

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

**8:00 AM**

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

**Communications/Public Affairs Conference Room**

### **Budget/ Audit Advisory Board**

*Chairperson John Holian  
Vice Chairperson Joseph Palmar  
Board Member Richard L. Barbara  
Board Member Thomas Korge  
Board Member Debra Register*

## Virtual Zoom Meeting Available for Public Participation

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM by Mr. John Holian.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was taken, and an in-person quorum was established. The meeting was also available on Zoom for public access. Mr. Thomas Korge and Mr. Richard Barbara were absent. The absences will be unexcused.

**Present:** 3 - Board Member Register, Vice Chairperson Palmar and Chairperson Holian

**Absent:** 2 - Board Member Korge and Board Member Barbara

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. John Holian, seconded by Mrs. Debra Register, to approve the October 22, 2025, meeting minutes.

[25-1098](#)

Budget Audit Advisory Board Meeting of October 22, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Budget Audit Board Minutes - 10.22.25 Legistar Generated](#)

A motion was made that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following votes:

**Yeas:** 3 - Board Member Register, Vice Chairperson Palmar and Chairperson Holian

**Absent:** 2 - Board Member Korge and Board Member Barbara

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### •Possible Capital Reserve Fund

Because this was a discussion item of interest for Mr. Korge, this topic will be deferred to the next meeting so that he may participate in the discussion.

#### •2025 Biennial Ethics Training

This is a mandatory training course to be completed by November 28th, 2025, by all members. If a member was unable to attend the meeting, an email was provided to the board with a recording of the meeting, along with instructions on how to fulfill the mandatory requirement.

#### •Draft Meeting Dates Calendar

Once the City Clerk's Office reviews and approves all meeting dates, an email will be sent to the board confirming the 2026 Budget &

Audit Advisory Board meeting dates.

•**New Items**

During the meeting, the Board and staff briefly discussed the potential impact of the Florida House of Representatives' proposals on homestead property taxes. Mrs. Paula Rodriguez informed the Board that the city is evaluating the various proposals under consideration. While no decisions have been finalized, she noted that any reduction in taxes would inevitably lead to a decrease in general fund revenue. Once more concrete details are available, staff will be better positioned to determine the necessary steps to address the resulting budget gap.

Mrs. Rodriguez also mentioned that she anticipates having updates on the internal audit of parking cash collections for the next meeting. Additionally, she shared that a Request for Proposals (RFP) is being issued for the internal audit services. The scope of services includes an update of the Risk Assessment. Once the contract is awarded, and as part of the development of the risk assessment process, the Board will have an opportunity to provide input.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**SCHEDULING**

The next meeting scheduled for January 21st, 2025 - 8:00 AM

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 AM.

**NOTE**

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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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