

Memorandum



Date: June 6, 2017

Agenda Item No. 1(F)14

To: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

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Subject: Sunset Review of County Boards for FY2017 – Commission on Disability Issues

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-11.40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, attached is the 2017 Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the Commission on Disability Issues (CODI). CODI approved the attached report at its meeting of January 25, 2017 and has recommended the continuation of its board.

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Edward Marquez
Deputy Mayor

Date: January 25, 2017
To: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor
From: Jose E. Martinez
Chairperson, Commission On Disability Issues
Subject: Sunset Review of County Boards for FY 2017 – Commission On Disability Issues

Pursuant to Section 2-11.40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am submitting the 2017 Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) for transmittal to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). CODI approved the attached report at its meeting of January 25, 2017.

It is recommended that the BCC approve the continuation of CODI.

BACKGROUND

The Commission on Disability Issues was created in July 23, 2002 by Ordinance 02-133.

The purpose of CODI is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners and the County administration, the community, and all agencies in Miami-Dade County, Florida in respect to all matters pertaining to the status of persons with disabilities, including but not limited to discrimination against persons with disabilities, employment of persons with disabilities, vocational training to persons with disabilities, establishment of residential facilities in the community for persons with disabilities, transportation needs of persons with disabilities and attitudes towards persons with disabilities in the community, and to make reports and recommendations to these bodies in respect to such matters.

CODI serves a vital role in helping Miami-Dade County to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other related laws. No other Miami-Dade County board serves in this capacity.



Jose E. Martinez
Board Chairperson

**SUNSET REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARDS
2017**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of Board reporting: **COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES (CODI)**

2. Indicate number of board members, terms of office, and number of vacancies:

Number of Board Members: **11 members**

Terms of Office: **4 year to coincide with Commissioner's election with a maximum of 8 years to serve on the Board.**

Number of Vacancies: **2**

3. Identify number of meetings and members' attendance

(Attach records reflecting activity from **January 1, 2015** through **December 31, 2016**):

Number of Meetings: **Jan.-Dec. 2015: 9; Jan.-Dec. 2016: 9**

Number of Meetings with a Quorum: **Jan.-Dec. 2015: 7; Jan.-Dec. 2016: 6**

Attendance Records: **See Attachment 3a**

4. What is the source of your funding? **Internal Services Department/ADA Office Operating Budget**

5. Date of Board Creation: **July 23, 2002**

6. Attach a copy of the ordinance creating the Board. Please include all subsequent amendments.

See Attachment: 6a- Miami-Dade Code ARTICLE XXXIV, Sec. 2-312 (4 pages)

7. Include the Board's Mission Statement or state its purpose:

- **To advise the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners as to the issues and concerns facing people with disabilities and to recommend to it those ordinances and resolutions that address the issues that foster independence, empowerment, and equity within the community at large.**
- **To be a forum for free and open discussion in which the needs and desires of all people with disabilities may be brought forward, discussed, and solutions sought for or determined.**
- **To eliminate the barriers of prejudice and discrimination based on disability in employment, education, housing, transportation, etc. and all other aspects of daily living.**
- **To inform, educate, and spread awareness among individuals, the general public, the private sector, and government entities as to the existence of local, state, and federal legislation that speaks to the issues of inclusion, independence, and empowerment for people with disabilities.**
- **To motivate individuals with disabilities to participate in the accomplishment of the above and to take part in the decision-making process so that an ever increasing number of people with disabilities may become more vigilant regarding their rights and responsibilities under the law.**

8. Attach the Board's standard operating procedures, if any. **CODI has no standard operating procedures.**
9. Attach a copy of the Board's By-Laws, if any. **See attachment: 9a- CODI By-Laws (6 pages)**
10. Attach a copy of the Board minutes approving the Sunset Review Questionnaire, including a vote of the membership.

MOTION: Rosa M. Olsen- made the motion to accept the Sunset Review Report, which was seconded by Harry Horgan. Motion passed unanimously.

**See Attachment 10a-
CODI November Monthly Meeting Minutes attached 3 pages.**

II. EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Is the Board serving the purpose for which it was created? (Please provide detailed information) **Yes, it serves as a voice for the disability community and as a sounding board for proposed changes to County programs and services that affect people with disabilities. Through partnership with the County, CODI strives to enhance access to County programs, services, activities and facilities, and to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities in the community.**
2. Is the Board serving current community needs? (Please provide detailed information) **Yes, CODI serves as a public forum for people with disabilities to bring their complaints and suggestions to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners and county administration. The input from the local disability community shapes programs, services, activities and facilities, making them more usable to the community. It also ensures the overall participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.**
3. What are the Board's major accomplishments?
 - a. Last 24 months:
 - **Submitted letter to and testified before BCC on regulation of TNE industry and related issues**
 - **Brought attention to issues with Metrorail/Metromover station elevators; urged MDT to draft elevator outage reports**
 - **Provided input to PROS on its ADA Barrier Removal Plan and Transition Plan**
 - **Provided input to Commissioner Levine Cava on her Resolution proposing that STS vehicles be permitted to use the South Dade Busway**
 - **Provided input to Elections regarding poll working training materials**
 - **Provided input to Public Works on right of way access and obstruction issues**

- **Brought attention to issues at the airport and Miami Intermodal Center (MIC); establishing a dialogue with Aviation to address multi-faceted access issues**

b. Since established:

CODI encouraged the County to purchase lift-equipped, accessible buses even before these were required by the ADA. CODI also persuaded the County to commence a para-transit transportation service for people with disabilities before it was mandated by federal law. CODI helped set priorities for the County's ADA Transition plan to remove architectural barriers in County facilities. CODI also provided input on A.O. 10-10, which details the obligations of county departments in complying with the ADA.

4. Is there any other board, either public or private, which would better serve the function of this board?
There is no other board, either public or private, which would better serve the function of this board.
5. Should the ordinance creating the Board be amended to better enable the Board to serve the purpose for which it was created? (If "Yes", attach proposed changes)
The ordinance creating this Board should not be amended.
6. Should the Board's membership requirements be modified?
The membership requirements of this Board should not be modified.
7. What is the operating cost of the Board, both direct and indirect? (Report on FY 2015 and FY 2016)
The projected direct cost supporting CODI is \$36,263 and the indirect cost is \$1,104. The total cost is \$35,159.
8. Describe the Board's performance measures developed to determine its own effectiveness in achieving its stated goals.
This Board has no performance measures.

Commission on Disability Issues
Attendance Table 2015

CODI MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Dist.	COMMISSIONER
Damian Gregory	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	A	P	N	N	1	Barbara Jordan
Jackson David	P	A	A	P	P	A	P	P	O	P	A	O	O	2	Jean Monestime
Jose Granda	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P		P	P			3	Audrey Edmonson
Jesus Garcia	P	P	P	P	P	P*	P*	P*	M	P*	P	M	M	4	Sally A. Heyman
Jose "Ernie" Martinez	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	E	5	Bruno A. Barreiro
Ileana Rodriguez 2014-1/15 Ora Prilleitensky 3/15	A	V	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	E	6	Rebeca Sosa
Harry Horgan	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	T	A	A	T	T	7	Xavier L. Suarez
Elizabeth Merklng 2/15	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	I	A	P	I	I	8	Daniella Levine Cava
Ronald Fulton	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	P	N			N	N	9	Dennis C. Moss
Russell Otway 3/15-1/16	V	V	P	A	A	A	A	A	G	A	A	G	G	10	Javier D. Souto
Maria Regina Orfila 2014-1/15 Vacant 2/15-2/16	A	V	V	V	V	V	V	V		V	V			11	Juan C. Zapata
Marilyn Larrieu 2014-2/15 Mercedes Villar 4/15	A	V	V	P	P	A	P	A		P	P			12	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Alan Rigerman	A	P	A	A	P	P	P	A		A	A			13	Esteban Bovo, Jr.

P = Present

* = participation via phone

A = Absent

V = Vacant

Commission on Disability Issues
Attendance Table 2016

Attachment 3b

CODI MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	A	S	O	N	D	Dist.	COMMISSIONER
Damian Gregory	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	N	1	Barbara Jordan
Jackson David	A	P	P	Ea	P	P	P	O	P	P	P	A	O	2	Jean Monestime
Jose Granda	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P		3	Audrey Edmonson
Jesus Garcia	A	A	P	P	A	P	A	M	A	A	A	P*	M	4	Sally A. Heyman
Jose "Ernie" Martinez	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P*	P	P	P	E	5	Bruno A. Barreiro
Ora Prilleltensky	Ea	Ea	Ea	A	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	6	Rebeca Sosa
Harry Horgan	P	P	Ea	P	P	A	A	T	A	A	A	A	T	7	Xavier L. Suarez
Elizabeth Merklng	A	P	A	P	A	A	A	I	A	A	A	A	I	8	Daniella Levine Cava
Ronald Fulton	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	N	P	P	P	A	N	9	Dennis C. Moss
Russell Otway 2/15-1/16 Vacant	A	V	V	V	V	V	V	G	V	V	V	V	G	10	Javier D. Souto
Teri Weinstein 2/16	V	P	P	P	A	A	P		A	A	A	A		11	Juan C. Zapata
Mercedes Villar	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	A	A	A		12	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Vacant	V	V	V	V	V	V	V		V	V	V	V		13	Esteban Bovo, Jr.

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**Miami - Dade County, Florida, Code of Ordinance, PART III - CODE OF ORDINANCES; Chapter 2
– ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE XXXIV. COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**

ARTICLE XXXIV. COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Sec. 2-311. Short title.

This article, enacted under and pursuant to the provisions of the Home Rule Charter of Government for Miami-Dade County, Florida, shall be known and may be cited as the "Miami-Dade County Commission on Disability Issues."

(Ord. No. 77-23, § 1, 4-19-77; Ord. No. 94-04, § 1, 1-18-94; Ord. No. 02-133, § 1, 7-23-02)

Sec. 2-312. Commission on Disability Issues established.

The Miami-Dade County Commission on Disability Issues is hereby created and established. The commission shall consist of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

(Ord. No. 77-23, § 2, 4-19-77; Ord. No. 79-90, § 1, 10-16-79; Ord. No. 94-04, § 2, 1-18-94; Ord. No. 02-133, § 2, 7-23-02)

Sec. 2-313. Qualifications of members.

Members of the Commission shall be individuals who have demonstrated their dedication to issues affecting persons with disabilities or representatives of organizations or agencies dedicated to the advancement of persons with disabilities. At least fifty (50) percent of the members of the Commission shall be persons with disabilities as defined from time to time in the Americans with Disabilities Act. In the event that the percentage of Commission members with disabilities falls below fifty (50) percent, all succeeding appointees shall be persons with disabilities until persons with disabilities constitute a majority of Commission membership. Members of the Commission shall work in or be permanent residents of Miami-Dade County. Members, while serving, shall not become candidates for election to any public office.

(Ord. No. 77-23, § 3, 4-19-77; Ord. No. 79-90, § 2, 10-16-79; Ord. No. 94-04, § 3, 1-18-94; Ord. No. 02-133, § 3, 7-23-02)

Annotation—CAO 77-37.

Sec. 2-314. Appointments and terms of office.

All appointments to the Commission shall be for a term which begins on the day of appointment and expires when the appointing Commissioner's term of office expires or the appointing Commissioner leaves office. A Commissioner who has appointed a Commission member may at any time, with or

without cause, remove the member. A member of the Commission may be removed pursuant to the provisions of any general county ordinance relating to advisory boards or by the Board of County Commissioners when the member's absenteeism is generally excessive or the continued membership of the individual would be detrimental to the Commission on Disability Issues as determined by a majority of that Commission. The Commission on Disability Issues will make its determination by a formal motion and vote and the chairperson shall certify said vote to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners who shall place the matter on the next available agenda.

When any vacancy occurs on the Commission, the remaining members of the Commission shall recommend up to three (3) persons to the Commissioner responsible for recommending an appointment to that vacancy. That Commissioner shall either recommend to the Board of County Commissioners one of the individuals on the list or the commissioner shall request a new list of three (3) people either including or excluding, at the Commissioner's discretion, specific names from the original list. The Board of County Commissioners shall fill the vacancy from the names submitted.

Terms of office for CODI members shall run from the day of appointment by the Commission and expire when the appointing Commissioner's term of office expires or the appointing Commissioner leaves office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code, no member shall serve more than a cumulative total of eight (8) years on the Commission unless reappointed after a hiatus of two (2) years. If a seat remains vacant for more than thirty (30) days then any Commissioner may fill the vacancy. The positions vacated or expiring shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners in the manner stated above.

(Ord. No. 77-23, § 4, 4-19-77; Ord. No. 79-90, § 3, 10-16-79; Ord. No. 94-04, § 4, 1-18-94; Ord. No. 02-133, § 4, 7-23-02)

Sec. 2-315. Organization of the Commission.

The members of the Commission shall elect a Chairperson, two (2) Vice-Chairpersons and a Secretary. Fifty-one (51) percent of the current members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum necessary to hold a meeting and to take any action provided that at least one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the Commission's members have been appointed. The Chairperson shall set date, time and place of the meetings of the Commission, but special meetings may be called upon with agreement by fifty-one (51) percent of the members of the Commission. There shall be at least eight (8) meetings a year. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Commission, under the supervision of the Secretary. All meetings shall be open to the public. Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, upon approval by the County Commission. The Chairperson, the two (2) Vice-Chairpersons and the Secretary shall constitute the Executive Committee.

(Ord. No. 77-23, § 5, 4-19-77; Ord. No. 79-80, § 4, 10-16-79; Ord. No. 94-04, § 5, 1-18-94; Ord. No. 02-133, § 5, 7-23-02)

Sec. 2-316. Prerogatives and powers of the Commission.

The Commission shall have the following prerogatives and powers:

(a)

To serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners and, upon request, the County administration, the community, and all agencies and persons in Miami-Dade County, Florida, in respect to all matters pertaining to the status of persons with disabilities, including but not limited to discrimination against persons with disabilities, employment of persons with disabilities, vocational training for persons with disabilities, establishment of residential facilities in the community for persons with disabilities, transportation needs of persons with disabilities and attitudes towards persons with disabilities in the community, and to make reports and recommendations to these bodies in respect to such matters.

(b)

To serve as liaison between the Board of County Commissioners and persons with disabilities of the community, and to consult with representatives of said bodies from time to time as requested and necessary in order to carry out the Commission's functions.

(c)

When feasible and desirable, to institute studies and to have studies made of all existing County institutions, facilities, services and programs dealing with or affecting persons with disabilities, and to consider the future needs of Miami-Dade County in respect to such institutions, facilities, services and programs.

(d)

To institute studies and to have studies made in respect to, but not limited to, discrimination against persons with disabilities in employment, education, transportation, and architecture; the problems involving the establishment of a residential center for persons with disabilities; the treatment, recreational service and other facilities for persons with disabilities; and the problems of attitudinal barriers toward persons with disabilities.

(e)

To formulate and recommend plans and programs for the coordination of the activities of all governmental entities and nongovernmental agencies dealing with problems of persons with disabilities.

(f)

To serve as a resource facility to persons with disabilities and to those interested in advancing the welfare of persons with disabilities.

(g)

To seek and accept appropriations or funds from interested persons and entities in order to carry out studies and activities for the advancement of persons with disabilities.

(h)

To perform any other activities as may from time to time be assigned to the Commission by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

(i)

To prepare and submit an annual report on the studies and activities of the Commission to the Board of County Commissioners.

(Ord. No. 77-23, § 6, 4-19-77; Ord. No. 02-133, § 6, 7-23-02)

Sec. 2-317. Limitations of powers.

The powers and jurisdiction of the Commission shall be purely advisory, voluntary and persuasive. The Commission shall not have any power or authority to subpoena or compel the attendance of witnesses. The Commission shall have no power to appoint County officers or employees or to make policy decisions, or to manage, control or administer institutions or programs relating to persons with disabilities in Miami-Dade County.

(Ord. No. 77-23, § 7, 4-19-77; Ord. No. 02-133, § 7, 7-23-02)

Sec. 2-318. Staff support.

The Office of Americans With Disabilities Act Coordination shall coordinate, support and provide liaison services for the Commission on Disability Issues.

(Ord. No. 77-23, § 8, 4-19-77; Ord. No. 79-90, § 5, 10-16-79; Ord. No. 94-04, § 6, 1-18-94)

**BY-LAWS
OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**

Adopted: June 13, 1978
Amended: December 12, 1978
Amended: January 8, 1980
Amended: March 7, 1995
Amended: January 8, 2002
Amended: September 28, 2007
Amended: October 28, 2009

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this Commission is the Miami-Dade County Commission on Disability Issues. This Commission was established by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners on April 19, 1977 by Ordinance No. 77-23. The original ordinance was replaced by Ordinance No. 79-80 on October 16, 1979, then replaced by Ordinance No. 94-04 on January 18, 1994, and subsequently replaced by Ordinance No. 02-133 on July 23, 2002.

ARTICLE II
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To advise the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners as to the issues and concerns facing people with disabilities and to recommend to it those ordinances and resolutions that address the issues that foster independence, empowerment, and equity within the community at large.

To be a forum for free and open discussion in which the needs and desires of all people with disabilities may be brought forward, discussed, and solutions sought for or determined. To eliminate the barriers of prejudice and discrimination based on disability in employment, education, housing, transportation, etc. and all other aspects of daily living.

To inform, educate, and spread awareness among individuals, the general public, the private sector, and government entities as to the existence of local, state, and federal legislation that speaks to the issues of inclusion, independence, and empowerment for people with disabilities.

To motivate individuals with disabilities to participate in the accomplishment of the above and to take part in the decision-making process so that an ever increasing

number of people with disabilities may become more vigilant regarding their rights and responsibilities under the law.

ARTICLE III
PREROGATIVES AND POWERS

The Commission shall have the following prerogatives and powers:

- a) To serve in an advisory capacity to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, the County administration, County departments, the community, and all agencies in Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to all matters pertaining to issues affecting people with disabilities. These issues include, but are not limited to discrimination, employment, education and vocational training, establishment of residential facilities, transportation, housing, recreation, independent living, the elimination of architectural barriers, inclusion in programs, policies, and procedures and to make reports and recommendations to the appropriate entities regarding such matters.
- b) To serve as liaison between the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and the community of people with disabilities and to consult with representatives of organizations representing people with disabilities as requested and as necessary to carry out the functions of this commission.
- c) To institute and have studies made of all County facilities, services, institutions, and programs dealing with or affecting people with disabilities and to consider the future need of Miami-Dade County with respect to said facilities, services, institutions, and programs.
- d) To formulate and recommend plans and programs for the coordination of the activities of all governmental entities, non-governmental agencies, non-profit organizations and recipients of county funds that deal with the issues and concerns of people with disabilities.
- e) To serve as a resource to people with disabilities, service providers, family members, and other allies interested in the distribution of equitable services for people with disabilities.
- f) To seek and accept appropriations of funds from persons and entities in order to carry out studies and activities for people with disabilities.
- g) To perform any other activities as may be assigned to the Commission by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners.
- h) To prepare and submit an annual report on the activities of the Commission to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 1
LIMITATIONS OF POWERS

The powers and jurisdiction of the Commission shall be solely advisory, voluntary, and persuasive. The Commission shall not have any power or authority to subpoena or compel the attendance of witnesses. The Commission shall not have any power to appoint County officers or employees or to make policy decisions, or to manage, control, or administer institutions or programs relating to people with disabilities in Miami-Dade County.

SECTION 2
STAFF SUPPORT

The Office of the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordination shall supply staff support and shall act as liaison between the Commission and the County.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATION

The Miami- Dade County Commission on Disability Issues shall consist of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners. Each member of the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint one member to the Commission. Membership qualifications will comply with Article 1B, Section 2-11.38 of the Miami-Dade County Municipal Code.

The terms of office of the members of the Commission shall begin on the day of appointment and expires when the appointing Commissioner's term of office expires or the appointing Commissioner leaves office. No member shall serve more than a cumulative total of eight (8) years on the Commission unless reappointed after a hiatus of two (2) years.

Appointed members of the Commission must be permanent residents of Miami-Dade County unless the Board of County Commissioners, by a two-thirds vote of its membership, waives this requirement. Members shall not become candidates for election to any public office. Members of the Commission must be individuals who are willing to further the cause of civil rights for people with disabilities. Individuals need not have a disability, but for purposes of effective representation and diversity, the majority of appointed members must have a disability and membership will strive to represent the diversity of Miami-Dade County.

A member of the Commission may be removed without cause by a 3/4 vote of the entire membership of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners or by the

appointing Commissioner. The Commission on Disability Issues may request an appointing Commissioner to remove a Commission member provided that the recommendation for removal is approved by a majority vote of the Commission on Disability Issues. When any member of the Commission fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings of the Commission without good cause or three (3) meetings without good cause, the Chairperson shall certify that fact to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and such member shall then be deemed to have been removed from office and a vacancy created. "Good cause" is defined as an absence for medical reasons, business reasons, personal reasons or any other reason which the Commission on Disability Issues, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership, deems appropriate. Attendance of a member at less than seventy-five percent (75 %) of the scheduled meetings, without excuse, shall be deemed a failure to attend.

When a vacancy of an appointed seat occurs on the Commission, the Membership Committee shall submit at least one (1) applicant for appointment to the respective Miami-Dade County Commissioner. The Miami-Dade Commissioner shall recommend approval of this applicant to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners or shall request a new list of up to three (3) people either including or excluding, at the Commissioner's discretion, the name of the applicant originally submitted. The Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners shall fill the vacancy from the names submitted. Until an appointment to fill a vacancy occurs the member vacating may remain in the seat until the vacancy is filled by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners. If a seat remains vacant for more than thirty (30) days then any Commissioner may fill the vacancy subject to the procedures for recommending applicants as stated above.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The officers of the Commission on Disability Issues shall be a Chairperson, a First Vice-Chairperson, a Second Vice Chairperson, and a Secretary, and shall be called the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Officers shall be elected at the January meeting of the Commission. A slate of nominations shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the December meeting. The Chairperson shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the November meeting. The election shall be the last item on the agenda and the newly elected officers shall assume their duties immediately after the elections are over. The Chairperson shall, as long as he or she remains a member in good standing, serve for a period not to exceed two years, unless re-elected. Each other officer, as long as he or she remains a member in good standing, shall serve for a period not to exceed two years, unless reelected.

Elections shall be held by the Chairperson opening the floor for nominations, starting with the office of the Chairperson. Voting shall be by other means than a secret ballot. Proxy votes shall not be accepted.

Election shall be by a majority vote of the members of the Commission present and voting. In the event that there is no majority vote for an office, then the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall go through a rerun election.

SECTION 1
DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Commission. The Chairperson shall assign various members to Committees or Task Forces with due consideration as to the preference of each member.

The Chairperson shall present all reports to the Board of County Commissioners. The Chairperson shall be the only official spokesperson and representative for the Commission - other members of the Commission may speak on behalf of the Commission only with the written permission of the Chairperson, or with the approval of the majority of the Commission members, or at a public appearance which is planned for the participation of the entire Commission.

The First Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the latter's absence and the Second Vice-Chairperson shall perform such duties in the absence of the Chairperson and First Vice-Chairperson, unless a different assignment is made by the Chairperson. Both Vice-Chairpersons shall assist the Chairperson in the performance of his or her duties.

In the event the Chairperson can no longer perform the duties of office, the First Vice Chair will assume those duties until the next scheduled election.

ARTICLE VII
STANDING COMMITTEES

Each Commission member shall serve on one standing committee with the exception of the Executive Committee.

Immediately after accepting office, the Chairperson shall appoint a Membership Committee whose duty it will be to gather willing and qualified candidates to serve as members. Each time a vacancy occurs among the thirteen (13) appointed members of CODI the committee will present an applicant to the Commission for subsequent appointment by the Board of County Commissioners.

Each Committee shall meet at a time, date, and place to be determined by the Committee's Chairperson, such meetings to be announced and publicized.

Comprehensive reports of each Committee shall be provided in writing at least once a year with copies distributed with the minutes of the Commission meeting or at the request of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII
MEETINGS

The Commission shall hold regularly monthly meeting at least eight (8) times per year. A special meeting may be called upon written notice signed by not less than a majority of members serving at that time.

It shall be the responsibility of each member to attend all meetings of the Commission, and also all meetings of the Committees that member has been assigned. To be counted as present, a member must remain at a meeting for three-quarters (3/4) of the scheduled meeting time.

A quorum shall consist of fifty-one percent (51%) of the current membership provided that at least one-half (1/2) of the Commission membership has been appointed. In the event that more than one-half (1/2) of the Commission seats remain vacant then a quorum shall be constituted by two-thirds (2/3) of the currently appointed membership.

ARTICLE IX
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The parliamentary authority for this Commission shall be Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE X
AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting of the Commission if two weeks' notice of such amendment has been provided to each member.



Miami-Dade County

Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)
 Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)
 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128
 18th Floor, Conference Room 18-4

Date:	Wednesday, November 22, 2016		
Time:	1:30 – 4:00 p.m. est.		
Call to Order Time:	1:43 p.m.		
Meeting Adjourned:	3:53 p.m.		
I. <u>Opening and Attendance:</u>	Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed. <i>CODI members please inform the ADA Office <u>via email</u> whether you will attend meetings as soon as you receive meeting notices.</i>		
District 1 Commissioner Jordan	Damian Gregory 1 st Vice Chairman		Present
District 2 Commissioner Monestime	Jackson David Housing Committee Chair		A
District 3 Commissioner Edmonson	Jose Granda Access Committee Chair		Present
District 4 Commissioner Heyman	Jesus Garcia 2 nd Vice Chair & Transportation Committee Chair		Present Via Speaker Phone
District 5 Commissioner Barreiro	Jose (Ernie) Martinez CODI Chairman		Present
District 6 Commissioner Sosa	Ora Prilleltensky		Present
District 7 Commissioner Suarez	Harry Horgan Outreach Committee Chairman		A
District 8 Commissioner Levine Cava	Elizabeth Merklng		A
District 9 Commissioner Moss	Ronald Fulton CODI Secretary		A
District 10 Commissioner Souto	Vacant		
District 11 Commissioner Zapata	Teri Weinstein		A
District 12 Commissioner Diaz	Mercedes Villar		A
District 13 Commission Bovo	Vacant		

	<p>Miami-Dade County Staff Present</p>	<p>Heidi Johnson-Wright ISD, ADA Coordinator</p> <p>Skarlex Alorda ISD, ADA Recording Secretary</p> <p>Anita Viciano, CAO, Assistant County Attorney</p> <p>Ricardo Fernandez, Aviation, Landside Operations Supervisor, ADA Coordinator</p> <p>Raul Rios, DTPW, ADA Contact</p> <p>Fernando Marquez, PROS, Architect</p>	
<p>II. Open Comments</p>		<p>**Chairman Martinez advise that there is NO QUORUM.</p> <p>Jose Granda said that chairs in the SPCC do not have arm rests and are very low. Ora Prilleltensky said that she recommends that the conference rooms on the 18th floor have automatic doors. Skarlex Alorda said that there is an SPCC ADA barrier removal project beginning soon..</p> <p>Chairman Martinez introduced Peter O'Connell. Mr. O'Connell is the new CEO of Center for Independent Living. Flew in from San Francisco, California and made himself available to CODI and ADA Office as an open invitation to get better acquaintance.</p>	
<p>Information Items:</p>		<p>Regulation of Transportation Network Entities (TNEs)</p> <p>Mr. Ric Fernandez said TNEs such as Uber are taking away business from the taxi industry. These individuals just show up with \$80 and sign up. They are impacting tremendously the taxi structure.</p> <p>There are approximately 10-12 companies that operate as TNEs. Mr. Fernandez also said that the pricing is extremely convenient and Jesus Garcia agreed. Mr. Garcia said from his house to Miami International Airport (MIA) a Taxi will charge him \$55-\$60 and Uber charged him \$22. That is competition at its best.</p> <p>Damian Gregory asked Mr. Fernandez about customer feedback regarding TNEs. He said that no complaints at the airport regarding TNEs have been made, but taxi complaints continue.</p> <p>Mr. Gregory asked if Raul A. Gonzalez, Acting Division Chief Miami-Dade County Passenger Transportation Regulatory Division (PTRD; DTPW) had submitted a report to the ADA Office regarding TNEs and wheelchair users. As of today, no report has been submitted. Mr. Gregory said that he is concerned that the needs of wheelchair users will not be addressed if CODI does not follow up. The disability community is already ignored.</p> <p>Mr. Fernandez said that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (is primarily responsible for the advancement, safety and regulation of civil aviation, as well as overseeing the development of the air traffic control) will be responding to MIA per their submission of their request of additional spaces for the TNEs.</p>	

		<p>Ms. Alorda provided a summary from Ms. Jaime Shycko regarding the CUTGroup that was presented at the October CODI meeting. It concerns web accessibility information and user friendly filtering to enable better access information on the county website.</p> <p>Ms. Shycko then demonstrated to CODI how much easier it will be to search for a specific topic, services and/or organizations. Also, an individual's search history will help tailor that individual's searches.</p> <p>If CODI members would like to participate in the testing groups, please email ADA Office. Individuals will get a \$5 gift card for participating. To sign up go to: www.Beta.miamidade.com. All the necessary accommodations will be provided. A discussion ensued.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez said that the upcoming CODI Sunset Review report is very important and the board needs list accomplishments to be included in the report. Each board member's efforts will be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Mr. Rios (DTPW) said that there will be a follow up meeting regarding federal funding for the bus stop accessibility project that has been dormant. There are 1,500 new lighted bus stop shelters. DTPW is working on the logistics. Mr. Rios said that MOT and the permits for sidewalk safety will assure compliance. A discussion ensued.</p> <p>Mr. Gregory reiterated that bringing in CODI would be beneficial. These plans are being drawn however is there anyone with a physical disability to actually experience the run through, perhaps test subjects to demonstrate the use and accessibility of the project. A discussion ensued.</p>
	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 3:53 p.m.
	Next CODI Meeting:	January 25, 2017