



**Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)**  
**Access Minutes Memorandum**  
*Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)*  
*111 N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33128*  
*18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 18-4*

	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday, June 11, 2015</b>	
	<b>Time:</b>	<b>1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	
	<b>Call to Order Time:</b>	<b>1:40 p.m.</b>	
	<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<b>2:58 p.m.</b>	
<b>I.</b>	<b>Opening and Attendance:</b> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed. (Asterisk next to name indicates core committee member.)		
	District 1 <b>Commissioner Jordan</b>	<b>Damian Gregory</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	
	District 2 <b>Commissioner Monestime</b>	<b>Jackson David*</b>	Excused Absence
	District 3 <b>Commissioner Edmonson</b>	<b>Jose Granda*</b> Access Committee Chair	Present
	District 4 <b>Commissioner Heyman</b>	<b>Jesus Garcia</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair & Transportation & Aviation Committee Chair	
	District 5 <b>Commissioner Barreiro</b>	<b>Ernie Martinez*</b> CODI Chairman	Present
	District 6 <b>Commissioner Sosa</b>	<b>Ora Prilleltensky</b>	
	District 7 <b>Commissioner Suarez</b>	<b>Harry Horgan</b> Outreach Committee Chair	
	District 8 <b>Commissioner Bell</b>	<b>Elizabeth Merklng</b>	
	District 9 <b>Commissioner Moss</b>	<b>Ronald Fulton*</b> CODI Secretary	Excused Absence
	District 10 <b>Commissioner Souto</b>	<b>Russell Otway</b>	
	District 11 <b>Commissioner Zapata</b>	<b>Pending Appointment</b>	

	District 12 <b>Commissioner Diaz</b>	<b>Maria Mercedes Villar*</b>	Excused Absence
	District 13 <b>Commissioner Bovo</b>	<b>Alan Rigerman*</b>	Excused Absence
	<b>Miami-Dade County Staff Present</b>	<b>Heidi Johnson-Wright, MDC, ISD</b> ADA Coordinator  <b>Skarlex Alorda, ISD</b> ADA Office Support Specialist II & Recording Secretary (2015)  <b>Patricia Prochnicki, Elections;</b> Deputy Supervisor of Elections  <b>Rodney J. Moore, Community Relations &amp; Training,</b> Technical Training Specialist 2  <b>Members of the Public/Guest:</b>  <b>Lisa Campbell,</b> Director, Accessible Communications for the Deaf (ACD)  <b>Sandy Pascual,</b> Interpreter, Accessible Communications for the Deaf (ACD)	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Open Comments:</b>	<p>Chairman Jose Granda said there is no quorum present. Chairman Granda apologized to the committee for the absence of Patricia Prochnicki, Deputy Supervisor of Elections and other Miami-Dade staff that were invited to attend today.</p> <p>Chairman Granda and Mr. Martinez agreed that Elections had sufficient notice to reply to the committee’s invitation and request for information. Elections did not acknowledge the invitation and or meeting notification.</p> <p>Chairman Granda said that when County staff does not acknowledge CODI’s invitation to speak on items on the agenda, the committee should cancel the meeting. A discussion ensued.</p> <p>The ADA Office will establish a method for County staff to confirm their meeting attendance, especially when there’s an upcoming deadline.</p>	
<b>III.</b>	<b>Information Item:</b>	<p>Chairman Granda offered suggested edits (ADA-related items in pages 96 through 109) to Elections’ Poll Worker Training Manual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 96: The word “talk” should be replaced with the word “communicate.”</li> <li>• Page 102: In the section, “Deaf or hard of hearing,” the third statement refers to using gestures to communicate. Poll workers should receive</li> </ul>	

		<p>training on appropriate gestures to use with people who are deaf.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 104: In the first statement, the word “ask” should be deleted.</li> <li>• Page 109: Add the word “attentive” to the third statement.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Alorda said that Rodney Moore is the point of contact regarding Election Day poll worker training. Chairman Granda said that he will be reaching out to Mr. Moore regarding these edits to the training manual.</p> <p>Chairman Granda recommended that Elections put a video on its website of someone using ASL to communicate the voter guide on Elections website. Mr. Martinez agreed.</p> <p>Mr. Granda wanted Elections to provide outreach on voting to the disability community. Ms. Johnson-Wright said that the ADA Office will notify Elections’ ADA Coordinator regarding 1) the Poll Worker Training manual and effective communications; 2) a sign language video for Elections’ website; and 3) inclusion of disability organizations in voter education.</p> <p>Chairman Granda said he would for Elections to be invited to the July CODI meeting. Mr. Martinez said Elections should update CODI regarding it early voting appointments pilot project.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Emergency Management Video</b></p> <p>Chairman Granda said that the Emergency Management sign language video of the Hurricane Manual has been edited greatly. In addition, informed all too please familiarize themselves with the video. Ms. Alorda suggested that Chairman Granda share the new, edited information with CODI. Mr. Martinez agreed.</p>
		<p><b>Interns and Interpreters at Elections</b></p> <p>The topic of sign language interpreters at polling sites on Election Day was raised. Ms. Johnson-Wright said that the County has hundreds of polling sites throughout the County. The ADA does not require local governments to provide interpreters at the polling sites.</p>
	<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.
	<b>Next CODI Meeting:</b>	The next CODI meeting will be held October 8, 2015