

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

DATE: January 11, 2021

SUBJECT: City Commission – At-Large Nominations for January 13, 2021 – Release # 3

Below please find the City Commission At-Large Nominations received to date for the January 13, 2021 Commission Meeting. Changes made since Release # 2 are shown in red.

BOARD AND COMMITTEES:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Actively Engaged in Banking/Mortgage Industry in Connection with Affordable Housing
(Category # 2)
One Reappointment Seat Available*

- **Alex Carrasco**
Nominated for **appointment** (Banking/Mortgage Industry in Connection with Affordable Housing Category) by Commissioner Góngora.
(Release # 1, Page 1) (Application pending)

*Resides Within the jurisdiction Category (Category # 9)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)*

- **Barbara Montero**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Resides in Jurisdiction Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 13)

*Represents Employers Within the Jurisdiction (Category # 10)
(One Vacant Seat Available)*

- **Mohammed Rafiqul Islam**
Nominated for **appointment** (Represents Employers Within Jurisdiction Category) by Commissioner Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 19)

Represents Essential Services Personnel (Category # 11)
One Reappointment Seat Available

- **Jeffrey M. Feldman**
Nominated for **appointment** (Represents Essential Services Personnel Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Góngora, Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 37) (Release # 2, Page 2)

ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

SoBe Cats Spay & Neuter Inc. Category
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Linda T. Diamond**
Nominated for **reappointment** (SoBe Cats Spay & Neuter Inc. Category) by Commissioner Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 47)

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Art History, Architectural History, etc. Category
(Two Reappointment Seats Available)

- **Aaron Resnick**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Art/Architectural History Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 55)
- **Michael McManus**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Art/Architectural History Category) by Commissioner Arriola.
(Release # 1, Page 65)

Art History, Architectural History, etc. Category
(One Vacant Seat Available)

- **Megan M. Riley**
Nominated for **appointment** (Art/Architectural History Category) by **Vice-Mayor Meiner** and Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 75) (Release # 2, Page 2) (Release # 3, Page 2)

BLACK AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At-Large Category
(Two Vacant Seats Available)

- **Glendon Hall**
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 87)
- **DJ Irie** (Ian Grocher)
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian. (Application pending)
(Release # 1, Release 3)

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (5/7 vote required)

Real Estate Development Category (Category # 4)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Andres Asion**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Real Estate Development Category) by Commissioners Góngora, Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 99)

Law Category (Category # 1)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Richard Segal**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Law Category) by **Vice-Mayor Meiner** and Commissioner Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 105) (Release # 3, Page 3)

At-Large Category
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Richard Baron**, Vice Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by **Vice-Mayor Meiner** and Commissioner Samuelian.
(Release # 2, Page 15) (Release # 3, Page 3)

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Certified Public Accountant Category
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Marc Gidney**
Nominated for **reappointment** (CPA Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 117)

CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL (3-year term)

*At-Large Category
(Four Reappointment Seats Available)*

- **Bruce Carter**
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioners Arriola, Góngora, and Richardson.
(Release # 1, Page 127)
- **Britta Hanson**
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioner Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 143)
- **Vanessa R. Menkes**
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) Commissioner Góngora.
(Release # 1, Page 153)
- **Laurence Moser**, Vice-Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioners Arriola, Góngora and Richardson.
(Release # 1, Page 163) (Release # 2, Page 4)

*At-Large Category
(Three Vacant Seats Available)*

- **Jessica Benitez**
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioner Steinberg.
(Release # 1, Page 173)
- **Brian Ehrlich**
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioner Góngora.
(Release # 1, Page 183)
- ~~**Christina S. LaBuzetta**~~
~~Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioner Góngora.~~
Withdrawn.
(Release # 1, Page 193) (Release # 3, Page 4)
- **Sarah H. Leddick**
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 205) (Release # 3, Page 4)
- **Gary Ressler**
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioners Samuelian and Steinberg.
(Release # 1, Page 215) (Release # 2, Page 4)

- **David Sexton**
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large Category) by **Vice-Mayor Meiner** and Commissioners Richardson and **Samuelian**.
(Release # 1, Page 225) (Release # 3, Page 5)
- **Rachel Unger**
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large Category) by **Vice-Mayor Meiner** and Commissioners Richardson and Steinberg.
(Release # 1, Page 233) (Release # 2, Page 5) (Release # 3, Page 5)

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

*At-Large Category (Category # 5)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)*

- **James Bodnar**, Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioners Arriola, Góngora, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 243)

*Architect - United States. (Category # 1)
(One Vacant Seat Available)*

- **Christina Miller**
Nominated for **appointment** (Architect U.S. Category) by Commissioner Steinberg.
(Release # 1, Page 253)
- **Laura Weinstein-Berman**
Nominated for **appointment** (Architect U.S. Category) by Commissioners Góngora and **Samuelian**.
(Release # 2, Page 27) (Release # 3, Page 5)

GENERAL OBLIGATION (G.O.) BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

*City Resident South Beach Area Category
(One Reappointment Seat Available)*

- **Jason Greene**, Vice-Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (City Resident South Beach Area Category) by Commissioner Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 263)

City Resident North Beach Area Category
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Laura Veitia**
Nominated for **reappointment** (City Resident North Beach Area Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Arriola, Góngora, Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 275)

HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACLF/ALF Category (Category # 3)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Frank Mena**
Nominated for **reappointment** (ACLF/ALF Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 283)

CEO/Designee from Miami Beach Community Health Center Category (Category # 2)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Mark Rabinowitz**, Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (CEO/Designee from Miami Beach Community Health Center Category) by Commissioner Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 293)

CEO/Designee from Mount Sinai Medical Center Category (Category # 1)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Steven Sonenreich**
Nominated for **reappointment** (CEO/Designee from Mount Sinai Medical Center Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Góngora, Richardson and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 305) (Release # 3, Page 6)

HEALTH FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD (4-year term)

Accountant Category
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Arthur Unger**, Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (Accountant Category) by Commissioners Richardson and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 313)

Health Provider
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Dr. Martin N. Zaiac**
Nominated for **appointment** (Health Provider Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 321) (Release # 3, Page 7)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

At-Large/Resided in One of the City's Historic Districts for at Least One Year Category
(Category # 3)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Nancy Liebman**
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large/Resided in One of the City's Historic Districts for at Least One Year Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Góngora, Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 347)

Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL) Category (Category # 1)
(One Vacant Seat Available)

- **David McKinney**
Nominated for **appointment** by the Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL Category) and Commissioner Richardson.
(Release # 1, Page 363)
- **Sandra Scidmore**
Nominated for **appointment** by the Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL Category).
(Release # 1, Page 379)
- **Laura Weinstein-Berman**
Nominated for **appointment** by the Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL Category) and Commissioner Arriola.
(Release # 1, Page 389)

Note: This Category consists of one representative from the Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL) selected from three names nominated by such organization. MDPL has provided the following nominees: 1) David McKinney; 2) Sandra Scidmore; and 3) Laura Weinstein-Berman.

Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) Category (Category # 2)
(One Vacant Seat Available)

- **Kirk Paskal**
Nominated for **reappointment** by the Dade Heritage Trust and Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian (DHT Category).
(Release # 1, Page 397)
- **Linda Chamora**
Nominated for **appointment** by the Dade Heritage Trust (DHT Category). (Application pending)
(Release # 1, Page 7)

Note: This Category consists of one representative from the Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) selected from three names nominated by such organization. (Category # 2) DHT has provided the following nominees: 1) Kirk Paskal; Current HPB member and 2) Linda Chamora.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Law Category
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Alan Fishman**, Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (Law Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioner Góngora.
(Release # 1, Page 411)

At-Large Category
(Five Reappointment Seats Available)

- **Jesse Fleet**
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioner Góngora.
(Release # 1, Page 423)
- **Jessica Londono**
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioner Góngora.
(Release # 1, Page 429)
- **Michael Sherman**
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 439)
- **Dale Stine**
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioners Góngora, Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 447)

- **Jonathan Welsh**
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Góngora, Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 457)

NEXT GENERATION COUNCIL (1-year term)

Real Estate Category
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Jefferson E. Brackin**, Vice Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (Real Estate Category) by Commissioner Arriola.
(Release # 1, Page 467)

NORMANDY SHORES LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Executive Committee of the Normandy Shores Homeowners Association Category
(Three Reappointment Seats Available)

- **Carmen Browne**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Normandy Shores Category) by the Normandy Shores Homeowners Association, Vice-Mayor Meiner, and Commissioners Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 473)
- **Susanne Demmerle**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Normandy Shores Category) by the Normandy Shores Homeowners Association, Vice-Mayor Meiner, and Commissioners Richardson and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 483)
- **Diane Klein**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Normandy Shores Category) by the Normandy Shores Homeowners Association, Vice-Mayor Meiner, and Commissioners Richardson and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 497)

Note: The Executive Committee of the Normandy Shores Homeowners Association has requested that the above three individuals be reappointed.

PERSONNEL BOARD

At-Large Category/Not Having Same Vocation as Another Member (Two Reappointment Seats Available)

- **Gail Harris** – Psychotherapist
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Mayor Gelber, Vice-Mayor Meiner, and Commissioners Góngora, Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 511)
- **Raquel Pacheco** - Translator/Vice-Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Richardson and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 523)

At-Large Category (Two Vacant Seats Available)

- **Ricardo Barboza**
Nominated for **appointment** (International Sales Manager/Consultant Occupation) by Commissioners Góngora and **Samuelian**.
(Release # 1, Page 533) (Release # 3, Page 10)
- **Jamie B. Laufer**
Nominated for **appointment** (Executive Director – Non-Profit Organization Occupation) by Commissioner Steinberg.
(Release # 1, Page 543)

PLANNING BOARD

At-Large/General Business Category (Category # 5) (One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Kareem Brantley**
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large/General Business Category) by Commissioners Arriola and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 553)
- **John E. Bowes**
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large/General Business Category) by Commissioner Richardson.
(Release # 2, Page 35)

Education/Experience in Historic Preservation Issues
(Category # 4)
(One Vacant Seat Available)

- **Tanya Bhatt**
Nominated for **appointment** (Education/Experience in Historic Preservation Issues Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 563)

At-Large/General Business
(Category # 5)
(One Vacant Seat Available)

- **Alex J. Fernandez**
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large/General Business Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 575)
- **John E. Bowes**
Nominated for **appointment** (At-Large/General Business Category) by Commissioner Richardson.
(Release # 2, Page 35)

SENIORS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mount Sinai Medical Center Administrator Category (Category # 2)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Oscar Llorente**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Mount Sinai Medical Center Administrator Category) by Commissioners Góngora, Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 585)

Note: The board of trustees for Mount Sinai Medical Center has selected Oscar Llorente for reappointment.

Four Freedoms House Resident Category (Category # 3)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Enilda Thomas**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Four Freedoms House Resident Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 597) (Release # 2, Page 11)

Stella Maris House Resident Category (Category # 5)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Gaby Baglietto**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Stella Maris House Resident Category) by Commissioner Góngora.
(Release # 1, Page 607)

Individual Selected by the Board of Directors of UNIDAD of Miami Beach Category
(Category # 10)
(One Vacant Seat Available)

- **Larissa Caijao**
Nominated for **appointment** (UNIDAD Category) by the Board of Directors of UNIDAD Miami Beach and Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 615)

Note: The board of directors of UNIDAD of Miami Beach has selected Larissa Caijao.

TRANSPORTATION, PARKING AND BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce's Transportation and Parking Committee Member
Category (Category # 1)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Linsey Lovell**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce's Transportation and Parking Committee Member Category) by the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce and Commissioner Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 625)

Note: The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce has selected Linsey Lovell.

South Beach Business Association Member Category (Category # 3)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Al Feola, Chair**
Nominated for **reappointment** (South Beach Business Association Member Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 631)

Mid-Beach Neighborhood Association Member Category (Category # 4)
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Esteban Porcelli**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Mid-Beach Neighborhood Association Member Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 641)

VISITOR AND CONVENTION AUTHORITY

Hotel Industry or At-Large Category
(One Reappointment Seat Available)

- **Christopher Rollins**
Nominated for **reappointment** (Hotel Industry Category) by Vice-Mayor Meiner and Commissioners Góngora, Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 651)

At-Large Category
(Two Reappointment Seats Available)

- **Steven Adkins**, Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioners Góngora, Richardson, and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 661)
- **Jeff Lehman**, Vice-Chair
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioners Góngora and Samuelian.
(Release # 1, Page 671)

DIRECT APPOINTMENTS REQUIRING 4/7 VOTE

Pursuant to Section 2-22(4)c of the Miami Beach City Code, direct appointees who do not reside in the City for a minimum of six month, that do not demonstrate an ownership interest in a business established in the City for a minimum of six months, but who are full-time employees of a business for a minimum of six months and are based in an office or other location of the business that is physically located in Miami Beach for a minimum of six months are eligible to serve on a Board/Committee if approved by a 4/7th vote of the Mayor and City Commission.

Request is hereby made to approve the following direct appointment(s):

- **Diane C. Connolly Graham**
Nominated for **appointment** to the Black Affairs Advisory Committee as Mayor Gelber's direct appointment.
(Release # 1, Page 683)

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