



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**1st Draft MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HAC)
FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
RED TAILS CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 – 1:00 P.M.**

July 2023 – June 2024

Attendance

Barry Somerstein [arrived 1:22 P.M.]	P	1	0
Paula Yukna	P	1	0
Amy Schimelfenyg [arrived 1:08 P.M.]	P	1	0
Lilli De Lucca	P	1	0
Robin Martin	P	1	0

Staff

D'Wayne Spence, Interim City Attorney
Lisette Palmero, Staff Liaison, Homeless Initiatives Program Manager
Marie Joseph, Homeless Initiative Coordinator
Junia Robinson, Assistant Neighborhood Support Manager
Jorg (George) Hruschka
Camille Minott (Via Zoom)

Others

Leann Barber, Vice Chair, Fort Lauderdale AHAC
Suzanne Dean, Chair, Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype-Inc.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Palmero called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M. She introduced herself and additional staff members including Ms. Joseph, Ms. Robison, Mr. Hruschka, and Mr. Spence.

Determination of Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Election of Board Chair / Vice-Chairperson

Ms. Palmero stated they can opt to elect a Board Chair and Vice-Chairperson today or wait until they have more members present. She confirmed they will have a total of seven members.

The Committee agreed to defer the election until the next meeting.

Public Sign-In

Ms. Palmero recognized the public who signed in.

Agenda Items

a. Introduction

Each Committee member introduced themselves and provided a brief background.

b. Purpose of Committee

Ms. Palmero discussed the purpose of the Committee, Committee roles, and her role as liaison. She noted the Committee term would be 24 months.

Discussion ensued about location for the November 9, 2023, meeting.

Each Committee member disclosed what district they are from.

Suzanne Dean, Chair, Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board, asked if she could join the Committee. Ms. Palmero said she can apply on the Fort Lauderdale website. Ms. Dean discussed her work around homelessness. Ms. Palmero encouraged Ms. Dean to continue to attend meetings.

c. Sunshine Law

Ms. Palmero introduced D'Wayne Spence, Interim City Attorney.

Mr. Spence began his presentation by reviewing the following: Government in the Sunshine Law; Access to Public Meetings; Scope of the Sunshine Law; Three Basic Requirements; Advisory Boards Subject to the Sunshine Law; Recommendations are Decisions; and What is a Meeting.

Ms. Schimelfenyg asked if this Committee makes decisions. Mr. Spence said yes.

He continued the presentation by reviewing the following: Attorney General Opinions; AGO 2000-68; Government-In-The-Sunshine-Manual; and Penalties For Violations Of The Sunshine Law.

Mr. Spence advised against intermittent communication between Committee members and noted staff liaison should be the intermediary.

Ms. Schimelfenyg asked if they can address issues as a private citizen. Mr. Spence replied yes and clarified the Sunshine Law is about interaction between Committee members. He noted only one member of the Committee can speak as a private citizen as a City Commission meeting.

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Mr. Spence continued the presentation by reviewing the following: Purpose and Duties of the Homeless Advisory Committee (Resolution 23-123).

Committee members discussed their membership on additional City Boards and Sunshine Law.

Mr. Spence continued the presentation by reviewing the following: Public Records; Ethics; Commission on Ethics; Standards of Conduct; Who is Subject; Standards of Conflict; Voting Conflicts; and Penalties.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 P.M.

[Minutes prepared by TBaclawski, Prototype-Inc.]