

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**EXCERPT Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 8:30 a.m.**  
**2121 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 720, Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

EDB MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	COMMISSIONERS
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Scott Sime	P	P	A							P	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Olga Ramudo	P	P	E							P	P	E	Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick
Stuart McGregor	P	P	P							P	E	E	Commissioner Pat Keon
June Morris Chair	P	P	P							P	P	P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Alexander Binelo Vice Chair	P	A	P							P	A	P	Commissioner Frank Quesada

A = Absent      E = Excused Absence      P = Present      X = No Meeting      Ph = Present by Phone

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Javier Betancourt, Director, Economic Development Department  
Leonard Roberts, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department  
Francesca Madeo, Business Development Marketing Specialist, Economic Development Dept.  
Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department  
Samuel Joseph, Chairman, School & Community Relations Committee  
Naomi Levi-Garcia, Government Affairs Manager, City of Coral Gables

**Meeting Motion Summary:**

**A motion to support the West Lab Resolution which urges the City Commission to purchase a dedicated classroom at Henry S. West Laboratory School at a cost of approximately \$4.5 million, securing one classroom per grade level from kindergarten through eighth grade, for a total of approximately 180 student stations, for Coral Gables residents in perpetuity.**

Mrs. Morris brought the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**3. Coral Gables Public Schools (Update) – Government Affairs Manager, Naomi Levi and School & Community Relations Committee Chair, Samuel Joseph**

Mr. Joseph presented the Board with the objectives of the School & Community Relations Committee, and explained the current challenges and opportunities of the current educational landscape in Coral Gables. The Economic Development Board was presented with an option to support a Resolution, already passed by the School & Community Relations Committee, which urges the City Commission to purchase dedicated classroom seats at the Henry S. West

Laboratory School for Coral Gables residents in perpetuity. Following discussions of the item, Mr. Binelo made a motion to approve the proposed resolution in support of purchasing dedicated classroom seats; Mr. McGregor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**The Economic Development Board supports the West Lab Resolution which urges the City Commission to purchase a dedicated classroom at Henry S. West Laboratory School at a cost of approximately \$4.5 million, securing one classroom per grade level from kindergarten through eighth grade, for a total of approximately 180 student stations, for Coral Gables residents in perpetuity.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant - Economic Development Department