

# CORAL GABLES

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## Economic Development Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Wednesday | March 6, 2024 | 8:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom and Economic Development Department  
2506 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, FL 33134

EDB MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTING ENTITY
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James Kohnstamm, Vice Chair	P	P	P										Mayor Vince Lago
Timothy Heffernan	P	E	E										Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Derrek Space	P	P	E										Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Nguyen Castilla Cabanilla	P	PZ	E										Commissioner Melissa Castro
Scott Shuffield	P	P	P										Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Barbara Perez	P	P	P										City Manager Peter Iglesias / Amos Rojas Jr.
Thad Adams, Chair	P	P	P										Chamber of Commerce

A=Absent E=Excused Absence P=Present X=No Meeting PZ=Present by Zoom Z=Zoom -=Former Board Member

### Staff and Guests:

Belkys Perez, Director, Economic Development Department

Leticia Perez, International Business Development Coordinator, Economic Development Department

Yenisis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department

Chairman Mr. Thad Adams brought the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

**1. Review and approval of February 7, 2024, Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Kohnstamm made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Shuffield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** There was no discussion regarding the minutes.

### 2. Economic Development Activities

#### a) Fire Truck Donation

Mrs. Belkys Perez informed the Board that on February 26th, the City held a ceremony donating a fire truck to Asuncion, Paraguay. The 20-year-old truck has been out of service for at least two years. The city had tried to auction it unsuccessfully. The city of Asuncion, Paraguay reached out to the city through the Consulate of Paraguay, located in Coral Gables, to express their interest. Last Monday, possession of the truck was transferred to Asuncion leaders through a ceremony held in front of City Hall.

**b) Downtown Community Cleanup**

Mrs. Perez invited the Board to participate in the next Downtown Community Cleanup on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Participants meet at the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce at 5:00 p.m. to grab supplies before heading out to collect trash. Those who collected the most trash will receive gift certificates.

**c) Music at McBride**

Mrs. Perez informed the Board that the Music at McBride concert series continues tomorrow, March 7th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Opera singers from the University of Miami’s Frost School of Music will be performing – back by popular demand. The last event will take place on March 21, 2024.

**3. Business Tax License Report**

Mrs. Belkys Perez updated the Board on the new and soon-to-come businesses in Coral Gables.

**4. Open Discussion**

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Yenisis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department.