



Miami-Dade County
Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)
Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)
111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128
18th Floor, Conference Room 18-4

Date:	Tuesday, October 22, 2024	
Time:	10:30 AM – 1 PM	
Call to Order Time:	10:53 AM	
Meeting Adjourned:	12:20 PM	
<u>Opening and Attendance:</u> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed.		
District 1 Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III	Damian Gregory Chairman	P
District 2 Commissioner Marliene Bastien	Jackson David	P
District 3 Commissioner Keon Hardemon	Marilyn Orozco	P
District 4 Commissioner Micky Steinberg	Vacant	
District 5 Commissioner Eileen Higgins	Eddie Sierra Vice Chairman	P
District 6 Commissioner Kevin M. Cabrera	Vacant	
District 7 Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado	Rabbi Yossi Harlig	A
District 8 Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins	Nicole Attong	A
District 9 Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee	Ulrica Garcia	P
District 10 Commissioner Anthony Rodriguez	Natalia Wong	P
District 11 Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez	Katherine Magnoli	A
District 12 Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez	Maria Mercedes Villar	P
District 13 Commissioner René Garcia	Theo Karantsalis	P

Miami-Dade County Staff Present	Heidi A. Johnson, ISD, ADA Coordinator Michael Moran, ISD, ADA Senior Officer Joyce Galbut, CAHSD, Center Manager for DSAIL Ali Riaz, MDPD, 911 Coordinator	
Member(s) of the Public:	Anthony Gonzalez, head rep. of Sunrise Group	
1. Call to Order and Roll Call Attendance was called; CODI had quorum with 8 members present.		
2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda: CODI Monthly Meeting Minutes for May, June, July and September 2024 - Chairman Damian Gregory asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the above-stated four months. Theo Karantsalis made the motion and Marilyn Orozco seconded the motion. Motion passed. - Chairman Gregory asked for a motion to approve today's agenda. Marilyn Orozco made the motion and Natalia Wong seconded the motion. Motion passed.		
3. Public Comments (Two minutes per person) Chairman Gregory opened the floor for public comments. Joyce Galbut (CAHSD/DSAIL) complimented Heidi Johnson's training presentation for police detectives who work with vulnerable populations, including people with disabilities. The event was titled "Elder And Vulnerable Adult Crimes Training." Ms. Johnson co-presented with Debbie Dietz, co-founder of Disability Independence Group. The Office of the State Attorney sponsored the training which was held on September 19, 2024.		
4. New Business - District Updates from CODI Members (Damian Gregory, Chairman) - Mr. Karantsalis chats frequently with Commissioner Renee Garcia. Someone from Commissioner Garcia's office will attend the November CODI meeting. - Jackson David has communicated with District 2 staff. There is talk of planning an annual ADA celebration with activities for the community. - Eddie Sierra met with Commissioner Higgins in August and discussed multiple ADA-related issues. They scheduled a meeting with Cassandra about communications which was very productive. - Marilyn Orozco has communicated with Commissioner Keon Hardemon's staff and has invited them to CODI meetings. They will try to send a representative in future. - Chairman Gregory asked CODI members to send CODI meeting dates to their commissioners for the whole year. We want them here for important issues. Their		

presence may raise awareness for important issues. Chairman Gregory said that Commissioner Oliver Gilbert's staff were initially receptive to him at first, but he lost touch with them. CODI members represent thousands of disabled people in the community. We need to be their voice.

- g. Ulrica Garcia said she had not yet met with Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee's staff.
- h. Natalia Wong said that she has a good relationship with Commissioner Anthony Rodriguez and he responds well when CODI has a request.
- i. Chairman Gregory encouraged CODI members to bring laptops to the next meeting to go step-by-step through BCC's online agendas. Commissioner community events are publicized, so CODI members need to attend and create a better relationship with their commissioners.
- j. The next CODI meeting will begin with the election of new CODI officers. CODI bylaws are online. CODI positions will be vacated at end of December. Open nominations on the floor are the best option.
- k. Ms. Johnson asked for help from Natalia Wong to find out who is the ADA Coordinator for Sweetwater. She encouraged CODI members to introduce themselves to the ADA Coordinators for the cities, towns and villages in their districts.

5. Old Business:

- a. **Text to 911 (Ali Riaz, 911 Communications Manager: MDPD Communications Bureau):** Update
 - Ali Riaz is the leader of 911 center. Hialeah needs to update their text 911 system, which was completed this summer. However, a work strike for AT&T slowed down everything. Miami-Dade 911 did their testing. Two hundred operators are being trained. Rollout for all County will be done by winter break. Testing compatibility is difficult when conversations cross county lines like Dade and Broward, etc. Getting locations of emergency text messages is being worked out. They want to rollout when everything is perfect. MDPD will work with the Mayor's Office to publicize the text to 911 implementation.
- b. **County Ordinance: Gas Stations Assisting Disabled Customers (Damian Gregory, Chairman):**
 - Ms. Johnson said there is currently no enforcement mechanism for this ordinance. However, the mayor has the power to propose enforcement. Chairman Gregory said that he will provide draft language for a letter to send to the Mayor and Commissioners.
 - Chairman Gregory encouraged CODI members to reach out to their commissioners about this issue.

- Jackson David said that people with disabilities are not that special. They need help but not all the time. They need to work out a solution with gas stations.

5. Next Scheduled Meeting and Adjournment:

- Chairman Gregory asked for a motion to adjourn. Marilyn made the motion and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, November 19, 2024: 10:30am - 1pm, SPCC 18-4. It's scheduled for the third, rather than the fourth, Tuesday so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving week.