



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-146

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: August 13, 2025

SUBJECT: City of Fort Lauderdale Building Official

Over the past year, due to the need for employees to fulfill leadership roles within the Development Services Department, John Travers has served as Acting Deputy Department Director. During his time as Acting Deputy Director, Luis Hernandez, one of the City's Assistant Building Officials, was designated the City's Building Official. Serving as the City's Building Official is not only a City's recognized function but it is also approved by the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) which verifies that the individual is properly licensed by the State of Florida to carry out the duties of the Building Official.

With Development Services Department employees now returning to their previously assigned roles after serving in an acting capacity, John Travers will resume the role of Building Official. A crucial step in the process is for BORA to certify Mr. Travers as a Building Official for the City of Fort Lauderdale. On August 12, 2025, BORA notified the City that Mr. Travers received temporary authorization to perform the duties as the City's Building Official. BORA's final determination will be rendered at its next scheduled meeting. This process, and BORA's temporary authorization ensures that the City of Fort Lauderdale is served by a duly licensed and experienced Building Official.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Cooper, Assistant City Manager, at ccooper@fortlauderdale.gov.

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