

City of Coral Gables

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 25, 2025

11:30 AM

Investiture Ceremony

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

City Commission

*Mayor Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner Melissa Castro
Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner Richard D. Lara*

*Alberto N. Parjus, City Manager
Cristina M. Suárez, City Attorney
Billy Y. Urquia, City Clerk*

The City of Coral Gables will be holding its Investiture Ceremony on Friday, April 25, 2025, commencing at 11:30 a.m. Members of the public may participate in person, but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://zoom.us/j/3054466800>). The Meeting will also be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City's website (www.coralgables.com/cgtv) as well as Channel 77 on Comcast.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:43 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Commissioner Lago

INVOCATION

Father, Richard J. Vigoa of St. Augustine Church of Catholics Students gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mirentxu and Catalin Lago led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ms. Rebecca Henriques Haak performed the National Anthem.

A. RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-84****A.-1. [25-8893](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the result of the City of Coral Gables General Biennial Election, which was held on April 8, 2025, wherein voters re-elected Vince Lago to hold office as Mayor, Group I, for a term of two years; said term to begin at noon on the third Friday after the election, until noon on the third Friday after the General Biennial Election scheduled for April 13, 2027.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - Group 1 Mayor](#)

[R-2025-Accepting the City Clerk's Declaration of Results - Group 1 - Mayor - Vince](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, ACCEPTING THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION AND DECLARATION OF THE RESULT OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION, WHICH WAS HELD ON APRIL 8, 2025, WHEREIN VOTERS RE-ELECTED VINCE LAGO TO HOLD OFFICE AS MAYOR GROUP I, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS; SAID TERM TO BEGIN AT NOON ON THE THIRD DAY AFTER THE ELECTION, UNTIL NOON ON THE THIRD DAY AFTER THE GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13, 2027.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-84. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez and Commissioner Lago

City Clerk Item No. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-85**A.-2. [25-8894](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the Result of the City of Coral Gables Election, which was held on April 8, 2025, wherein voters re-elected Rhonda Anderson to hold office as City Commissioner, Group II, for a term of four years; said term to begin at noon on the third Friday after the election, until noon on the third Friday after the General Biennial Election scheduled for April 10, 2029.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - City Commissioner - Group II](#)
[R-2025-Accepting the City Clerk's Declaration of Results - Commissioner Group II](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, ACCEPTING THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION AND DECLARATION OF THE RESULT OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION, WHICH WAS HELD ON APRIL 8, 2025, WHEREIN VOTERS RE-ELECTED RHONDA ANDERSON, TO HOLD OFFICE AS CITY COMMISSIONER GROUP II, FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS; SAID TERM TO BEGIN AT NOON ON THE THIRD DAY AFTER THE ELECTION, UNTIL NOON ON THE THIRD DAY AFTER THE GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10, 2029.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-85. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Castro, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson and Commissioner Lago

City Clerk Item No. 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-86**A.-3. [25-8895](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission officially accepting the City Clerk's Certification and Declaration of the result of the City of Coral Gables election held on April 8, 2025, and the Run-off election held on April 22, 2025, wherein voters elected Richard Lara, to hold office as City Commissioner, Group III, for a term of four years; said term to begin at noon on the third day after the election, until noon on the third Friday following the General Biennial Election scheduled for April 10, 2029.

Attachments: [Cover Memo - City Commissioner - Group III](#)
[R-2025 -Accepting the City Clerk's Declaration of Results - Commissioner Group I](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, ACCEPTING THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION AND DECLARATION OF THE RESULT OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION, WHICH WAS HELD ON APRIL 8, 2025, AND THE RUN-OFF ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 22, 2025, WHEREIN VOTERS ELECTED RICHARD D. LARA TO HOLD OFFICE AS CITY COMMISSIONER GROUP III, FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS; SAID TERM TO BEGIN AT NOON ON THE THIRD DAY AFTER THE ELECTION, UNTIL NOON ON THE THIRD DAY AFTER THE GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10, 2029.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, that this matter be adopted by Resolution Number 2025-86. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas : 5 - Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Menendez, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Lago and Commissioner Castro

City Clerk Item No. 3

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Item No. 4

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Ms. Rebecca Henriques Haak performed God Bless America.

City Clerk Item No. 5

CLOSING PRAYER

Rabbie Avraham Stolik of Chabad of Downtown Coral Gables gave the Closing Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

[Note for the Record: There being no further business on. The Investiture adjourned at 12:52 p.m.]

Billy Y. Urquia
City Clerk