

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

8:00 AM

Informational Meeting - Quorum not reached

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room A

### Budget/ Audit Advisory Board

*Chairperson Board Frank Paredes*

*Board Member John Holian*

*Board Member Joseph Palmar*

*Board Member Debra Register*

*Board Member Carmen Sabater*

**Virtual Zoom Meeting Available for Pubic Participation**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84243975634>

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 AM by Diana Gomez.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was taken, and quorum was not established. The meeting continued as a workshop only. The meeting was also available on Zoom for public access.

**Present:** 2 - Chairperson Paredes and Board Member Sabater

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Palmar

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Holian and Board Member Register

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Quorum was not met, and a motion could not be made to approve the September 4th, 2024, meeting minutes. This has been deferred to the November 20th, 2024, meeting.

[24-8103](#)

Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of September 4, 2024.

**Attachments:** [MeetingMinutes 9.4.24-Legistar Generated](#)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2023-2024 Annual Report**

Quorum was not established, and this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**2025 Proposed Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting Dates**

Quorum was not established, and this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Finance Director Diana Gomez briefly went over the proposed meeting dates and mentioned that we have added an August meeting to go over the budget process before September. No meetings conflict with holidays or the City Clerk’s Office direction. Since we did not have quorum, the board could not vote on any items. Mrs. Gomez also discussed the attendance policy for board member reference. Only jury duty, travel, or illness are considered excused absences and a maximum of 3 unexcused absences are permitted per calendar year. Mrs. Carmen Sabater congratulated the Finance Department for upgrading an individual bond that the City issued to a triple a rating by Fitch rating agency.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were made.

**SCHEDULING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20th, 2024-8:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting Adjourned at 8:26 AM.

**NOTE**

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Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.

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