

**DRAFT**  
**City of Fort Lauderdale**  
**CITY ATTORNEY SEARCH COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, September 21, 2023, 3:00 P.M.**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Fire Administration**  
**528 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Romney Rogers, Chair</b>	P	5	1
<b>McKillop Erlandson, Vice Chair</b>	P	6	0
<b>Roosevelt Walters</b>	P	6	0
<b>Troy Liggett</b>	P	6	0
<b>Richard Weiss (via Zoom)</b>	P	5	1

**Staff**

Jerome Post, Director, Human Resources

Kerry Arthurs, Administrative Supervisor

Dona Higginbotham, Mercer Group Florida LLC (via Zoom)

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chair Rogers.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll was called as outlined above. It was noted a quorum was present.

**III. Discussion of Candidates**

Chair Rogers provided a brief introduction to the business of the meeting, explaining that following the interviews on September 18 of Andrew B. Dunkiel, John J. Anastasio, and Thomas J. Ansbro, the Committee had agreed to conduct reference checks on Mr. Dunkiel and Mr. Ansbro, and report back for further discussion.

Chair Rogers stated he had made phone calls regarding Mr. Dunkiel and found nothing which would preclude him from feeling comfortable forwarding the applicant to the City Commission.

Mr. Weiss shared that he had spoken with the Mayor of Coral Springs regarding Mr. Dunkiel and he had complimentary things to say.

Mr. Weiss stated he had made phone calls regarding Mr. Ansbro, including a former Dania Beach Commissioner who had positive things to say about him as a professional. He

disclosed that he also received a thank-you call from Mr. Ansbro and a follow-up call from Mr. Anastasio. He stated he had included Mr. Post on the call with Mr. Anastasio.

Ms. Higginbotham advised that Mr. Anastasio had been notified on Monday evening that he was not selected to move forward in the hiring process.

The Committee reviewed a draft of their final report and made recommendations regarding revisions. Discussion ensued briefly regarding reporting the findings of the Committee to the City Commission.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Vice Chair Erlandson, to approve the report as amended, subject to review of the final draft by Chair Rogers. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

[Minutes prepared by C. Parkinson, Prototype, Inc.]