



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
LGBTQIA+ ADVISORY BOARD GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 N.W. 1st Street 18th Floor Room 18-4 Miami, Florida 33128**

Mission

The Miami-Dade County LGBTQIA+ Advisory Board is comprised of individuals who are working directly to improve the lives of the LGBTQIA+ community.

The purpose of the Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners with respect to laws and policies that support Miami-Dade County's LGBTQIA+ residents, visitors, and businesses, to ensure a strong voice for the LGBTQIA+ community in local government and public policy and to encourage and support the development of the LGBTQIA+ community.

This diverse group of leaders plays a critical role in prioritizing the LGBTQIA+ community in all legislative and budget efforts. The board partners with local government entities and promotes and advances LGBTQIA+ initiatives. To accomplish its objectives, the Board builds working relationships with county leaders and their representatives.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order at 3:09PM
- II. Roll Call

Members present: Bobby Joe Bracy D3, Ariel Trueba D6, Kevin Correa D7, Jennifer Stephenson D8, Darrell Burks D9, Orlando J. Lopez D12, Grace C. Lopez Mayoral Appointee #1 & Dr. Travis Stokes Mayoral Appointee #2.

Members absent: Patricia Hernandez D1, Cindy Brown D4, Harold Marrero D11, Christos Costantinides D13.

Open Seats: D2, D5, & D10

Guest(s): Dan Rios, GMCVB

Staff(s): Vanessa Azzam

- III. Reasonable Opportunity to Be Heard
No member of the public present wanting to be heard.

- IV. Approval of Agenda **(Actionable Item)**
Motion to approve agenda moved by Dr. Travis Stokes.
The motion was seconded by Jennifer Stephenson.
Motioned is approved unanimously.
- v. Approval of Minutes **(Actionable Item)**
June 2024, Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve minutes moved by Dr. Travis Stokes.
The motion was seconded by Grace C. Lopez.
Motioned is approved unanimously.
- VI. Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau Update –
Dan Rios, Director, LGBTQ+ Marketing
GMVCB is closing out the fiscal year. Recently the area of focus is responding to the State of Florida's narrative. They have been strategizing on how not to engage Tallahassee while seizing the moment of those visiting the GMVCB website because of Visit Florida dropping the LGBTQ Tab from their website. GMCVB continues to revamp their schedules.
A motion was drafted and moved by Garce C. Lopez calling for the board to partner with the GMCVB for a PRIDE Month concert on Miami Beach. Motion was seconded by Orlando Lopez. Motioned is approved unanimously.
- VII. Committee Discussion
 - a. Governmental & Legislative Affairs (GALA)
During committee discussion Bobby Joe Bracy brought up HIV Normalization that had been removed from the previously sent agenda. Item was removed because proposing member was unable to attend. However, the board motioned to take up the HIV Normalization and defer it to the GALA Committee for discussion and for board discussion at the October 2024 meeting. Motion was moved by Orlando Lopez. Seconded by Orlando Lopez.
 - b. Communications Committee (CC) *Committee did not meet*
 - c. Quality of Life (QOL) *Committee did not meet*
- VIII. New Business

Hate Crime Town Hall with the U.S. Attorney Office and the State Attorney's Office
(Actionable Item)
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
6:00PM to 7:45PM
Motion to approve the participation of the LGBTQIA+ Advisory Board for the Hate Crime Town Hall with the U.S. Attorney Office and the State Attorney's Office scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at the Coral Gables Library.

IX. Chairman's Report

Chairman announced the passing of his mother, Ana Ofelia Sardiña, on June 24, 2024. Also shared that he attended the National Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) Convention held in Palm Springs, California. Looking forward to the Town Hall.

x. Director's Report

MIA reached out for a LGBTQ History Month exhibit. But at the end of the day, they decided against it thereby allowing for the proposed "**PRIDE THROUGH TIME**" exhibit to be displayed at the Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC) for the month of October. Board thought it was best to host the LGBTQ History Month unveiling the same day as the October General Board Meeting. Unanimous consent from the members present, yet no vote was held.

Director also attended the NGLCC Convention held in Palm Springs, California. The September 4th meeting quorum was not obtained; however, it was important for the Director to reschedule the meeting for another time.

XI. Announcements

- a. October Board Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 9, 2024
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 N.W. 1st Street
Miami, Florida 33128
18th Floor Room 18-4 at 3PM

XII. Adjournment at 4:02PM