



# **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES**

## **Board of County Commissioners Committee of the Whole**

Stephen P. Clark Government Center  
Commission Chambers  
111 N.W. First Street  
Miami, Florida 33128

September 17, 2013  
As Advertised

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Board of County Commissioners

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**CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING AND OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**September 17, 2013**

Chairwoman Sosa called the Committee of the Whole (COH) meeting to order at 11:27 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa; Commissioners Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.; Bruno A. Barreiro; Audrey M. Edmonson; Sally A. Heyman; Barbara J. Jordan; Jean Monestime; Dennis C. Moss; Javier D. Souto; Xavier L. Suarez; and Juan C. Zapata. The following Commissioners were absent: Lynda Bell and Jose "Pepe" Diaz

The following staff members were present: Deputy Mayor/County Manager Alina Hudak; County Attorney Robert Cuevas; First Assistant County Attorney Abigail Price-Williams; Clerk of the Board Division Chief Christopher Agrippa; and Deputy Clerk Alan Eisenberg.

Chairwoman Sosa noted the purpose to today's (9/17) COH meeting was to discuss remaining FY 2013-14 budget issues, to bring items to the Administration's attention, and to obtain additional research before the upcoming Budget Hearing.

Chairwoman Sosa requested clarification that Head Start program funding would remain intact despite federal funding reductions.

Ms. Jennifer Moon, Director, Office of Management and Budget responded that funding to address the gap created by the federal sequestration remained in the County budget and that the Head Start program would continue operating at its current level.

Chairwoman Sosa asked Ms. Moon to remember the anti-venom unit's funding needs in the upcoming budget.

Commissioner Barreiro asked Ms. Moon to determine whether the Storm Water Utility Fee could be used as a possible funding source for the Miami River Commission.

Commissioner Heyman stated that there was over \$300 million debt owed the County. She asked Deputy Mayor Hudak to evaluate whether the collection efforts in the Public Housing Department, the Community Development Department, and the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department could be consolidated in order to reduce costs and increase the amount of money returned to the General Fund.

Commissioner Heyman noted concern about community based organizations (CBO) that were in suspension, violation or not in compliance and suggested that money should possibly be withheld from these organizations.

Commissioner Souto questioned the reason why the County posted a Notice of Proposed Tax Increase in the Miami Herald in advance of the upcoming Budget Hearing.

Chairwoman Sosa explained that the advertisement was necessary when adopting a flat fee; a rate which was the same rate as last year.

Ms. Moon responded that the millage rate was above the State defined rollback rate; therefore it was considered a tax increase, even though the millage rates remained flat.

Chairwoman Sosa noted that the notice was posted pursuant to State regulation.

Commissioner Souto pointed out that the average person did not understand the implication of the notice and that it needed to be properly explained to County residents that there was a tax increase.

Commissioner Zapata noted that there was a tax increase according to the State definition and asked about the amount of this increase.

Ms. Moon responded that the rate increase was 6.663% Countywide and 3.67% for the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA).

Commissioner Zapata questioned and Ms. Moon clarified that this was the amount of additional revenue being received by the County over the previous year's revenue.

Commissioner Barreiro stated that the term rollback was confusing, noting that it should be a considered a tax rate increase or a tax revenue increase.

Commissioner Moss asked Ms. Moon for a report on future consolidation considerations for Procurement, Information Technology, Human Resources and other operations throughout the County; including pros and cons to consolidation or remaining as an external function.

There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebeca Sosa', written over a horizontal line.

**Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa**



Board of County Commissioners'  
Committee of the Whole  
September 17, 2013

Prepared by: Alan Eisenberg

**EXHIBITS LIST**

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
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## MEMORANDUM

### OFFICE OF VICE CHAIR LYNDA BELL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**Date:** September 16, 2013  
**To:** The Honorable Rebecca Sosa, Chairwoman  
And Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** The Honorable Lynda Bell, Vice Chair *Lynda Bell*  
Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, District 8  
**Re:** Absent, September 17, 2013, Board of County Commissioners and COW

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Please be advised that due to a previously scheduled commitment, I will be absent on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 and will be unable to attend the above mentioned meetings.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at 305-375-5218.

LB/eb

**Cc:** R.A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney  
Christopher Agrippa, Division Chief, Clerk of the Board Division



# MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## ORDER OF THE DAY

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

### 8:30 am BCC Special Presentations

1D1 - CONGRATULATORY CERTIFICATE TO OPA-LOCKA GROUP 4005, AARP CHAPTER OF THE YEAR (Jordan)

1D2 - PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17, 20 AS "JACOB STERN DAY" IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LISTEN UP! PROGRAM (Heyman)

1D3 - PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 AS "DRIVE 4 PLEDGES DAY" IN RECOGNITION OF AT&TS "IT CAN WAIT CAMPAIGN" (Bovo, Heyman, Sosa)

1D4 - PRESENTATION OF THE "EXCELLENCE IN FIRE SERVICE-BASED EMS AWARD" TO MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE FROM THE MEDICALERT FOUNDATION AND THE CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE (Heyman)

1D5 - PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2013 AS "MIAMI-DADE FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH" IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2013 "FILL THE BOOT" CAMPAIGN FOR THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION (Sosa)

1D6 - PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE TO PORTMIAMI FROM THE US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL IN RECOGNITION OF RECEIVING A SILVER LEED CERTIFICATION FOR CRUISE TERMINAL D (Sosa)

1D7 - PROCLAMATION TO MARITZA GUTIERREZ IN RECOGNITION OF HER BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK INITIATIVE (Zapata)

### 9:00 am Community Relations Board (CRB) Installation Ceremony

#### Officers

Dr. Walter T. Richardson, Chair  
Edward Shohat, Vice Chair  
Wilfredo Ruiz, Secretary

#### Executive Committee Members

Ronald Fulton  
Vickie Smith Jackson  
Reinaldo Valdes  
Dr. Harold Vieux

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### 9:30 am

Invocation  
Roll Call  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Setting of Agenda

**10:30 am** Convening as the West Perrine Community Redevelopment Agency

**Second Budget / Committee of the Whole** (*upon conclusion of the regular BCC meeting*)

**Recess**