

## MEDIA

# Team behind Miami Herald's 'Tragedy in Surfside' stories wins Sidney Award

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The team behind the Miami Herald's sweeping investigation "Tragedy in Surfside," on the deadly collapse of Champlain Towers South, was chosen as the Hillman Foundation's February winner of the Sidney Award.

The national award recognizes excellence in journalism from the previous month.

"This is local news that's urgently relevant to high-rise dwellers all over the world," said Sidney judge Lindsay Beyerstein. "The collapse seemed inexplicable until the Herald revealed a 40-year pattern of poor design, shoddy construction, lax inspection and inadequate maintenance."



'House of Cards' is a 3D interactive that is part of 'Tragedy in Surfside.'

The award is named for Sidney Hillman, a union leader who founded the Amalgamated Clothing

Workers of America. The "Tragedy in Surfside" package, including an acclaimed 3D interactive

called "House of Cards," gave the Herald's audience a much deeper understanding of the fall of the

Washington, who worked as a consultant for the Herald.

Blaskey, a Miami Herald investigative reporter, said the mission to learn everything leading to the collapse began that morning as the entire Herald newsroom was deployed, dividing into teams assigned to specific areas of coverage. The first public records request was submitted at 7:29 a.m. the day of the disaster. Many more requests would follow, with each document and each interview providing a piece of a still-emerging picture.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology will assign an official cause, a process that may take years.

The Herald's coverage continues.

"Without a specific understanding of what went wrong, there would be no way to ensure that nothing like what happened at Champlain South would ever happen again," Blaskey said.

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## SCHOOLS

their kids have any negative effects of it."

DeSantis was taking aim at a proposal named "Putting Parents First" that is tucked in the House's 2022-23 budget proposal. It would have impacted the 12 districts — including Miami-Dade, Broward, Orange, Hillsborough and Palm Beach counties — that imposed strict mask mandates. Some of those districts and a group of parents wrangled with the state over the issue in court.

In the fall, the Florida Department of Education docked the pay of school board members that imposed strict mask rules the governor did not want in place.

Now, state Rep. Randy Fine of Palm Bay, who chairs the Pre-K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee, has proposed taking away \$200 million from the districts. He said the money would represent the salaries of more than 1,600 district-level officials that make over \$100,000 a year. Some of those positions would include department directors and other decision-makers in the school systems. The funds would be redistributed to the 55 other districts that followed the state's masking edict as a "reward," Fine said.

House Speaker Chris Sprowls' spokesperson, Jenna Sarkissian, said the House proposal "recognizes that these local decision-makers are the ones responsible for choosing to flout the law — not the students — and therefore it is the school administrator's salary that is tar-

geted and redirected to law-abiding districts."

When asked about the governor's comments on Friday, Fine said he agrees with the governor that there should be financial consequences for "rogue districts."

He just proposed another way of doing it," he said in an interview. "The method he is proposing could be far more than \$200 million."

### DESANTIS FOCUSED ON EDUCATION POLICIES

The Senate has not embraced the idea. On Thursday, Senate President Wilton Simpson told reporters he has not delved into the specifics of the plan "at all," though he said there should be "consequences" for anyone who does not

follow state rules and laws.

DeSantis' remarks are an example of how the Republican governor is using his influence to shape the state's education budget, which is one of the largest portions of a \$100 billion state budget lawmakers are starting to craft.

As DeSantis runs for reelection, education has become a key component of the governor's policy agenda.

DeSantis also asked lawmakers to take action against private schools that accept vouchers and require students to wear masks, a request that appears to be at odds with DeSantis' previous stance on state edicts for private schools.

DeSantis did not name specific private schools but singled out "parochial schools" that continue to have masking policies.

"I think the Legislature should say, you know

what, if a parent is utilizing their Step Up for Students, they should be protected from having their kids force masked just the same as public school parents," he said.

It is wrong to tell a parent who's made this decision for academic reasons that what are they supposed to do? Try to find another school because of the policy?"

Step Up for Students is the main organization that hands out vouchers to eligible Florida families.

### RULES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS VS. PRIVATE SCHOOLS

The push to impose state masking rules on private schools would mark a shift in how Republican lawmakers and

DeSantis have dealt with the matter.

In November, Republican lawmakers crafted and approved legislation that omitted private schools from statewide masking instructions.

At the time, state Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, said the reason was to protect families from government intrusion into their decisions.

DeSantis signed the bill into law and did not request private schools be included in the bill as it was being vetted by the Legislature. Some educators pointed out the double standard.

"Help me understand this!" former Miami-Dade School Superintendent Alberio Carvalho tweeted

Jan. 3. "Students in Florida can use publicly funded vouchers to attend private schools that impose student mask mandates, when public schools, the bedrock of democracy in America, are legislatively forbidden from doing so."

DeSantis' office did not immediately respond to a request seeking comment on the governor's stance.

It remains to be seen how the governor's request will play out in the Republican-led Legislature, where GOP lawmakers have resisted imposing state requirements on private schools over the years.

Fine said he hopes the governor's comments are enough to end mask mandates in private schools.

## CITY OF MIAMI BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

FEBRUARY 23, 2022  
SPECIAL HYBRID CITY COMMISSION MEETING

On February 23, 2022, the City of Miami Beach will host a Special Hybrid City Commission Meeting. During the Special Hybrid Commission Meeting, the City Commission will be physically present in a socially distanced manner in the Commission Chamber, Miami Beach City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive, 3rd Floor, Miami Beach, FL 33139. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting virtually (as provided below). However, members of the public who wish to attend the meeting or provide public comment in person may appear at the Commission Chamber. Members of the public are required to wear facial coverings pursuant to City of Miami Beach Resolution 2021-31823 and observe social distancing consistent with CDC guidance to limit the spread of COVID-19.

To participate or provide comment virtually during the Special Hybrid Commission Meeting, the public may join the webinar at <https://miami-beach.com/zoom> or via telephone at 1.301.715.8592 (US) or 888.475.1429 (toll-free). WebID: 81392576717. Members of the public wishing to speak virtually on the agenda during the meeting must click the "raise hand" icon in using the Zoom app or press "0" on the telephone to raise their hand.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Public Hearings will be held by the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, on February 23, 2022, at the times listed or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard:

### 4:01 a.m. Second Reading Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1, BY ADDING SECTION 6-1.1 THEREOF, ENTITLED "HOURS OF SALE/VIOLATIONS," TO PROHIBIT THE SALE AND SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 200 A.M. AND 200 A.M. EACH NIGHT AT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED SOUTH OF 16TH STREET, ON SPECIFIED DATES DURING THE SPRING BREAK HIGH IMPACT PERIOD IN MARCH OF 2022, AND PROVIDING FOR A SUNSET AND AUTOMATIC REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance is being heard pursuant to Section 2.05 of the City Charter and § 166.041 F.S. Inquiries may be directed to the Office of the City Attorney at 305.673.7470.

### 4:02 a.m. Public Hearing

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, FOLLOWING A DULY ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING, AUTHORIZING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT (THE "GROUND LEASE") BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH AND CFCMB LLC, AN ARIZONA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR THE COLLINS PARK ARTIST WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT (THE "PROJECT"); SAID GROUND LEASE MODIFYING, ON A LIMITED BASIS, THE REQUIRED MIX OF INCOME-ELIGIBLE TENANTS OF THE WORKFORCE HOUSING UNITS AT THE COLLINS PARK ARTIST WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT, PROVIDED THAT ALL OF THE WORKFORCE HOUSING UNITS FOR THE PROJECT SHALL BE RENTED SOLELY TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WITH HOUSEHOLDS EARNING 120% OR LESS OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CONSISTENT WITH ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO WORKFORCE HOUSING AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 58 OF THE CITY CODE, AUTHORIZING THE LEASE AGREEMENT (THE "FIRST FLOOR SUBLEASE") BETWEEN CFCMB LLC (SUBLESSEE) AND THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH (SUBLESSEE) FOR THE FIRST FLOOR RETAIL SPACE WITHIN THE PROJECT; AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FINAL NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS. This Resolution is being heard pursuant to Section § 165.041 F.S. Inquiries may be directed to the Economic Development Department at 305.673.7572.

INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to take part in this meeting or be represented by an agent. The public may submit written comments by sending an email to [CityClerk@MiamiBeach.gov](mailto:CityClerk@MiamiBeach.gov) by 5:00 p.m. the day before the City Commission Meeting. Please identify the Agenda Item Number in the email subject line. Emails received will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Commissioners and will be included as a part of the meeting record.

Codes of Agenda Items are available for public inspection at: <https://www.miami-beach.com/government/citycode/>. This meeting, or any item therein, may be conducted, and under such circumstances, additional legal notice need not be provided.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Fla. Stat., the City hereby advises the public that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission concerning any matter considered at the meeting or its hearing, such person must ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for the introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law.

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The City Commission Meeting will be broadcast live on Miami Beach TV (WFTV), viewable on the City's website at <https://www.miami-beach.com/citycommission/>, as well as on Atlantic Broadband Cable channel 510, AT&T Universe channel 81, Hixma Communications channel 395, and Roku device on PEG-TV channel, and on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofMiamiBeach>.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL VACANCY  
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

The City of Miami Beach is seeking applications to fill a vacancy in the Historic Preservation Board. The current vacancy is for an at-large member who has resided in one of the City's Historic Districts for at least one year and has demonstrated interest and knowledge in architectural or urban design and the preservation of historic buildings. Appointments shall be made based on civic pride, integrity, experience, and interest in the field of historic preservation.

Pursuant to Section 118-102 of the Miami Beach City Code, the Historic Preservation Board has the following powers and duties:

- (1) Recommend to the Planning Board and City Commission the designation of historic buildings, structures, improvements, landscape features, public interiors, and historic sites or districts.
- (2) Prepare and recommend for adoption specific guidelines for each designated site or district to be used to evaluate the appropriateness and compatibility of proposed alteration or development within designated historic sites or historic districts.
- (3) Issue or deny certificates of appropriateness, certificates to dig, and certificates of appropriateness for demolition in accordance with procedures specified in this Division, excluding certificates of appropriateness for demolition for City-owned buildings and other improvements as hereinafter specified on City-owned property and public rights-of-way, and property owned by the Miami Beach Redevelopment Agency, for which properties the Historic Preservation Board shall serve as an advisor to the City Commission. This authority shall include review and approval of design and location within public rights-of-way inside of locally designated historic districts of all wireless communications facilities as defined in Chapter 104, "telecommunication," Article I, "communications rights-of-way" under the standards provided therein, at Subsection 118-104(6)(i).
- (4) Recommend restoration of property to its prior condition as required by Section 118-533 when the property has been altered in violation of this Division.
- (5) To authorize, upon application, such variance from the terms of these Land Development Regulations, where authorized by Section 118-351(a), pursuant to the requirements in Chapter 118, Article VIII, of the Land Development Regulations, as will not be contrary to the public interest when, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of a provision of these Land Development Regulations would result in unnecessary and undue hardship.
- (6) Facilitate the redevelopment of historic sites and districts by directing the Planning Department, and other City departments, to provide advisory and technical assistance to property owners, applicants for certificates of appropriateness.
- (7) Make and prescribe by-laws and application procedures that are reasonably necessary and appropriate for the proper administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Division. The Board shall prescribe forms for use by applicants when requesting action under this Division. The Board may authorize any one of its members to administer oaths and to certify official documents.
- (8) Award historic markers or plaques upon the recommendation of the City Manager and with the consent of the City Commission.
- (9) Update and revise the historic properties database.
- (11) Advocate that the City Administration explore and advise the Historic Preservation Board and the Building Code as to alternatives available for stabilizing and preserving inadequately maintained and/or unsafe buildings or structures within the City's designated historic districts or on designated historic sites.
- (10) Review all new construction, alterations, modifications, and improvements to any building, structure, improvement, landscape feature, public interior, or site individually designated in accordance with sections 118-591, 118-592, and 118-593, or located within a historic district.
- (12) To review any and all amendments to this Code affecting historic preservation issues; specifically, Division 4 of Article II of Chapter 118 entitled "Historic Preservation Board," and Article X of Chapter 118 entitled "Historic Preservation," pursuant to Section 118-163.
- (13) The Historic Preservation Board shall serve as the City's Floodplain Management Board for applications concerning properties within its jurisdiction and shall have the authority to exercise all powers and perform all duties assigned to such Board pursuant to Section 54-31, et seq., Resolution No. 93-20698, and in accordance with the procedures set forth therein as such ordinance and resolution may be amended from time to time. For the purposes of determining jurisdiction, the criteria in Section 118-351(a), for a variance shall be utilized.

The Historic Preservation Board is a quasi-judicial board, whose members are appointed with the concurrence of at least four members of the City Commission. Members of the Historic Preservation Board shall abide by the applicable provisions of F.S. § 112.311 et seq., Miami-Dade County Code Section 2-11.1 and Section 2-446 et seq. of the Miami Beach City Code and shall be subject to removal from office for the violation of the terms thereof.

Interested persons with applicable backgrounds may submit their application, resume, proof of residency in one of the City's Historic Districts for at least one year, photograph, and professional license(s) at <https://apps.miamibeachfl.gov/BacApp/Account/Login>.

All Board or Committee members serve without compensation. All Board or Committee members receive an annual parking decal. If you have any questions regarding completing the application, please contact Charles D'Agostin at [CharlesDAgostin@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:CharlesDAgostin@miamibeachfl.gov) or 305.673.7411. For all other questions, please contact Rafael E. Granado at [RafaelGranado@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:RafaelGranado@miamibeachfl.gov).

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HOW A PERSON MAY PARTICIPATE DURING THE  
FEBRUARY 23, 2022 SPECIAL HYBRID  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**In-Person Participation:**

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**Providing Spoken Public Comment Virtually During the Special Hybrid Commission Meeting:**

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**Observing the Special Hybrid Commission Meeting:**

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**Submitting Written Public Comment Prior to the Special Hybrid Commission Meeting:**

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