



Miami-Dade County

**Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)
NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

	Date:	Wednesday, December 10, 2014	
	Scheduled Time:	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
	Call to Order Time:	1:40 p.m. est.	
	Meeting Adjourned:	3:15 p.m. est.	
I.	<u>Opening and Attendance:</u> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed		
	District 1 Commissioner Jordan	Damian Gregory CODI Chairman & Employment Committee Chair	Present
	District 2 Commissioner Monestime	Jackson David Housing Committee Chair	Present
	District 3 Commissioner Edmonson	Jose Granda Access Committee Chair	Absent
	District 4 Commissioner Heyman	Jesus Garcia 2 nd Vice Chair & Transportation Committee Chair	Present
	District 5 Commissioner Barreiro	Jose (Ernie) Martinez	Present
	District 6 Commissioner Sosa	Vacant Appointment	
	District 7 Commissioner Suarez	Harry Horgan 1 st Vice Chair & Outreach/Education Chair	Present
	District 8 Commissioner Levine Cava	Vacant Appointment	
	District 9 Commissioner Moss	Ronald Fulton CODI Secretary	Present
	District 10 Commissioner Souto	Vacant Appointment	
	District 11 Commissioner Zapata	Maria Orfila	
	District 12 Commissioner Diaz	Marilyn Larrieu Housing Committee Co-Chair	Present
	District 13 Commissioner Bovo	Alan Rigerman	Present

	<p>Miami-Dade County Staff Present:</p>	<p>Skarlex Alorda ISD, ADA Office Support Specialist II & Recording Secretary</p> <p>Shanika Graves, CAO Assistant County Attorney</p> <p>Bill Velez Miami-Dade Transit, STS</p>	
<p>II.</p>	<p>New Business</p>	<p>Preparation of Slate of Nominees for CODI Officers</p> <p>Mr. Alan Rigerman nominated Ernie Martinez for Chair and Damian Gregory for First Vice Chair, or <i>vice versa</i>. Mr. Ronald Fulton asked why the Nominating Committee met in October. A discussion ensued regarding the effective communications issues raised by Mr. Jose Granda. Chairman Horgan said the committee needs to move forward since Mr. Granda was not present to answer questions or clarify issues.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee met after CODI board member Mr. Granda stated his objection to the election due to communication issues. Based on those issues It was CODI's decision to have another election. Therefore the Nominating Committee met to come up with a new slate of board nominees.</p> <p>Ms. Shanika Graves clarified Mr. Granda's issues and explained the parliamentary procedure regarding a motion for reconsideration. CODI voted to pass the motion for reconsideration resulting in the need to generate a new slate of nominees for office positions.</p> <p>Mr. Gregory said he joined CODI to make a difference for the disabled community. What has happened within the last two months is absurd and he is appalled.</p> <hr/> <p>Chairman Horgan read aloud Article VI of the CODI By-Laws</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ARTICLE VI</u> <u>ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE</u></p> <p><i>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</i></p>	

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.

Officer Nominees: CODI's Mission and Priorities

Mr. Gregory said CODI has numerous unresolved issues. To address them requires a proactive approach. CODI's mission is to represent the disabled community as a whole. CODI is the voice of the people. If re-elected chairman, he will interact with each CODI member.

Mr. Martinez said he has grown as an advocate during his time with CODI. He has been involved with issues such as voting rights, communication, housing and transportation. During his time with CODI, there have been two ADA anniversary events. Nevertheless, there is more work to be done.

III.	Information Items	<p>The Slate of Nominees is as follows:</p> <p>Marilyn Larrieu recommended nominating both Damian Gregory and Ernie Martinez for the Chairman position.</p> <p>Motion: To nominate both Damian Gregory and Jose “Ernie” Martinez for the CODI chairman position. Alan Rigerman made the motion; seconded by Marilyn Larrieu. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
		<p>Ernie Martinez requested a motion to nominate Harry Horgan for the First Vice Chairman position.</p> <p>Motion: To nominate Harry Horgan for the First Vice Chair position. Alan Rigerman made the motion; seconded by Ernie Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
		<p>Call for motions to nominate for Second Vice Chairman position.</p> <p>Motion: To nominate Jesus Garcia for the Second Vice Chair position. Chairman Horgan made the motion; seconded by Ernie Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
		<p>Committee Chairman Horgan requested a motion to nominate both Ronald Fulton and Jesus Garcia for the CODI Secretary position.</p> <p>Motion: To nominate both Ronald Fulton and Damien Gregory for the CODI Secretary position. Ernie Martinez made the motion; seconded by Alan Rigerman. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.