



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
LGBTQIA+ ADVISORY BOARD GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Milander Center for Arts and Entertainment
*4800 Palm Avenue, Hialeah, Florida 33012***

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 3:10 PM

II. Roll Call

Members' Present

Bobby Joe Bracy, Cindy Brown, Kevin Correa, Jennifer Stephenson,
Rev. Dr. Harold Marrero, Grace C. Lopez, Dr. Travis L. Stokes.

Members' Absent

Patricia Hernandez, Ariel Trueba.

Open Seats

D2, D5, D9, D10, D12, D13. 7 out of 9 members present QUORUM ACHIEVED

Guest(s)

Paul Thomas, Lt. Erik Martin, Kimberly Lopez, Tim Wagoner, Yama Paillere,
Iraida Mendez-Cartaya

III. Reasonable Opportunity to Be Heard
Opened & Closed 3:24PM No member from the public present to speak.

IV. Approval of Agenda (**Actionable Item**)
Motion to Approve Agenda **Marrero/Stokes**
Unanimously Approved

V. Approval of Minutes (**Actionable Item**)
a. April 9, 2025
Motion to Approve Agenda **Brown/Stokes**
Unanimously Approved

VI. Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau Update
Dan Rios, Director, LGBTQ+ Marketing
Getting ready for June Pride Month. Working with the Miami Marlins in bringing the annual "Pride At The Park" on Friday, May 30, 2025, as they take on the SF Giants at 7:10PM in loanDepot park. Even though traveler numbers from Canada & Mexico are down with Europeans having entry concerns Miami numbers reflect better than expected.

Rainbow Springs numbers as of early May 2025
12K+ Airfares plus
26,700 hotel nights
8.4 million in revenue.

VII. New Business
a. District 2 Resolution Request Deferred to July Meeting
b. Working Group Update
Marrero & Stokes gave a brief update as to the work the committee is doing on behalf of the Board.

VIII. Old Business
Director Paez provided an update on all 5 topics (A-E)
a. June Pride Month Update
Provided names of participants and vendors.
b. Municipal Proclamations
Miami Beach & Miami Gardens will present proclamations at Kickoff. North Miami, City of Miami, North Bay Village will be presented that a June meeting of the respective municipality.

- c. Ad Hoc Committee Update
Previously discussed.
- d. Future Board Retreat
The board decided that they would prefer to hold the retreat once the district appoints members.
- e. Board Vacancies
Vacancies currently D2, D9, D10, D12 & D13.

IX. Chairman's Report

Chairman Trueba was absent.

Meeting lead by Vice Chairman Bobby Joe Bracy.

X. Director's Report

Working on Pride Kickoff

Attended the Greater Miami Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Gala honoring Steve Adkins on his retirement after 25 years. Working on June 3rd Kickoff.

XI. Announcements

A. Pride Flag Raising

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 8:30AM
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street
By the Flagpole
Miami, Florida 33128

B. June Pride Month Kick-Off

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 12 noon
Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)
111 NW 1st First Street
SPCC Lobby
Miami, Florida 33128

C. June Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 3PM
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st First Street
Room 1011
Miami, Florida 33128

XII. Adjournment at 4:16PM.