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The Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board (CRB) convened its General Board meeting on September 17, 2025 at 2:07 p.m. at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, Conference Room 18-4, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128.

The following CRB members were present: Mr. Ali Johann Andrew, Ms. Juliette Fabien, Dr. Yuleisy Mena, Mr. Gabriel Mena, Ms. Jenni Person, Mr. Joshua Sayles, Ms. Marjorie York and Chairman Rene Diaz (Mr. Joseph Salverg, Ms. Marie Jean-Pharuns and Ms. Gizelle M. Ortize-Velazquez were absent).

Ms. Egglis Cepero and Vice Chairman Eddy Gervais arrived at 2:14 p.m.

In addition to the CRB members, the following staff members were present: Dr. Shirley Plantin, CRB Director, and Ms. Selena Brogdon, Deputy Clerk, Miami-Dade Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Rene Diaz called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

WELCOME

Chairman Rene Diaz welcomed the CRB members, City of Miami police officers, and Ms. Khoury to today's meeting.

Dr. Plantin recognized the City of Miami Police Department for their attendance and active participation in Community Justice Law Enforcement (CJLE) meetings. She specifically acknowledged the department's engagement with Tabernacle of Glory Church, its pastor, and congregation members in addressing community concerns regarding immigration enforcement activities at the Heat Stadium. Dr. Plantin commended Major Ramos for his responsiveness and the department's efforts to deploy multilingual officers fluent in Creole and Spanish, which helped create a welcoming environment and built trust between law enforcement and the community. She expressed gratitude on behalf of both the CRB and the church community for the partnership demonstrated by the City of Miami Police Department.

Chairman Rene Diaz emphasized the importance of maintaining reciprocal communication between CRB and law enforcement. He extended an invitation to the police department to call upon CRB for assistance at any time, noting that the partnership should be bilateral.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Diaz opened the public hearing, and seeing no one come forward to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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APPROVE CURRENT MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Gabriel Paez moved to approve today's CRB Meeting Agenda. This motion was seconded by Ms. Marjorie York and being put to a vote, passed 8-0 (Ms. Egglis Cepero, Ms. Eddy Gervais, Mr. Joseph Salzverg, Ms. Marie Jean-Pharuns, and Ms. Gizelle M. Ortiz-Velazquez were absent).

Chairman Diaz announced Mr. Johann Andrew Ali as CRB's newest Board member.

Mr. Jahan Ali introduced himself to the Board as the new member representing District 12, appointed by Miami-Dade Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. He provided his background as an environmental consultant specializing in contaminated soil and groundwater assessments for private commercial real estate clients. Mr. Ali noted that he relocated to Miami during Hurricane Andrew to attend the University of Miami and has remained in the County for over 30 years.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: CITIZEN INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST PRESENTATION (CITT)

Mr. Javier Betancourt, Executive Director of CITT, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the organization's oversight operations and transportation initiatives.

Organizational Background and Mission

Mr. Betancourt clarified CITT's distinct role from the Department of Transportation and Public Works, Miami-Dade Transit, and the Transportation Planning Organization. He noted the CITT was established through a 2002 ballot referendum authorizing a half-penny sales tax increase (from 6.5% to 7%) to fund the People's Transportation Plan (PTP). Mr. Betancourt stated the organization was created specifically to monitor, audit, investigate, and oversee transportation fund allocation, preventing misappropriation similar to previous issues with Florida lottery proceeds.

Governance and Structure

CITT operated under a 15-member volunteer board: one member appointed by the mayor, one by the League of Cities, and 13 by individual county commissioners. The board maintained three vacancies at the time of the meeting. Mr. Betancourt emphasized his direct reporting relationship to the board rather than to the mayor or county commission, enhancing organizational independence. The office maintained a staff of 12 and conducted semi-regular audits of county departments and participating municipalities through the county's Audit Management Services.

Financial Distribution

The half-penny sales tax generated approximately \$400 million annually, with over \$5 billion collected since inception. Fund distribution allocated 80% to the county and 20% to

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municipalities on a pro-rata basis. Specific allocations included: two-thirds to Miami-Dade Transit, 21% to 33 participating municipalities (Indian Creek Village declined participation), 7% to Public Works for roadway projects, 8% to reserves, and less than 1% to CITT administrative expenses. Mr. Betancourt clarified that figures represented solely half-penny sales tax revenue over approximately 20 years, excluding general fund, fare revenue, gas tax, or other sources.

Public Transparency

In response to Dr. Yuleisy Mena's inquiry, Mr. Betancourt directed the public to www.miamidade.gov/citt for complete budgetary transparency, including an interactive dashboard displaying all expenditure details for both county and municipal allocations.

Completed Infrastructure Projects

Mr. Betancourt reported successful completion of most promised initiatives from the PTP including over 40 highway and roadway improvements, fare-free transit for seniors (Golden Passport) and qualified veterans (Patriot Passport), fare-free Metro Mover, Metrorail extensions to the airport, replacement of Metro Mover and Metrorail cars, and commuter rail developments including Tri-Rail downtown extension and Aventura Station connection to Brightline. He noted the current budget reflected increased focus on transit development as roadway projects reached completion.

Municipal allocations subsidized free trolley services, on-demand programs like Freebee, and other transit services, with municipalities increasingly allocating beyond the required 20% minimum for transit due to public demand.

Advanced Traffic Management System

Mr. Betancourt announced implementation of smart adaptive traffic signals countywide, replacing outdated fixed-timer systems. Phase one demonstrated approximately 15% reduction in wait times. Chairman Diaz requested follow-up regarding system functionality during natural disasters and power outages.

Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Program

Mr. Betancourt outlined six corridors under development through coordination with TPO and DPW:

South Corridor: Scheduled to open as bus rapid transit with all-electric buses representing one of the nation's largest electric bus purchases. Service frequency ranged from 7-15 minutes during peak hours to 30 minutes on weekends. A new operations center in South Miami-Dade coordinated with Florida Power & Light for charging infrastructure, though technical challenges had caused some delays.

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Miami Beach and East/West Corridors: Proposed Metro Mover extensions connecting Downtown Miami to Miami Beach and the Design District faced uncertainty due to City of Miami Beach concerns requiring additional county research. The East-West Corridor maintained temporary express bus service on 836 connecting Dolphin Park and Ride to downtown while the county reevaluated alternatives to the original BRT highway proposal, including Flagler Street or Metro Mover options.

Kendall Corridor: Identified as having severe traffic congestion but facing significant implementation challenges. Rapid transit implementation would require removing traffic lanes from already congested streets, presenting no viable solution. Mr. Betancourt noted the absence of political support and expressed minimal expectations for near-term development.

Northeast Corridor: Mr. Betancourt identified this as the second most promising corridor due to existing Brightline infrastructure. The proposal involved adding commuter rail service on existing tracks with three to four stations between Aventura and downtown at Metro-comparable fares. The project had progressed until state funding was withdrawn during the recent legislative session, though officials indicated the withdrawal was inadvertent and funding might be restored.

North Corridor: Long-promised metro rail extension from 27th Avenue toward Broward County required substantial federal and state funding unavailable under current administration priorities. The county continued planning efforts anticipating potential future political changes favorable to transit funding.

In response to Chairman Diaz's question about previous proposals utilizing railroad tracks from Zoo Miami along 836, Mr. Betancourt confirmed the concept remained under study as part of East-West Corridor alternatives.

Funding Challenges and Density Considerations

Ms. Khoury raised concerns regarding Miami-Dade project delays compared to other jurisdictions.

Mr. Betancourt explained multiple factors affecting project viability: density levels, ridership projections, federal grant competitiveness, and government funding priorities. He noted that federal investments favored high-density areas with stronger ridership potential, placing Miami-Dade's suburban development pattern at a competitive disadvantage. Mr. Betancourt noted jurisdictions like Los Angeles allocated five pennies to transit funding, while Washington D.C. received federal capital support. He emphasized that the half-penny was insufficient for comprehensive transit development and that state transit grants remained limited.

Regarding sunset provisions, Mr. Betancourt reported that the half-penny tax currently had no expiration date. He advised that recent legislative session proposals to impose an eight-year sunset provision failed, though the issue might be revisited. Mr. Betancourt noted State law now

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required sunset provisions for newly proposed transportation taxes, with some jurisdictions implementing 30-year terms.

Mr. Betancourt explained that density definitions varied by jurisdiction and application, noting that Miami-Dade's predominant single-family residential development did not support effective transit operations, unlike denser urban cores in cities such as Washington D.C. and New York.

Additional Infrastructure and Funding Initiatives

New park and ride facilities were under development at Dolphin Station, Tamiami Station, and the FIU area to facilitate suburban resident connections to employment centers. Mr. Betancourt emphasized the necessity of alternative funding sources beyond the half-penny tax, including tax increment financing districts, special assessment districts, and gas tax increases. He noted that a two-cent gas tax increase would generate approximately \$10 million annually, though all additional revenue options faced political challenges.

Service Enhancement Focus Areas

Mr. Betancourt outlined organizational priorities including first/last mile connectivity through bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure and on-demand services; improved coordination among Miami-Dade's 37 separate transit systems (county, municipal, Tri-Rail, and Brightline) through physical and technological integration; enhanced customer experience through maintenance, cleanliness, and safety standards; and community engagement to address public distrust resulting from insufficient communication about half-penny tax utilization.

Community Engagement Programs

Mr. Betancourt introduced Ms. Karla Damian, CITT Chief Community Engagement Officer, and announced CITT's bi-weekly podcast addressing mobility and related issues across various platforms. He noted the CITT Ambassador Program recruited regular transit riders to provide systematic feedback through a mobile application, with participants earning points redeemable for mobility rewards including ride-sharing services and discounted transit passes. The program maintained approximately 200 ambassadors with a target of 300 participants.

Question and Answer Session

Ridership: Mr. Betancourt reported approximately 300,000 daily users representing 3-5% of the county population, creating policy challenges regarding return on investment for large infrastructure expenditures. He argued that substantial investment was necessary to provide convenient alternatives that would subsequently increase ridership.

Ms. Khoury supplemented this data with June 2025 figures: Metro Bus averaged 159,000 weekday riders, Metro Rail 46,800, and Metro Mover 22,200, totaling 233,512 combined average weekday ridership.

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Safety: Mr. Betancourt acknowledged that incidents occurred but characterized them as relatively minimal. Security personnel could not be present on every vehicle simultaneously. Camera systems operated on all buses and trains for investigative purposes, though they could not prevent incidents.

Metro Connect: Mr. Betancourt reported that budget pressures had threatened program elimination, but the administration identified preservation methods to be presented at the upcoming budget hearing. Expected modifications included service area reductions focusing on locations without bus access, fare implementation (approximately \$3.50 per ride with potential exceptions), and program restructuring.

Broward Express Bus: Ms. Fabien inquired about service restoration from Sheridan to Miami-Dade.

Mr. Betancourt indicated the service would not be reinstated due to budget constraints, high operational costs, insufficient ridership, and duplication of existing Broward County express services.

Interagency Coordination: Mr. Ali questioned coordination on state-owned roads such as 36th Street.

Mr. Betancourt explained that FDOT, DTPW, and other agencies coordinated through TPO for multi-jurisdictional planning. FDOT supported the SMART Plan and managed three associated projects, though the agency continued to prioritize automotive infrastructure over transit when conflicts arose.

Chairman Diaz invited Mr. Betancourt to return to CRB for future presentations, and Mr. Betancourt extended a reciprocal invitation for CRB to provide relevant presentations to other community organizations.

At members' request, Mr. Betancourt agreed to forward the presentation materials to CRB members.

CRB COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DATES

1. Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement, Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at the Federal Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Office in Doral, Florida.

Dr. Plantin announced the next Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee (CJLE) meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) office in Doral. She acknowledged the meeting date coincided with a

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Jewish holiday but explained that due to county accountability requirements and the absence of a fifth week in the month, the meeting would proceed as scheduled.

Dr. Plantin noted recent changes at FDLE and efforts to reestablish partnerships following the retirement of Mr. Troy Walker. She indicated that Commissioner Glass from Tallahassee had been a champion of CRB's work, making the return to FDLE particularly significant for rebuilding these relationships.

Dr. Plantin recapped that the previous meeting had been hosted by the North Miami Beach Police Department, where substantial discussions focused on the County budget and its impact on law enforcement and the community. She reported that the committee anticipated significant discussion at the upcoming meeting regarding Florida's recently lifted open carry ban, given the volume of calls received. Dr. Plantin indicated plans to engage State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle for clarification on the statutory guidelines and prosecution implications, noting that the Public Defender's general counsel, who served on the committee, typically provided valuable perspectives on both statutory and defense matters. She explained that many community members did not understand the distinction between permit less carry, and open carry, necessitating educational discussion.

Dr. Plantin outlined the committee's commitment to its work through scheduled meeting locations for the remainder of the year: September at FDLE in Doral, October at North Miami Police Department, no meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday (as the meeting would have fallen the day before Thanksgiving), and the December meeting rescheduled to the first Wednesday and held in Bal Harbor. She noted that various police departments had already requested specific dates for hosting meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update: Comprehensive approach to potential unrest

Dr. Plantin provided an update on the board's directive to address concerns regarding fragmented response protocols for potential civil unrest. She explained that the transition created by constitutional offices had resulted in the police department no longer reporting to the mayor's office, causing uncertainty about which authority would assume leadership during unrest situations. She noted that CRB's previous process, which had established clear contacts within Miami-Dade Police Department, had been disrupted by these structural changes.

Dr. Plantin reported that she had communicated CRB's concerns to Chief James Reyes, Miami-Dade Chief of Public Safety, chief of staff for Board of County Commissioners (Board/BCC) Chairman Anthony Rodriguez's office, and the sheriff's office. She confirmed that CRB reported directly to the BCC Chairman. Dr. Plantin advised that conversations had been initiated pre-

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budget but were expecting to resume post-budget, with plans for a future meeting with either the undersheriff or Sheriff Rosie Cordero-Stutz to establish clarity on protocols.

Dr. Plantin explained the primary challenge involved personnel transitions within the sheriff's office. She stated that many individuals who understood CRB's relationship with law enforcement had retired or departed, while newly appointed personnel lacked experience with community policing or understanding of CRB's role as an independent community board. Dr. Plantin emphasized that while Sheriff Cordero-Stutz and the undersheriff had clearly expressed their commitment to partnering with CRB and recognized the board's importance, other bureau personnel did not necessarily share this understanding, creating communication difficulties.

Dr. Plantin noted specific challenges with the Homeland Security bureau, which had been CRB's direct connection and reported that while the Major understood the relationship, subordinate staff presented complications. She acknowledged understanding Chairman Diaz's frustration, as she was responsible for managing these relationships when personnel did not comprehend CRB's function or failed to return communications promptly. Dr. Plantin expressed hope for a post-budget meeting with the undersheriff or sheriff to address how bureau personnel could be educated on CRB's role and partnership importance.

Dr. Plantin highlighted her proactive efforts to strengthen relationships with municipal police departments throughout the county through the CJLE Committee, anticipating potential scenarios where municipal departments might need to be contacted if incidents occurred in their jurisdictions. This strategy explained the committee's practice of rotating meetings throughout various county locations.

Chairman Diaz emphasized that the ordinance required CRB to develop working relationships with local, state, and federal agencies. He expressed concern that the board lacked clarity on protocols for working with the sheriff's office or addressing community issues. He noted that Miami-Dade's population was over 60% immigrant and emphasized that contemporary protest methods differed significantly from those of previous decades, with educated protesters utilizing communication methods that sometimes prevented law enforcement from receiving advance notice. Chairman Diaz stated his discomfort with the uncertainty about how potential unrest would be properly addressed, particularly given CRB's function to maintain peace and ensure necessary resources existed. He requested clarity on how CRB would coordinate with the Miami-Dade County Sheriff's Office, expressing greater concern about this relationship than with municipalities, which had more accessible directors operating under local government guidance. He compared his current concern to previous situations, such as the City of Miami Beach's Memorial Day weekend planning, when CRB was not consulted, leaving him feeling uninformed about law enforcement plans and responsibilities.

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Responding to Chairman Diaz's question as to whether Dr. Plantin received calls from the sheriff's office regarding police-involved shootings, she confirmed that CRB previously received such notifications but had not been notified of recent police-involved shootings. She indicated this issue would be addressed in conversations with Sheriff Cordero-Stutz, with an update expected following their anticipated October meeting.

Dr. Plantin noted that the board had directed her to communicate concerns to leadership, ensuring that if incidents occurred, officials could not claim CRB had failed to express concerns. She confirmed these notifications had been delivered and expressed anticipation for the scheduled meeting after the sheriff's schedule calmed following October, when travel commitments would diminish.

2. Budget Hearings (September 4, 2025 and September 18, 2025)

Dr. Plantin reported that the first budget hearing held on September 4, 2025, extended until approximately 4:00 a.m. with over 270 registered speakers. She described the conditions as chaotic, with disorganized crowd management involving numerical systems for some attendees but not others, and extensive lines. Despite the disorganized process, Dr. Plantin stated the proceedings were overall peaceful, noting one incident involving a young woman who had been arrested at a previous meeting and was barred from speaking when she entered the chambers, which created tension among attendees who questioned restrictions on freedom of speech. Dr. Plantin stated she and her team remained at the building until approximately 2:00 a.m. managing the situation.

Dr. Plantin announced the next budget hearing was scheduled for the following evening, with rumors suggesting it might extend beyond 4:00 a.m..

3. Board Member' Safety concerns

Dr. Plantin expressed concern regarding member safety following incidents at meeting locations that contributed to the resignation of former member Giselle Ortiz-Velazquez, who departed immediately after a CRB meeting. Dr. Plantin indicated that safety concerns had intensified following the lifting of the open carry ban.

Dr. Plantin recommended hosting CJLE Committee meetings at police departments to enhance safety for both members and the public and explained that while advance notice could be provided to the BCC Chairman regarding assignment of a Sergeant-At-Arms to CRB meetings, availability could not be guaranteed because Sergeants-At-Arms were primarily assigned to elected officials.

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Chairman Diaz suggested submitting a formal letter to the Chair's Office requesting such assignment.

Ms. Fabien raised concerns about member safety outside buildings when departing meetings.

Dr. Plantin clarified that under the open carry regulations, individuals were permitted to carry weapons on all floors of County buildings except the second and third floors, where the Commission Chambers and commissioners' offices were located. She indicated that detailed guidelines regarding open carry law would be addressed at the next Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Vice Chairman Gervais moved to host CJLE Committee meetings at police stations or departments. Chairman Diaz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0 (Mr. Joseph Salzberg, Ms. Marie Jean-Pharuns, and Ms. Giselle M. Ortiz-Velazquez were absent).

Chairman Diaz acknowledged that the public could not be barred from meetings and that attendees could become disruptive at times. He emphasized the need to identify alternative methods to provide safety while conducting public meetings.

DISCUSSIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

1. Community Concerns re: Immigration Arrests based on color, language, appearance, job

Dr. Plantin reported that community concerns regarding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities at public locations were raised at the previous CJLE Committee meeting. She emphasized the primary concern centered on preventing police profiling based on race, ethnic minority status, occupation (particularly labor workers), and language.

Dr. Plantin noted that given Miami-Dade County's extensive ethnic diversity, immigrant profiling concerns were spreading across multiple communities including Hispanic, Black, Jamaican, and Haitian populations and inquired whether the LGBTQ community was similarly affected. She described the community's fear of ICE as being substantive, citing substantial arrest numbers and the absence of 13,000 students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Chairman Diaz opened the floor for member comments.

Ms. Fabien noted that despite \$20 million allocated to parenting programs through 22 providers, fearful parents were not utilizing these services or sending students to camps.

Dr. Plantin emphasized the need to improve public trust in various systems and partnerships.

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Chairman Diaz and members discussed ICE's objectives and the community-wide impacts.

Members expressed concern that ICE activities could potentially affect CRB meeting attendance and quorum.

Dr. Plantin provided examples of community impact, including an incident where an individual left a train station due to concerns about ICE presence, and reported reduced participation in Latin Heritage Month festivities attributed to similar fears.

Chairman Diaz requested member suggestions and recommendations.

Mr. Ali commented that people were afraid to speak out.

Mr. Sayles emphasized the importance of educating the community to improve service delivery.

Ms. Fabien noted that other organizations had transitioned to virtual meetings.

2. Alligator Alcatraz

Members raised legal concerns regarding immigration enforcement procedures and constitutional protections. Mr. Gervais questioned the legal grounds for detainment based on mere suspicion and inquired whether the Supreme Court's interpretation of this standard afforded due process, specifically whether arrested individuals had rights to legal representation.

Mr. Sayles questioned which legal authority determined citizenship classification.

Chairman Diaz emphasized that due process should be guaranteed to all arrested individuals, providing them the opportunity to establish their citizenship status regardless of appearance.

Discussion addressed the conflict between enforcement practices and constitutional protections following the Supreme Court ruling.

Dr. Plantin noted that many immigrants could not afford immigration attorneys, creating a significant access-to-justice challenge.

Dr. Plantin reported ongoing issues with the Alligator Alcatraz detention facility, which maintained inconsistent operational status. She indicated that detainees were being lost in the system, with attorneys unable to locate their clients. Some attorneys had filed as many as 15 motions due to detainees being transferred between facilities, preventing effective legal representation.

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When questioned about CRB involvement with police academy training, Dr. Plantin reported that CRB had provided limited input in training aspects immediately following the George Floyd incident and during the transition period approximately one year before the establishment of the sheriff's office. She confirmed that all partnership with the training academy had subsequently ceased.

3. Drifter & Racers Return

Dr. Plantin reported a resurgence of street racing and drifting activities across multiple communities, including Miami Gardens, Little Haiti, Doral, Ives Dairy, 54th Street, 119th Street, and 111th Street. She expressed concern regarding the lack of law enforcement response to these activities, noting that the issue had persisted for four to five weeks without intervention.

Dr. Plantin explained that drifting events attracted large crowds numbering in the thousands, with gatherings occurring as late as 2:00 a.m.; and involved organized coordination, with participants blocking streets and managing crowd control. She distinguished between street racing and drifting, noting that drifting required specific infrastructure and space, making certain areas with warehouses particularly attractive to participants. She indicated that five vehicles could rapidly escalate to hundreds of vehicles and thousands of spectators within 30 minutes.

Dr. Plantin noted that these events facilitated various illegal activities beyond the dangerous driving itself, including drug sales. She referenced a fatal incident where a 34-year-old woman was decapitated on N.W. 62nd Street during one of these events, with bystanders recording the scene rather than rendering assistance. This incident had initially brought the issue to CRB's attention.

Dr. Plantin stated that law enforcement had successfully addressed this issue over a three-year period but that enforcement had ceased, emboldening participants to resume activities openly with videos circulating online.

In response to Dr. Mena's inquiry, Dr. Plantin confirmed that footage of these activities was streamed and accessible online. She expressed frustration that the current approach differed significantly from previous successful strategies implemented under Homeland Security Bureau leadership and indicated that CRB was awaiting a comprehensive enforcement plan to address these highly organized and dangerous activities.

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4. Recent Open Carry Ban and its impact on Miami-Dade

Dr. Plantin raised concerns about the implications of the new open carry law for the community. She explained that the Florida Supreme Court's decision received limited media attention because it coincided with other significant events, including a school shooting and related controversies. Dr. Plantin distinguished between permit less carry, which allowed individuals to carry concealed weapons without training or licensing requirements, and the new open carry provision. She noted that the board had anticipated this progression two years prior.

Dr. Plantin expressed concern about the law's implementation during a period of heightened community tensions, questioning the practical implications of individuals openly carrying firearms, including AR-style rifles, in public spaces such as Walmart. She indicated that while the law prohibited weapons in schools and courts, broader public safety concerns remained unaddressed. Dr. Plantin emphasized that insufficient public education was creating widespread misinformation and confusion, particularly regarding age restrictions and permissible locations for open carry.

Vice Chairman Gervais reported conversations with law enforcement officers who expressed significant concern about the law's impact on their duties, particularly during domestic violence calls and routine traffic stops. He noted that officers felt constrained in their ability to address individuals openly carrying rifles, as such conduct was now lawful.

Ms. Khoury recommended additional training for police officers to prevent premature use of force and suggested that CRB should be involved in the training process.

Chairman Diaz emphasized the importance of open dialogue at the CJLE Committee meetings utilizing Sheriff's Office resources to maintain community safety and raised specific concerns about impacts to unincorporated Miami-Dade.

5. Next CRB meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 2 p.m.

Dr. Plantin announced upcoming CRB meeting dates. Several members indicated unavailability for the October 15, 2025 meeting due to the Jewish holiday, raising concerns about lack of quorum.

Chairman Diaz moved to cancel the October 15, 2025 CRB meeting due to anticipated lack of quorum. Vice Chairman Gervais seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 9-0 (Mr. Gabriel Paez, Mr. Joseph Salzberg, Ms. Marie Jean-Pharuns, and Ms. Giselle M. Ortiz-Velazquez were absent).

Following brief discussion after the vote, Chairman Diaz announced the October 15, 2025 meeting date would be kept for discussion purposes only, with no action items on the agenda.

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Mr. Sayles requested that issues concerning the Jewish community be postponed until the November meeting.

Dr. Plantin reminded members that the November meeting would include elections for First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair positions due to termed-out seats and requested that members interested in serving in these capacities notify her in advance.

HOT SPOTS

Dr. Plantin identified current hot spots requiring monitoring, including Jewish holidays and public speech controversies. She noted that CRB consistently monitored Jewish holidays, particularly given heightened security concerns for the Orthodox community during sensitive times. Dr. Plantin indicated she had been unable to attend the annual law enforcement briefing but planned to follow up. She noted that the Jewish community typically received substantial law enforcement presence during holidays, especially given current circumstances.

Dr. Plantin reported increased youth anxiety following a shooting incident at a Catholic school, noting that multiple calls had been received expressing genuine fear among young people. She mentioned a scheduled meeting with the Jewish Federation and the diocese to provide security support.

Discussion ensued among various board members regarding the growing presence of extremist individuals and groups exercising public speech rights with disruptive behavior at government meetings.

Mr. Sayles reported an incident at a Miami Beach City Commission meeting where an extremist group interrupted proceedings during presentation of a proclamation honoring Holocaust survivor David Schachter, who had recently passed away, making statements that appeared to dishonor Mr. Schachter's memory in the presence of his widow. Mr. Sayles characterized the incident as disturbing and noted related frivolous litigation filed against the city alleging freedom of speech violations.

Dr. Plantin emphasized the contentious nature of public speech debates and requested that board members share captured footage or documentation of concerning incidents for forwarding to her. She explained this documentation was necessary to present community concerns to the BCC and the Sheriff's Office, providing justification and support for CRB's outreach efforts.

Regarding community engagement, Mr. Ali informed the board about Mosaic Miami's Clergy Dialogue Group, the oldest such organization in the country, which promoted open interfaith discussions among diverse religious groups. He noted his board membership with the

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organization and suggested CRB coordinate with Mosaic partners to address current community tensions through interfaith work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Marjorie York announced the International Day of Peace was scheduled for Friday, September 19th 2025, at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden starting at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNNENT

There being no business to come before the CRB, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.