

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 17, 2025

8:30 AM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

Mayor's Citizens Advisory Council

*Board Member Alexander Bucelo
Board Member Rudford Hamon
Board Member Jeffrey Kurzner
Board Member Sergio Leymarie
Board Member Sean McGrover
Board Member Mary Snow
Board Member Arnold Weil*

TO JOIN VIA ZOOM:

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting started 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Board Member Bucelo, Board Member Leymarie, Board Member Snow, Board Member Kurzner, Board Member Hamon, Board Member McGrover and Board Member Weil

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved and Seconded

Mary Snow motions, seconded by Sergio Leymarie

ADDED AGENDA ITEM

Selection of new Chair

Sergio Leymarie was elected chair of the council – Nominated by Jeffrey Kurzner, seconded by Sean McGrover.

ADDED AGENDA ITEM

Selection of new Vice Chair

Mary Snow was elected as vice chair of the council – Nominated by Rudford Hamon, seconded by Sergio Leymarie.

UPDATES ON CITY INITIATIVES

Belkys Perez, Economic Director, on the Economic Board's strategic plan included current initiatives and programs related to cultural events, keeping new businesses connected and informed, efforts to beautify city borders and keeping downtown vibrant. Majority of businesses in downtown are small businesses with less than 10 employees, majority under 4 employees. City learns of new businesses by monthly report of business tax licenses that are sought and are called to provide introductory information about the City and to learn how they can support the businesses from a City service standpoint.

UPDATES FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON CURRENT PROJECTS

Members narrow priorities based on feedback.

- WalkSafe
- Satellite Launch
- Border Signage
- North Gables Beautification

Council Member Rudford presents information for Council to consider private telecommunications space satellite for consideration by the Council. The satellite would offer redundancy in the event of emergencies, educational opportunities, and collaboration with tech companies.

Member McGrover to present information on crypto currency for consideration as a priority by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ends at 9:42 a.m.

NOTE

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