

# CORAL GABLES

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## Economic Development Board Meeting Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday | May 5, 2021 | 8:00 a.m.  
Location: Zoom and City Hall Commission Chambers  
405 Biltmore Way, 2nd floor, Coral Gables, FL 33134

EDB MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTING ENTITY
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Julio Grabiell	Z	Z	Z	P	P								Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli
Olga Ramudo, Chair	P	E	Z	P	P								Commissioner Michael Mena
Stuart McGregor	Z	E	Z	P	P								Commissioner Patricia Keon
Bradley Barreto	P	Z	-	-	-								Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Manuel Niebla	P	Z	Z	P	P								Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.
Barbara Tria	-	Z	Z	P	Z								City Manager Peter Iglesias
Thad Adams	-	-	Z	P	P								Chamber of Commerce

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

### Staff and Guests:

Julian H. Perez, AICP, CFM, Director, Economic Development Department  
 Belkys Perez, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department  
 Zeida Sardiñas, Asset Manager, Economic Development Department  
 Francesca Valdes, Business Development Coordinator, Economic Development Department  
 Leticia Perez, International Business Development Coordinator, Economic Development Department  
 Yenis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department  
 Billy Urquia, City Clerk, City Clerk's Office

Ms. Ramudo brought the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

### 1. Review and approval of April 7, 2021, Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes.

The Board wanted the minutes to reflect the discussion the Board members had regarding the proposed sale of Lot #31, located at 350 Greco Avenue; therefor, the meeting minutes were deferred to the June 2, 2021 meeting.

### 2. Update from the City Clerk's Office

Mr. Urquia updated Board members about the board appointments. They will continue to serve until a replacement is appointed as the terms run until May 31st. If board members want to continue to serve and they are not termed out, an email should be sent to one of the new Commissioners expressing interest. Additionally, financial disclosures are due in June 2021 for 2020. Board members will also receive a financial disclosure form from the City even if they are no longer on the board next year in

June 2022 for 2021. After serving a total of eight years, board members who are termed out cannot be reappointed.

### **3. Multinational company survey**

Ms. Perez presented board members with a business survey created mainly to better understand the concerns and current conditions of the multinational companies that are based in the City of Coral Gables. It is the goal of the department to use the information to implement policies and programs to serve the companies in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. The board was asked to review the survey and provide any feedback. The department is planning on sending the survey to MNCs next week with a request to have it completed and returned by the end of June.

### **4. Business Tax License Report**

Ms. Valdes updated Board members of the new and upcoming businesses in Coral Gables.

### **5. Open Discussion**

Mr. Grabiell inquired about keeping open, unconstructed lots open and preserved as open spaces. Mr. Perez said he would invite the Parks & Recreation Director to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yenisis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department.