



Thursday September 11, 2025

Time : 2pm – 4pm

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

18th floor – room 18-03

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

(September 2025)

- i. Invocation***
- ii. Reasonable opportunity for the public to be heard – (2 minutes per person)***
- iii. Approval of the September 2025 Meeting Agenda – (Vote Needed)***
- iv. Approval of the August 2025 meeting's minutes – (Vote Needed)***
- v. Old Business / Updates***
 - MOSAIC dialogue
Board Members: Rabbi Robin Fisher & Father Patrick O'Neil, and I participated to the MOSAIC Clergy Dialogue at the FIU Faculty Club on August 20, 2025
Invitation to Father O'Neil to kindly share his experience at the Dialogue with the Board
 - Phone-recorded Prayer for mayor Cava sent to her office by Program Director Alex Jospitre
At the end of our August meeting, Pastor Alessi sent, on behalf of the Interfaith Advisory Board, a kind prayer to Mayor Levine Kava in which he asked our Lord to give her "the wisdom of Solomon to help her manage the budget of this County that is affecting so many people, her employees, but both members and neighbors in this community..."
- vi. New Business / Current Events***
 - 'Rent is too damn high.' Interfaith group demands action from Miami-Dade leaders
One of Miami-Dade most politically engaged Interfaith groups held their annual assembly to press elected leaders to make housing more affordable and reduce evictions in the County
 - Miami-Dade slashed eviction aid program. Faith Leaders push to restore funding.
In the basement of Miami's oldest mosque, faith leaders — Muslims, Jewish and Christians — along with attorneys and healthcare workers listened as resident Yovanny Martinez discussed the harsh reality of facing an eviction

- 'Shut it down.' Every Sunday, they come to pray outside Alligator Alcatraz.
over 200 people — most of them reverends, rabbis, pastors and people of assorted faiths — chanted in unison, “Shut it down” and “This is a preserve, not a prison”
- Alligator Alcatraz’s different status from August to September 2025 (FYI)
From August to September, Alligator Alcatraz went:
 - From a 2-week restraining order, issued by Judge Kathleen Williams for violation of the National Environment Policy Act, to temporarily stop further expansion construction while detainees are still in the facility
 - To a preliminary injunction by the same Judge blocking DHS and ICE from continuing increasing operations. Under the order, ICE can’t move any new detainees into the facility, and in 60 days the government must remove all temporary fencing, generators, lighting, and other infrastructure installed “once the population attrition allows for safe implementation.”
 - To now, remaining open after a federal Appeals Court paused the judge’s order to wind down operations while the appeal plays out

vii. Ongoing Business / Follow up

- Proposition of statement from the Interfaith Advisory Board concerning the partial demolition of the Brickell First Presbyterian Church [introduced by Father O’Neil] (*Board Decision Needed*)
Invitation to Father O’Neil to share his present thoughts on this old item
- Pastor Loiseau : presentation of protocol document regarding eventual ICE raid in churches
Invitation to Pastor Loiseau to share any update on the document

viii. Special Business / Hot Topics

- CBOs affected by budget cut (\$16 million) [introduced by Father Gonzalez]
Because of a projected \$400 million shortfall, Miami-Dade proposed FY2025-2026 budget included deep cuts to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) eliminating over \$16 million in grants for safety-net services provided by nonprofits.
Invitation to Father Gonzalez to share his thoughts on this topic with the Board

ix. Announcements / Reminders

- Member updates : Welcome back to Dr. Juan Barek
- New Instagram 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)
- Miami-Dade Domestic Violence Oversight Board film screening (October 8 & 9) in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

x. Adjournment