to serve the community, and we differed with her.~~

Ahmed Kabani: Have we ever approached her to attend the CRB meetings and address the Board?

~~Chair Richardson: No, we haven't; that is why we met with her. When I went into the meeting, I was a little taken aback, because for the first half of the meeting, she was talking. She said that we did not respond aggressively to the death of Israel Hernandez Llach. She mentioned the problems between the Columbians and the Venezuelans on Miami Beach.~~

~~Chair Richardson: When we became aware of the Israel Hernandez Llach case, we alerted those who typically respond on behalf of the CRB in Miami Beach. I was in contact with the Miami Dade Police Department and the Miami Beach Police Department, with the Miami Beach CRB, with some detectives who were working on this case, and they did not indicate that there were community tensions. Thus far, nothing has happened, and the community seems to be under control.~~

Valdes: We have never had an opportunity to have a meeting of the CRB members with the BCC Chairwoman, in which we could convey our concerns.

A discussion ensued regarding the advantages of convening a meeting with the BCC Chairwoman.

Kabani: The Mayor or the BCC Chair should be invited to attend one of our meetings, as they need to hear some of the issues that we are dealing with. We need to communicate with them, and make them understand the purpose of the CRB meetings.

Chair Richardson: As long as I am the Chair of the CRB, I will do my best to advance our causes.

Chair Richardson: Ms. McGill, Union Organizer and President, Miami-Dade Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, has been nominated to the Florida Labor Hall of Fame. There will be a gala to honor Ms. McGill on September 22, 2013, in Orlando.

Chair Richardson: One member of the Board is new, Ms. Lyse Cuellar-Vidal.

Lyse Cuellar-Vidal: This is not my first meeting, but I have not been able to attend the meetings for some time due to health reasons. I am the Chair of the Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board.

Chair Richardson: The Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board will celebrate its annual Hispanic Art Expressions events during Hispanic Heritage Month. The kick-off event will be held on Friday, September 20, 2013 from 7:00-10:30 p.m. at the VIP Consular Lounge, at Miami International Airport.

We have a guest today, Judge Jackie Schwartz. I will ask her to say a few words. Please join me in welcoming her to our meeting.

Judge Jackie Schwartz: I am so glad to be attending this meeting today. It is very educational. I have been a judge for a number of years. I have served in every court house. I love the new courthouse in Hialeah, and I love serving the public. Thank you.

Chair Richardson: Let me acknowledge the presence of M. Tony Williams, staff with the office of Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT), who is with us today.

IV. Fair Immigration Committee

Chair Richardson: Can we have a report from the Fair Immigration Committee?

Valdes: We discussed a number of things at the last Fair Immigration Committee meeting. Please turn to our report in the packet, and read it to get a sense of what we are trying to do. For many weeks we have been asking the Office of the BCC Chair to reserve the Chambers to hold a summit either on the 28,

29 or 30 of October, 2013. Several organizations, including the League of Women Voters, and the Florida Immigrant Coalition, have attended our meetings. In the past, we were able to solicit the use of the Chambers, and we would get a response within 48 hours; but now it takes a long time. We have asked the Director of the Office of Community Advocacy to help.

Chair Richardson: I will ask staff to help me contact Chairwoman Sosa to speak with her.

V. Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee

Chair Richardson: Can we have a report on the Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee?

Shohat: In the packet, there is a report from the Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee. Next week, Ms. Carswell and I will set the first meeting of the Committee for the year. Item 8 of our agenda, under Next Steps: CRB Action Plan to Promote Non-Violence and Community Empowerment, lists the various issues to be undertaken by the committee. We have just received a scathing report by the Justice Department on the handling of police-involved shootings and resolution by the City of Miami Police Department, which recommends that the entire matter be put under the supervisory control of the federal judge in Miami. We have a great deal on our plate, from the public trust in the criminal justice system, to the "Stand your Ground" law. The meeting that we had in the Commission Chambers was attended by, among others, State Representative Cynthia Stafford whose staff is in the process of preparing proposed changes to the "Stand your Ground" law. At our last meeting, I volunteered my assistance to review their proposed legislation, and since that meeting, I have been working with her staff on the legislation. My proposed change suggested that anyone who left a position of relative safety (residence, vehicle, or shelter) not be allowed to assert the immunity provision of the "Stand your Ground" law, or the defense on the merits. However, I suggested that the right to self-defense be left intact. The other matters that we dealt with are covered under Item 8 of the agenda and in great detail in the minutes that we just approved. The intention of the committee is to conduct a first meeting soon, with the purpose of inviting all of the constituents to prioritize all the matters on which we will work going forward.

Cuellar-Vidal: I have just realized that in the packet are all of the events that the Hispanic Affairs Advocacy Board will be organizing during the Hispanic Heritage month.

Chair Richardson: Normally, at the end of the meeting, we give time for the members to talk about their up-coming events.

VI. Proposed Revisions and Amendments to Ordinances Governing Advisory Boards (CRB)

Chair Richardson: I purposely did not discuss earlier a part of my report, which may require some action. In your packet are some proposed amendments to the ordinance under which the CRB was initially established. About two months ago, the Director of the Office of Community Advocacy (OCA) met with all of the Chairs of the Boards that comprise the Community Advocacy Office. He put forth proposals for amendments for all of the boards, including the CRB. I had great discomfort with what he

recommended, and asked him for clarification in order to discuss his proposals with the Executive Committee members, to enable us to either agree to adopt or reject these proposals.

The major change appears on the first page, and relates to absenteeism. What is suggested is that if a CRB member is absent more than three times in a County Fiscal Year with an acceptable excuse, he/she will be automatically removed. What the Executive Committee suggested is that if a CRB member is absent more than three times with an acceptable excuse, he/she would be subject to removal at the discretion of the Board.

Kabani: Can you please explain what the By-laws provided originally?

Chair Richardson: Under the old system, it was acceptable if a person had excused absences. However, had we enforced it the way it was written, we would have had to address those absences even if they were excused. Now, the Director is asking us to take necessary action if absenteeism exceeds three acceptable excuses.

The Executive Committee agrees with the recommendations regarding the removal of CRB members who are absent from two consecutive meetings or from three meetings in a fiscal year with unexcused absences.

The Executive Committee is asking the CRB members to accept the following proposal: "If absenteeism exceeds three acceptable excuses the CRB member shall be subject to removal at the discretion of the Board".

Adam Tavakoly: How many Board members have been asked to leave because of excused or unexcused absences?

Chair Richardson: We have discretely asked a couple of members to leave in the past because of absences. I'll entertain a motion on the proposed language.

It was moved by Mr. Edward Shohat that the CRB adopt the following language proposed by the Executive Committee: "If absenteeism exceeds three acceptable excuses the CRB member shall be subject to removal at the discretion of the Board". This motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Smith-Jackson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a unanimous vote of those members present.

Chair Richardson: With regard to Board appointments, the CRB currently has 30 members; 13 are appointed by commissioners; until now we have had 13 seats that have been filled by the Nominations Committee; and there are the Chairs of the four Advisory Boards (Women, Hispanic, Black, and Asian). A new board has been created, the Military Affairs Board. What is proposed is that the CRB have 27 members, 13 of whom would be appointed by commissioners, 13 by the Nominating Committee, and 1 by the Mayor's Office.

Valdes: I wanted to mention that the reason why we have such a large number of members is because often the commissioners neglect to nominate members.

Shohat: I am not certain that at the Executive Committee meeting we agreed to eliminate participation of the Chairs of the four Advisory Boards. We said that we would bring this decision to the full group. I wish to point out that the participation of the Chairs of the four Advisory Boards contributes to our diversity, and I would be opposed to removing them.

Valdes: We said that we would obtain the views of the Chairs of the four Advisory Boards.

Tavakoly: I share Mr. Shohat's concerns. A new board has been formed, the Council of Chairs, and the Chairs of the four Advisory Boards will serve on the Council; therefore, the Director of the Office of Community Advocacy (OCA) believed that it was not necessary for the Chairs of the four Advisory Boards to also be members of the CRB. However, I believe that the Chairs of the Advisory Boards should be on the CRB because they are involved with the community.

Chair Richardson: A new philosophy has been introduced. Up until the time that the office was re-organized and became the OCA, the other boards were considered to be advisory to the CRB, which was an action board. This changed when the OCA was created, and the new understanding was that all of the boards were on the same level. The proposal that has been put forth has a presupposition that the boards act independently of each other. Therefore, according to the OCA Director there is no reason for the four Advisory Boards to be part of the CRB.

Shohat: You have stated it correctly, but it is now on our plate to decide if we agree with the proposals put forth by the OCA Director. I suggest that we reject the suggestion that participation by the Chairs of the Advisory Boards on the CRB be eliminated. I believe that it reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of the role of the CRB in this community. I suggest that this proposal be tabled, until the language is revised to re-incorporate the Chairs of the Advisory Boards as CRB members. On the other hand, I do not mind if the Mayor appoints a CRB member. We need people who are devoted to our mission, and we should not be restricted by district boundary lines.

Chair Richardson: It is appropriate at this time to ask the Chairs of the advisory boards for their opinion on the proposal put forth by the OCA Director. We will begin with the Chair of the Hispanic Affairs Advisory Committee.

Cuellar-Vidal: I have heard rumors of this proposal, and I completely disagree with it. I believe that all of us should come to this table to represent our communities. I believe that if the commissioners and the Mayor cannot find the appropriate individuals to appoint to the CRB, then the CRB members should be able to make recommendations for people to serve on this Board. My first recommendation would be for Judge Jackie Schwartz to be a member of the CRB.

Chair Richardson: We will now hear from the Chair of the Black Affairs Advisory Committee.

Dames-Blake: I have mixed feeling about this. The Council of Chairs used to meet on a regular basis, stopped meeting for some time, and has resumed its meetings. Therefore, we now have to attend the Advisory Board meeting, the Council of Chairs meeting and the CRB meeting. It makes a difference when you have to attend all these meetings. Either we should have the Council of Chairs meetings or

the CRB meetings. If all Boards are equal, then we do not need the Chairs of the Advisory Boards to be on the CRB as well as the Council of Chairs. On the other hand, I believe I will miss out on a great deal of information if I do not attend the CRB meetings. Are we required to vote on this today?

Chair Richardson: We do not have to vote on it today.

Shohat: I concur with Ms. Dames that time is a crucial issue, and a valid reality. I wonder if that reality could be accommodated by changing the language to ask the Advisory Board Chair or a designated representative to be on the CRB.

Dames-Blake: If all of the Boards are equal, let's treat them as being equal. If not, then the Advisory Board Chairs need to be on the CRB. It is easy to say that we will send a representative to the Council of Chairs or CRB meetings, but we attend these meetings far too often, and our recommendations are not heeded. We need to go to the BCC Chair as a Board to tell her what we need.

Kabani: We are here to represent the community, and the community is comprised of different groups. At our meetings, the Chairs of the Advisory Boards are not given the opportunity to present what they are doing. We the members of the CRB want to hear what they are doing. We don't need the commissioners' appointments; instead, we should have the youth on our CRB. We also need to invite the commissioners to come and see what we do.

Valdes: All of the boards are equal; the fact that we have different endeavors does not make any board superior. It is very important for the Chairs of the Advisory Boards to attend our meetings.

Tavakoly: I agree with Ms. Blake that we don't have the time to attend many board meetings, because we have many activities. I also agree with Mr. Kabani that the commissioners usually do not know personally the people whom they appoint to serve on boards. I personally enjoy being on the CRB, and believe it performs an important function when it diffuses tensions among the various communities. However, I believe that there is a lack of communication among the boards. If we did not have to spend so much time in meetings, I would like to continue serving on the CRB.

Chair Richardson: I will take the responsibility to ensure that at each meeting, the Chairs of the Advisory Boards will have dedicated time to present a short report on their activities, as is done with the two committees. This would encourage communication, and joint action.

Dames-Blake: We as CRB members need to know what is going on. All of the members should be provided as much information about issues of concern as the Executive Committee members. For example, if the CRB needs to see the BCC Chairperson, she should come to the Board and address all of the members. Several times we have been left on the outside, and the only people who were informed were the Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Richardson: We need the Chair of the Black Affairs Advisory Board on the CRB. As it relates to communication, we are constrained by the sunshine laws. When we have meetings with government leaders, they usually ask to meet with the Chair, but I have always asked the Vice Chair to accompany

me. If it is important to involve the Executive Committee members or the Chairs of the Advisory Boards, I am not opposed to that.

Dames-Blake: If we are concerned about the way the County Commission and the BCC Chair handle issues that are important to us, sometimes we would need to meet with the BCC Chair as a body.

Chair Richardson: I have asked our Vice Chair to draft some language incorporating our discussions that we can adopt and forward to Mr. Rene Diaz, Director, OCA.

Shohat: I have proposed an amendment to the last bullet point on the second page of the proposed revisions to the ordinances to read, "The CRB will have 32 members: one from each commissioner; 13 from a Nominating Committee; one from the Mayor's office; and the Chair or a member designated by the Chair of each of the following Advisory Boards: Hispanic Affairs, Black Affairs, Asian Affairs, Commission on Women and Military Affairs".

Amy Carswell: It is not necessary to spend time re-writing the ordinance, since it already exists. All that needs to be done is to add the Military Affairs Board, and the Mayor's appointee. Much of what Director Diaz is proposing is not currently in the ordinance. For example, the ordinance does not address attendance; there is a separate ordinance on attendance. Additionally, the requirement about the election of the officers is not currently in an ordinance. The CRB currently has the ability to elect officers and conduct business as it sees fit, as is the case with the other boards. The proposed changes require that the 13 members appointed at large be approved by the BCC. Currently, the CRB is authorized to select its members, but the proposed changes remove this authority. ~~The only thing that needs to be done is to add the Military Affairs Board and the Mayor's appointee. All of the other recommendations can be rejected.~~

Valdes: I would ask that Mr. Shohat review the CRB By-laws and ordinances.

Chair Richardson: We are not ready to move on this today. I would like to entertain a motion to table these proposed revisions. I have asked for the juxtaposed language: the original and the proposed language.

Ruiz: We should table this proposal, study it, discuss it, and sit with Mr. Diaz to inquire as to the reasoning behind it.

It was moved by Mr. Edward Shohat that the Proposed Revisions and Amendments to Ordinances Governing Advisory Boards (CRB) be tabled; reviewed next month in the Executive Committee meeting; brought back to the general CRB membership with the Executive Committee revisions; and that the Director of the Office of Community Advocacy be invited to attend the CRB's next meeting to discuss his views and proposed changes. This motion was seconded by Ms. Vickie Smith-Jackson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a unanimous vote of those members present.

Carswell: I will provide to you a proposed amendment, to enable you to clearly see what the ordinance currently provides, what is proposed, what is being stricken and what is being added.

Valdes: The Asian Advisory Board has already voted on the By-laws. A lot of the things that we are discussing were in the original ordinance and in the By-laws.

VII. Meeting with Ms. Renita Holmes

Chair Richardson: I will turn over the floor to Ms. Dames-Blake to provide a report on her meeting with Ms. Holmes.

Dames-Blake: After I volunteered to meet with Ms. Holmes, and Dr. Richardson appointed me as Chairperson of the ad hoc committee, I wanted it to be very clear that I would not be in the middle of a public display, and that the meeting would not be a public forum. Mr. Diaz and I organized an initial meeting on July 29, 2013, with Ms. Holmes to establish the ground rules, but she did not come. Because her purpose and the people whom she represents are very important, I asked Mr. Diaz if he would give her another chance. He told me that Ms. Holmes had approached the BCC Chair and two other commissioners about the same issue, so I decided that I would no longer deal with this because she appealed to a higher authority.

Chair Richardson: For those of you who are new to the CRB, Ms. Renita Holmes, who was here earlier, is passionate about some community issues. Many of the issues that are raised by Ms. Holmes are issues that the CRB would normally deal with; therefore, we asked for an ad hoc committee to be established, under the Chairmanship of Ms. Dames-Blake, to meet with her. Until further notice, this ad hoc committee is disbanded.

Herman Martinez: I am sorry that the Committee has been disbanded. I believe that the CRB has an obligation to send a letter to Ms. Holmes and her group to explain what happened. This will prevent anyone from coming to us in the future and stating that we did not attempt to meet with her.

Dames-Blake: If the Board so wishes, I will try again to meet with her. She has met with various boards and has appeared before the County Commission. Her cause is extremely important, but she is approaching it the wrong way.

Dr. McGuire: I agree with Mr. Martinez that there should be some documentation that Ms. Dames-Blake and Mr. Diaz attempted to meet with her. This could take the form of a letter or minutes, which could then be sent to Ms. Holmes.

VIII. Dialogues on Race

Ronald Fulton: I have reached out to the Department of Justice and some other institutions to help us organize the Dialogues on Race, and we have set up a meeting for early October. I will call on some of the CRB members to help me out.

Chair Richardson: Mr. Fulton works almost every day on CRB issues. He travels throughout Miami-Dade to advance our issues and is very effective.

Carswell: Regarding Dialogues on Race, we will need to convene a CRB committee meeting. Mr. Fulton and I could use some help to organize this event.

IX. School-to-Prison Pipeline

Carswell: With regard to the school-to-prison pipeline, the Dream Defenders have approached us to work with them. This is a group of young people from Florida – some in college, some young professionals – who have rallied after the Trayvon Martin trial around issues, such as the “Stand your Ground” law, and the school-to-prison pipeline. If one or more individuals from the Board could work with them, it would be appreciated.

Shohat: We could invite them to attend the next meeting of the CRB and make a presentation.

Carswell: They have asked to do that, but I wanted to meet with them first, and if any of the CRB members would like to join us, they would be welcome.

Chair Richardson: We can tentatively plan on inviting them to attend one of our meetings, pending their meeting with Ms. Carswell.

X. Environmental Justice in Under-served Communities.

Chair Richardson: We are now on Item 9 of our agenda: Environmental Justice in Under-served Communities.

Valdes: We had a meeting on Environmental Justice with several County departments (DERM, Planning and Zoning, and RER). They acted very quickly to remedy the contamination of the park in Coconut Grove. We found out from them that there are almost 2000 sites that are contaminated throughout the County, some of them near schools. We will follow up with them.

Dames-Blake: There is a lack of education, and there is some concern with the plans for the Trolley. We are more aware today of environmental issues than we were 30 or 40 years ago. Perhaps there should be an educational forum, which would provide an opportunity for all of the boards to come together, and discuss these issues, because this affects everyone.

Carswell: Many people had contacted us regarding these environmental justice issues, and the Chair asked me to help the Board obtain more information on them. Therefore, we organized this meeting with the County departments and it was an exceptional meeting.

XI. Assessment of Tensions over Death of Israel Hernandez Llach

Chair Richardson: I have given you my assessment over the death of Mr. Israel Hernandez Llach, whose nickname was Reefa. I wrote a letter on the subject to the BCC Chair, and it is in your packet.

Valdes: The Trayvon Martin case is very different from the Hernandez Llach case. Trayvon Martin was doing nothing illegal and was killed. There have been marches in Miami Beach in protest over the Reefa case, and they have continued to paint on the walls of abandoned buildings in Miami Beach.

XII. Other

Chair Richardson: At the next meeting, we will include reports from the Chairs of the Advisory Boards.

McGill: All of the Board members who were appointed by commissioners should meet with them to let them know how the politics have stifled the CRB members.

Dames-Blake: I don't appreciate the way the CRB Chair was treated by the BCC Chair. We need to go to the Commission meeting and make a statement, because we give our time by serving on this Board.

Judge Jackie Schwartz: I would love to be considered as a nominee to serve on the CRB.

Cuellar-Vidal: Please note that the Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board will be organizing a series of events during Hispanic Heritage Month. They are listed in the packet.

York: The White Cane Day Walk will be held on October 15, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. at the Miami Lighthouse. [I hope that by next month, I will have a definite date for the Peace Poll in Miami Beach.](#)

XIII. Adjournment

[There being no other business to come before the Community Relations Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.](#)

	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>LATE</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
				<u>X</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Dr. Larry Capp</u>			
<u>2</u>	<u>Lyse Cuellar-Vidal</u>	<u>X</u>		
<u>3</u>	<u>Priscilla Dames-Blake</u>			<u>X</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Valerie Lynn Davis-Bailey</u>			<u>X</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Michell Dunaj Lucking</u>			<u>X</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>Ronald Fulton</u>	<u>X</u>		
<u>7</u>	<u>Rev. Eddie Gervais</u>	<u>X</u>		
<u>8</u>	<u>Martha Gonzalez-Rovirosa</u>	<u>X</u>		

<u>9</u>	<u>Ahmed Kabani</u>	<u>x</u>		
<u>10</u>	<u>Harlene Kennedy</u>	<u>resigned</u>		
<u>11</u>	<u>Maritza Lopez</u>			<u>x</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>Herman Martinez</u>	<u>x</u>		
<u>13</u>	<u>Lovette McGill</u>			<u>x</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>Dr. Helen Lawrence</u>	<u>x</u>		
<u>15</u>	<u>Dr. Walter Richardson</u>	<u>x</u>		
<u>16</u>	<u>Wilfredo Ruiz</u>	<u>x</u>		
<u>17</u>	<u>Brian Siegal</u>			<u>x</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>Rabbi Solomon Schiff</u>			<u>x</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>Edward Shohat</u>			<u>x</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>Vickie M. Smith Jackson</u>	<u>x</u>		
<u>21</u>	<u>Farzana M. Tapia</u>	<u>x</u>		
<u>22</u>	<u>Adam Tavakoly</u>	<u>x</u>		
<u>23</u>	<u>Reinaldo Valdes</u>	<u>x</u>		
<u>24</u>	<u>Dr. Harold A. Vieux</u>			<u>x</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>L. George Yap</u>			<u>x</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>Marjorie York</u>	<u>x</u>		
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