

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 27, 2023

5:00 PM

2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

City of Coral Gables / University of Miami

Community Relations Committee

Chairperson Robert Cambo

Vice Chairperson Jamie Williams-Smith

Board Member Maite Alvarez

Board Member Norma de la O

Board Member Erick Fernandez

Board Member Wendy Kallergis

Board Member David Rivero

Board Member Ethan Robbins

Board Member Marty Steinberger

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, March 27, 2023, 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://coralgables.zoom.us/j/86744652837>). 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: 786-635-1003 Meeting ID: 825 0552 4703.

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL/QUORUM CALL

Board Member Rivero motioned to excuse Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Alvarez seconded. Motion passed.

Present: 7 - Board Member Steinberger, Board Member Alvarez, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member de la O, Board Member Cambo and Board Member Williams-Smith

Absent: 3 - Board Member Whitely, Board Member Tendrich and Board Member Robbins

Excused: 1 - Board Member Kallergis

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee
Draft Meeting of September 19, 2022.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes- Sept. 19](#)
[Cover Memo](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Rivero, seconded by Board Member Fernandez that this item be approved. Motion passed with the following votes.

Yeas: 7 - Board Member Steinberger, Board Member Alvarez, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member de la O, Board Member Cambo and Board Member Williams-Smith

Absent: 3 - Board Member Whitely, Board Member Tendrich and Board Member Robbins

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B. AGENDA ITEMS

B-1 Update on University Events, Maite Alvarez

- Women's basketball team made it to the final 8 but did not move forward past that point.
- Men's Basketball made it to the final 4.
- Baseball season is still ongoing. Resident tickets are available.
- Commencement ceremonies will take place May 11-13. Some traffic is expected.
- UM will also be hosting commencement ceremonies for high schools in the first week of June.
- Summer will bring community activities and summer camps to campus.

B-2 Update on the University's Planning & Construction Initiatives, Alicia Corral

A PowerPoint presentation was provided with updates on the status of current and upcoming construction on campus.

Attachments: [2023-03 Project Updates](#)

B-3 Update on the University's Police Department, Chief David Rivero

- Finished last year with record low crime. Not counting COVID years.
- Biggest crime issue this year has been stolen scooters. The police department is now locking all scooters they see unlocked with a sign that instructs the scooter owner to call the department. They then unlock and let the student keep the lock for free. Several arrests on these cases have been made.
- No violent crimes have taken place.
- There have been a few car accidents involving student. Recently a student crashed into a tree on San Amaro.
- Recruitment of officers on campus continues.

B-4 Update by the University's Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia A. Whitely

Dr. Whitely was unable to attend the meeting. The following updates were provided:

- University will be holding a game watch event for students Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Watsco Center.
- New housing scheduled to open in July of 2024.

B-5 Update by the University's Interfraternity Council President

Interfraternity Council President was not present at the meeting. No updates were provided.

B-6 Update by the University's Student Government President

Student Government President Williams-Smith will be leaving office on April 17. Successor has been selected and will join the Committee for the Sept. meeting.

Updates provided:

- Lunar New Year celebration on campus brought out a lot of participants.
- Mentions the watch party at the Watsco Center.
- New dining options will soon be available on campus.

B-7 General Updates, Solanch Lopez

- Board Member terms will come to an end on May 31.
- Recent Keep Coral Gables Beautiful events involving UM faculty and students were highlighted. These included the UM Staff Beatification event at the Alhambra Entrance and the UM Club Sports Waterway Cleanup event. KCGB will also be participating in the upcoming UM Earth Day event on campus.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

NOTE