

The logo for the Miami-Dade County Interfaith Advisory Board. It features a stylized orange flame icon to the left of the text. The text "MIAMI-DADE COUNTY" is in a smaller, dark serif font. Below it, "INTERFAITH" is in a large, dark serif font. At the bottom, "ADVISORY BOARD" is written in a dark serif font inside a solid orange rectangular box.

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Office of Community Advocacy

Interfaith Advisory Board February Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2024, 2pm – 4pm

Stephen P. Clark Center 111 N.W. 1st St. Miami, FL 33128 10th floor room 1011

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 2:06pm

2. Roll Call

Present

- Rabbi Mark Rosenberg - Chairman
- Pastor Donald Clarke – 2nd Vice Chairman
- Rabbi Robyn Fisher
- Pastor Stephen Alessi
- Rabbi Avrohom Brashevitzky
- Rev. Dr. Kay Williams-Dawson
- Pastor Eddy Gervais
- Pastor Conrad Molleda
- Rabbi Daniel Hadar
- Dr. Kendall Turcios
- Pastor Marc Mortensen

Excused

- Father Patrick O'Neil
- Dr. Abdul Hamid Samra
- Claudia Miro - Vice Chairwoman
- Pastor Robert Brooks, Jr.
- Father Elvis Gonzalez
- Olga Hernandez
- Rev. Evelio Vilches

3. Reasonable Opportunity for Public to Be Heard

- Tara Orezzaoli, Director of Development Strategic Initiatives – FIU Foundation.
- Maria Hidalgo – City of Hialeah Interfaith Advisory Board.

4. New board member welcome – Pastor Marc Mortensen.

- Pastor Marc Mortensen introduced himself and shared his background.

5. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Rabbi Robyn Fisher.
- Seconded by Dr. Kay Dawson .
- No discussion: approved unanimously.

6. Modification/Updates to IAB meeting dates and times for 2024

- Moved by Pastor Eddy Gervais.
- Seconded by Rabbi Mark Rosenberg.
- IAB modified the 2024 meeting dates and times. The board discussed trying to have a meeting every month in 2024.
- Approved unanimously.

7. Discussion of the divided in the Middle East.

- Chairman Mark Rosenberg shared his thoughts on the rallies/protects in Miami-Dade County and said that Miami-Dade County has not had such intensity as other cities throughout the U.S.
- Other board members shared their point of view with the common goal of peace and understanding for one another.
- The IAB also shared ideas to discuss a campaign against hate (video, meeting, forum, etc.)
- IAB created a IAB public messaging Committee (Rabbi Robyn Fisher and Pastor Stephen Alessi). -
 - Creating of committee moved by Dr. Kay Dawson.
- Seconded by Rabbi Robyn Fisher.
- Approved unanimously.

8. Discussion on uptick of antisemitism.

- Chairman Rosenberg requested reports/statistics from ABL or other organization so the board can keep an eye on antisemitism from year to year.
- Ask Brian Segal if he can be present at the next board meeting to share thoughts/give report.

9. Pastor Donald Clarke AIDS awareness month initiative.

- Pastor Clarke shared his thought on what the board can do this month for AIDS awareness month.
- Office of Community Advocacy is holding a AIDS awareness month kickoff event Feb. 14.

10. Announcements

- The board agreed/understanding to keep discussing each agenda item to 10 minutes, if more time is needed more time will be given.
- Request to ask BCC Chairman's office about issuing ID/badges/credentials/parking decal to IAB members for the purpose of administering clergy needs/services in emergency situations.

11. Adjournment

- Moved by Pastor Conrad Molleda
- Seconded by Stephen Alessi
- Approved unanimously.