



Thursday August 14, 2025

Time – 2pm – 4pm

Location – Stephen P. Clark Center – 111 NW 1st ST. Miami, FL 33128

18th floor – room 18-03

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

(August 2025)

- i. Invocation***
- ii. Reasonable opportunity for the public to be heard – (2 minutes per person)***
- iii. Approval of August 2025 Agenda – (Vote Needed)***
- iv. Invited Guest speakers***
 - Brief presentation of the National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day by Mr. Luigi Ferrer, Health Education Supervisor from the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade (guest/speaker invited by Alex Jospitre - 15 minutes)
 - Brief presentation of the Older Adult Resources Guide (English and Spanish) by Vanessa Garcia Azzam, and Betty Hermida respectively Program Director and Vice Chairwoman of the Elder Affairs Advisory Board (guest/speaker invited by Alex Jospitre - 10 minutes)
- v. Approval of April, May and June 2025 meetings' minutes – (Vote Needed)***

[PS: there was no meeting in July]
- vi. Old Business / Updates***
 - ***Updates for the IAB following immigration discussions during our June meeting***

After reviewing country conditions and consulting with the appropriate U.S. government agencies, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem determined that Haiti no longer meets the conditions for its designation for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) which were slated to terminate on Sept. 2, 2025. However, on July 15, 2025, a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York issued a final judgement in *Haitian Evangelical Clergy Ass'n v. Trump*, that makes the effective date of any termination no earlier than Feb. 3, 2026. The judge did so even though the Department of Homeland Security recently prevailed in the U.S. Supreme Court, 8-1, in a similar case. The Department of Homeland Security disagrees with this ruling and is working to determine the next steps.

On the other hand, a letter signed by nine senators, including Massachusetts' Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders of Vermont, is addressed to both Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem giving them till August 15 to answer lawmakers' questions on how the administration can include Haiti on a list of banned countries under a travel ban, yet deem the Caribbean nation safe enough to end Temporary Protected Status for its nationals living in the United States.

- Supernatural Conference hosted by Tabernacle of Glory from July 17th to 20th, 2025 (Pastor Emmanuel Jimmy Loiseau)

vii. New Business / Current Events

- Presentation of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Training Course: "Health Emergency Life Protection (HELP)" by Interfaith Board Member Lieutenant Trinchet.
- IRS says Religious Institutions can now endorse political candidates
 - Thoughts of the IAB about such a decision
 - Does the Board have any recommendations regarding the matter
- Miami Archbishop rode his bike with the Catholic Bikers to 'Alligator Alcatraz' to pray for detainees but access inside the center was not granted; However, after weeks of negotiations, the Catholic Church is now cleared to hold mass at the controversial detention center.
 - Thoughts of the IAB on such an initiative
 - Does the Board have any recommendations regarding the initiative
- Interfaith dialogue series at Florida retirement home.
 - Brief description of the initiative for IAB Members information
 - Thoughts of the IAB on this initiative

viii. Ongoing Business / Follow up

- Proposition of statement from the Interfaith Advisory Board concerning the demolition of the Brickell First Presbyterian Church [introduced by Father O'Neil] (*Board Decision Needed*)
- Pastor Loiseau : presentation of protocol document regarding eventual ICE raid in churches

ix. Special Business / Hot Topics

- Higher number of mass shootings in the US in July 2025 compared to July 2024:
During the month of July 2025 there were 59 mass shootings in the US in only 18 days which made 309 victims, among them 53 dead.
 - Thank God, the State of Florida was not among the States where these increasing mass shootings took place; What role could the Interfaith Advisory Board and the faith-based Community play to help keep our State and Miami-Dade County from being added in these statistics in the future?

x. Announcements

- Member updates : Welcome back to Dr. Juan Barek
- New Instagram, Facebook and X (former twitter) accounts for the Interfaith Advisory Board
- Our Chair has been chosen to lead the newly formed Execution Management Team at the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO)

xi. Adjournment