

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2021

5:00 PM

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Police & Fire HQ - Community Meeting Room A -2151 Salzedo
Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

City of Coral Gables / University of Miami

Community Relations Committee

Board Member Maite Alvarez
Board Member Robert Cambo
Board Member Landon Coles
Board Member Norma de la O
Board Member Erick Fernandez
Board Member Wendy Kallergis
Board Member David Rivero
Board Member Marty Steinberger
Board Member Andrew Teller
Board Member Kasey Tendrich
Board Member Dr. Patricia Whitely

The Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021, commencing at 5:00 p.m. While the Committee is back to live in-person meetings, members of the public may participate in person but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85407163975>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: +1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 854 0716 3975.

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:11 p.m. Quorum met and votes taken at 5:27 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Member Alvarez attended virtually with pre approval due to extraordinary circumstance. Board Members Teller and Tendrich excused. Board Member Teller attended virtually as non-voting member to provide update.

Present: 7 - Board Member Steinberger, Board Member Alvarez, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Coles and Board Member Cambo

Absent: 2 - Board Member Whitely and Board Member de la O

Excused: 2 - Board Member Tendrich and Board Member Teller

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2020

Attachments: [Cover Memo.docx](#)
[CG & UM Community Relations Committee Sept. 21 Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Rivero, seconded by Board Member Fernandez, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 7 - Board Member Steinberger, Board Member Alvarez, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Coles and Board Member Cambo

Absent: 2 - Board Member Whitely and Board Member de la O

Excused: 2 - Board Member Tendrich and Board Member Teller

City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee
Meeting of March 15, 2021.

Attachments: [Cover Memo.docx](#)
[Draft March 15 Minutes - CG & UM Community Relations Committee.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Rivero, seconded by Board Member Fernandez, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 7 - Board Member Alvarez, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Coles, Board Member Steinberger and Board Member Cambo

Absent: 2 - Board Member Whitely and Board Member de la O

Excused: 2 - Board Member Tendrich and Board Member Teller

B. AGENDA ITEMS

B-1 Approval of Annual Report

Attachments: [DRAFT 2020 -21 ANNUAL REPORT.docx](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Fernandez, seconded by Board Member Coles, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 7 - Board Member Alvarez, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Coles, Board Member Steinberger and Board Member Cambo

Absent: 2 - Board Member de la O and Board Member Whitely

Excused: 2 - Board Member Tendrich and Board Member Teller

B-2 Election of Chairperson

Board Member Rivero nominates Landon Coles, Board Member Fernandez seconds. Nomination of Landon Coles for Chairperson passes.

B-3 Election of Vice Chairperson

Board Member Rivero nominates Robert Cambo, Board Member Fernandez seconds. Nomination of Robert Campo for Vice Chairperson passes.

B-4 2022 Meeting Schedule

Meeting dates for 2022 are discussed and moved for adoption by Board Member Steinberger, seconded by Board Member Rivero.

- Monday, March 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

- Monday, September 19, 2022 at 5:00pm

B-5 Update on University Events, Maite Alvarez

Homecoming – Nov. 5 and 6.

- Festivities will begin on Nov. 5 at 5:00 p.m. with a festival on the green and culminate at 8:30 p.m. with the traditional boat burning and fireworks.
- Football Game on Nov. 6th. Discount ticket for Coral Gables residents available online.

Graduation Ceremony

- Nov 5th 1:30 p.m. for 2020 Graduates.
- Dec 17th fall commencement - 3 separate commencement for social distancing purposes. Morning, afternoon, and early evening.

UM Art Program – In full swing

- Theater Art – Opening on Oct 23 with the Frogs
- Art Museum – Open for visitors
- School of Music – Several performances coming up
- Center for Humanities and libraries

B-6 Update on the University's Planning & Construction Initiatives, Alicia Corral

- Frost Institute for Chemistry and Molecular Science – Continuing construction expected culmination and occupancy by fall 2022.
- Centennial Village Student Housing - replacing 4 existing structures with 5 new buildings including dining facility. Enabling projects are underway (utility clearing and building utility plant). 2 towers coming down, Summer of 2022, replacing it with 2 new towers, two years of work, when completed the remaining 2 towers will be demolished. This project will result in 2000 new beds on campus. The new buildings are going to be 20 ft. taller as well as have a slimmer profile.
- School of Music permit received construction expected to be completed within 2 years.

B-7 Update by the University's Police Department, Chief David Rivero

- Last year was the lowest crime year, with 47 crimes. Currently this year, 25 crimes have been reported, none of which are violent crimes.
- Hard time hiring for 2 open positions. Trying to recruit, retiring officers from Coral Gables Police but it has been unsuccessful.

B-8 Update by the University's Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia A. Whitely

No updates at this meeting.

B-9 Update by the University's Interfraternity Council President

- Tailgates coming up on Oct 23rd, Nov 6th, Nov 20th.

B-10 Update by the University's Student Government President

- Highest number of students on campus since 1985, which brings challenges to campus infrastructure to address issues, 2 new shuttles added to the routes.
- Low COVID positivity rate less than 1% of students living on campus (at time of move in).
- Upcoming legislation
 - Launch a LGBTQ+ living learning community in new housing.
 - Juneteenth a university wide holiday.
- 1st board of trustee meeting Friday, Oct. 8th

B-11 General Updates, Solanch Lopez

- Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Campus Litter Index - 1.33 score.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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