

# CORAL GABLES

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## Economic Development Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Wednesday | July 8, 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	A	P	P	PZ						Mayor Vince Lago
Timothy Heffernan	P	E	E	P	P	P	P						Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Derrek Space	P	P	E	P	P	P	P						Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Nguyen Castilla Cabanilla	P	PZ	E	P	E	P	P						Commissioner Melissa Castro
Scott Shuffield	P	P	P	E	E	P	P						Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Barbara Perez	P	P	P	P	P	E	P						Amos Rojas Jr.
Thad Adams, Chair	P	P	P	P	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

Yenisis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department

Chairman Mr. Thad Adams brought the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

### 1. Review and approval of June 5, 2024, Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Space made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Ms. Castilla Cabanilla seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. There was no discussion regarding the minutes.

### 2. Economic Development Strategic Plan Review

Mrs. Belkys Perez provided the Board with an update and presentation of the Economic Development Strategic Plan which was presented by Dr. Murray on June 5th. She recapped the Competitive Assessment for the Board as well.

After some discussion and questions, the Board agreed to make a motion.

**A motion was made by Mr. Derrek Space to move forward with the Economic Development Strategic Plan with edits that include a focus on housing for a younger demographic and KPIs that capture the communication efforts of the Department with provisions for further input**

**from the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion was voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

**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 9:10 a.m.

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

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