



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
LGBTQIA+ ADVISORY BOARD GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)
111 NW 1st Street 10th Floor Room 1011 Miami, FL 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 3:03PM
- II. Roll Call

The **Board** currently has **10 appointed members**, with a quorum requirement of **6**.

Members Present:

- Tim Wagner – District 2
- Bobby Joe Bracy – District 3
- Cindy Brown – District 4
- Paul Thomas – District 5
- Kevin Correa – District 7 (3:11)
- Erik Martin District 13

Members Absent:

- Jennifer Stephenson – District 8
- Harold Marrero – District 11
- Gracie Lopez – Mayoral Appointee #1
- Dr. Stokes – Mayoral Appointee #2

With **6 members present**, a quorum was established at 3:11PM.

Staff Present:

CJ Wahl, County Attorney's Office, Gabriel J. Paez, Director, Edryse Meus and Cedric Brazile, Office of Community Advocacy

- III. Reasonable Opportunity to Be Heard
Floor opened and closed 355 after the Injunction Protection Project Presentation
- IV. Approval of Agenda (**Actionable Item**)
Cindy Brown motioned to approve.
Paul Thomas seconded the motion.
Motion passed Unanimously.
- V. Approval of Minutes (**Actionable Item**)
a. FEB 2026
Paul Thomas motioned to approve.
Tim Wagoner seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. GMCVB Update
a. Dan Rios, Director LGBTQ Tourism Marketing
Mr. Rios was unable to attend
- VII. Presentations
a. The Injunction for Protection Project
Presenters
David A. Rozen
Brandi Hawkins
Kelsy Cruz

The Coordinated Victims Assistance Center of Miami-Dade County is a group of 7 lawyers, that represents victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and child abuse. The legal definition of domestic violence, as stated by [Florida Statute 741.30](#), means any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another who is or was residing in the same single dwelling unit. Victims of domestic violence can get help by accessing services from Miami-Dade County's residential or non-residential programs.

- Types of assistance Representation: Assistance varies from Injunction relief, File Petitions & Motions, collection of evidence, final hearing, motion to dismiss. Advice and Counsel information & referral. Safe shelters, transportation, emergency financial

assistance; emergency food & clothing, advice on testimony and presentation of evidence, refer clients to other organizations.

After many discussions and questions and answers the presentation was over 50 minutes. This was an informational presentation.

VIII. Old Business

a. ADAP Update

The Florida Senate approved a measure to restore funding and eligibility for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) after recent cuts threatened access to HIV medications for thousands of Floridians.

- ✓ About \$31 million in emergency funding was added to stabilize the program.
- ✓ Eligibility was restored to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level, reversing the earlier reduction to 130%.
- ✓ The fix is intended as a temporary solution through June 30, 2026.

b. Resource guide deferred to April Monthly Meeting

c. Discussion regarding previous immigration presentation

Director Paez to send the contact information to board members

IX. New Business

a. 2026 State of Florida Legislative Recap Deferred until April Monthly Meeting

b. 2026 June Pride Kickoff & Exhibit

Director Paez was transparent and notified the Board that he had spoken with the Chief of Staff for Chairman Rodriguez notifying them that the exhibit planned for display during the month of June, Pride Month, would be the Miami Beach Crosswalk bricks. Director Paez asked the board to ready to discuss exhibit designs in hopes that the board could choose during their APRIL 2026 Monthly Meeting.

X. Future Agenda Item(s)

No "Future Agenda Item" was brought before the board.

XI. Chairman's Report

I am very proud to serve as chair given that two resolutions have been signed in the past two months. Chairman Bracy continues to work with Director Paez on administrative board tasks.

XII. Director's Report

Director Paez mainly focused on SB1134 working with the Miami-Dade LGBTQ+ & Allied Chamber of Commerce. Attended Miami Beach LGBTQ Committee Meeting (Second Tuesday of the month), working with Corrections for a MetroWest Correctional Facility Visit in April or May. Director continues to attend the MDCR Transgender Committee meetings on a weekly basis.

XIII. Announcements

- a. Director Paez was asked regarding the Metrowest visit and stated that he was waiting for dates from MDCR. Most likely May would be a more convenient time to visit. After action item : MDCR submitted a date of Wednesday, May 6, 2026.
- b. Director Paez shared Rene Reyes of Outshine LGBTQ Film Festival closing night community block party scheduled for May 3 in Fort Lauderdale,
- c. Next Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 08, 2026, 3:00PM - 5:30PM
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XIV. Adjournment at 4:37PM