



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
LGBTQIA+ ADVISORY BOARD GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Miami-Dade County Public Library-South Miami Branch
6000 Sunset Drive South Miami, FL 33143
Minutes approved at 01/14/2026 meeting**

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 3:14PM

After calling the meeting to order Chairman Trueba asked for a moment of silence for the two fallen local police officers:

**Miami Beach SGT. David Cajuso
Miami-Dade Sheriff Deputy Devin Jaramillo**

II. Roll Call

Member(s) Present:

D2 Tim Wagoner, D3 Bobby Joe Bracy, D4 Cindy Brown, D6 Ariel Trueba, , D11 Rev. Dr. Harold Marrero, D13 Erik Martin, M.A #1 Grace C. Lopez, M.A #2 Dr. Travis L. Stokes

Member(s) Absent:

D1 Patricia Hernandez. D5 Paul Thomas, D7 Kevin Correa, D8 Jennifer Stephenson.

Guest: Daymee "Didi" Sanchez.

III. Reasonable Opportunity to Be Heard

Guest Daymee "Didi" Sanchez introduced herself and the work that she has been doing in this community. Didi shared he friendship and growth with Chairman Trueba. Not only at the High School level but also at the collegiate level in Florida State. After much back & forth UHP is once again working on a survey that will go out to the entire community through different venues. She made herself available to the board.

IV. Approval of Agenda (**Actionable Item**)

Cindy Brown motioned to approve the agenda. Harold Marrero seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes (**Actionable Item**)

The three items (a, b, & c) were moved & seconded by their respective members and were approved unanimously.

- a. May 2025 (meeting)
Cindy Brown/Dr. Travis Stokes
- b. July 2025 (meeting)
Harold Marrero/ Dr. Travis Stokes
- c. Oct 2025 (work group)
Cindy Brown/ Dr. Travis Stokes

Besides Director Paez sharing with the Board different sister board resource guides the meeting location question brought up. (General board meeting scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month between 3PM & 5:30PM). After much discussion it was agreed without a a motion to return the meeting to the Stephen P. Clark Center. The different meeting sites for 2025 were **Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC), South Dade Government Center, Westchester, Hialeah, Aventura and South Miami.**

VI. GMCVB Update

a. Dan Rios, Director LGBTQ Tourism Marketing

October kicked off their fiscal year. Annual Meeting was held last week. Link to video will be submitted to Gabriel for distribution. Attended numerous. GMCVB is working on submitting a bid to host the 2027 IGLTA Convention. That would mean over 1500 room nights not including extensions.

Canada tourism is holding strong with the local cruise industry. Mexico is benefiting from the Snowbird travelers.

VII. Old Business

a. Ad Hoc Working Group In-Person Meeting Date

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 2:00 in Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC).

VIII. Future Agenda Item(s)

a. No action item or request was brought forth by membership.

IX. Chairman's Report

Happy to share that he will be transitioning to Chairman Emeritus, LGBTQ+ Advisory Board at Miami-Dade County!

It has been the highest honor of my life to serve as Chairman for the past two years. I want to first thank former County Commissioner and the United States Ambassador to Panama Kevin Marino Cabrera for appointing me to represent District 6. I also want to thank our Executive Director Gabriel J. Páez, CIT for always advocating for me to be a better leader to serve Miami-Dade County.

From advocating for our community in Tallahassee to networking in Palm Springs at the **National LGBTQ+ & Allied Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)**, I have always recognized that the only way we can make a difference in our county is by showing up, listening, and leading the way toward a stronger community.

As I close my final report as Chairman — a role I've been humbled to hold as the youngest Chairperson of a county board in the State of Florida — I'm reminded that leadership is serving others. I thank God for this opportunity to serve, for the strength through the challenges, and for every person who stood beside me through it all.

This chapter may be ending, but my commitment to this Board and to our community continues with even greater purpose. Together, we will keep building a stronger, more united Miami-Dade County.

X. Director's Report

a. Attended the Miami Beach LGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee meeting. Invite to a Kumbaya of all three Board & Committees in Miami Beach Visitors Center.

Director Paez requested Board participation during Miami Beach Pride & Parade. If possible, Director Paez would like to highlight community members during MB Pride 2026.

XI. New Business

a. Election

a. Chair

Two nominations were received for the position. Both nominations were for Bobby Joe Bracy. Floor was open for last-minute nominations. Rev. Dr. Harold Marrero was self-nominated for the position. Bobby Joe Bracy was elected unanimously, for the 2025-2026 term, as Chair.

b. Election

a. Vice Chair

Two nominations were received for the position. Both nominations were for Dr. Travis L. Stokes. Floor was open for last-minute nominations. Having none. Dr. Travis L. Stokes is elected, unopposed, as Vice-Chair for the 2025-2026 term.

c. 2026 Proposed Calendar

a. The calendar draft was presented to the board. Several meeting dates have changed (April 15, July 15 & November 18). Motion by Vice-Chairman Bobby Joe Bracy to approve the new 2026 Calendar. Second, by Dr. Travis L. Stokes. Motion passed unanimously. Board also discussed the meeting location. The 2026 Meeting location will be **Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)**.

XII. Announcements

a. Next Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Meeting was asked to be held in the
Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)

111 N.W. 1st Street Room 18-4

Miami, Florida 33128

XIII. Adjournment at 4:43PM