

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

DATE: December 8, 2021

SUBJECT: BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – CITY COMMISSION / AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

This Item will be heard during the January 2022 Commission meeting.

ANALYSIS

The applicants that have filed with the Office of the City Clerk for the below At-Large appointments are included in item R9 A.

BOARD AND COMMITTEES:

1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (5):

- One member of the Committee shall be the Mayor or a member of the City Commission, appointed at large by a majority vote of the Mayor and City Commission.
To replace term-limited Commissioner Michael Góngora.
- One citizen actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 1)
- One citizen actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 2)
- One citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 3)
- One citizen actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing. (Category # 6)
To replace term-limited member Sixto Acea.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):

- One citizen actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 4)
 1. Matthew Land
- One citizen actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 7)
 1. Darin Feldman
- One citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction. (Category # 10)
 1. Mohammed Islam

Note: If the City, due to the presence of a conflict of interest by prospective appointees, or other reasonable factors, is unable to appoint a citizen actively engaged in these activities in connection with affordable housing, a citizen engaged in the activity without regard to affordable housing may be appointed.

2. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (4):

- Citizens who shall possess a high degree of competence in evaluation of art history and architectural history, art, architecture, sculpture, painting, artistic structure design, and other appropriate art media for display or integration in public places.
 1. Florencia Jimenez-Marcos
 2. Marcella Novella
 3. Nick D'Annunzio
 4. Yolanda Sanchez

3. BLACK AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):

- A member, who has personal or professional knowledge or expertise in at least one of the following areas: Education; Hospitality/Tourism; Healthcare/Technology; Finance/Banking; and/or Community Service/Social Justice.
 1. Glendon Hall – Hospitality/Tourism

4. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (5/7 vote required)

VACANCIES (2):

- Law. (Category # 1)
To replace term-limited member Richard Segal.
- Certified public accountant. (Category # 5)
To replace term-limited member James Orlowsky.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):

- Financial Consultation. (Category # 6)
 1. Joy Malakoff
- General Business. (Category # 7)
 1. Michael Goldberg
- At-Large
 1. Yechiel Ciment

5. BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):

- Financial Advisor.
 1. Mojdeh Khahan

6. COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION IN MIAMI BEACH

VACANCY (1):

- A City Commission member to serve as City Commission liaisons, who shall report to the City Commission actions of the Committee for Quality Education.
To replace term-limited member Commissioner Micky Steinberg.

7. CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL (3-year term)

VACANCIES (3):

- Two At-Large positions.
To replace term-limited members: Brita Hanson and Laurence Moser.
To replace Ray Breslin, who is not seeking reappointment.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):

- Three At-Large positions.
 1. Cheryl Jacobs
 2. Tiffany Lapciuc
 3. Victoria Elliott

8. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):

- An architect registered in the State of Florida or a member of the faculty of the school of architecture, urban planning, or urban design in the State, with practical or academic expertise in the field of design, planning, historic preservation, or the history of architecture, or a professional practicing in the fields of architectural design, or urban planning. (Category # 2)

1. Sarah Nelson

- A resident at large who currently resides in the City and has resided in the City for at least (3) three consecutive years at the time of appointment or reappointment. Additionally, strong preference shall be given to individuals who have previously served on a Miami Beach board or committee and/or completed the Miami Beach Leadership Academy course, and to individuals not currently working in the fields of real estate development, real estate brokerage/sales, real estate law, or architecture. (Category # 5)

1. Scott Diffenderfer

- Water Management Expert – (i) A licensed professional engineer, licensed professional architect, or licensed professional landscape architect with expertise in water resources; (ii) a person licensed by the State of Florida in hydrology, water, or wastewater treatment; (iii) a person with a degree from an accredited college or university in a field of study related to water resources; or (iv) a floodplain manager or a principal community administrator responsible for the daily implementation of flood loss reduction activities including enforcing a community's flood damage prevention ordinance, updating flood maps, plans, and policies of the community, and any of the activities related to administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) (Category # 6)

1. Jason Hagopian

9. GENERAL OBLIGATION (G.O.) BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):

- City Resident Mid-Beach Area.

1. Jack Glottmann

10. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (2):

- Ex-Officio, Miami-Dade County Health Department.
- One private individual. (Category # 7b)
To replace term-limited member Alan Nieder.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (4):

- One member shall be a representative from the nursing profession. (Category # 4)
 1. Martha Baker
- Two members shall be physicians. (Category # 6)
 1. Steven Oppenheimer
 2. Mario Reyes
- One individual from the corporate level. (Category # 7a)
 1. Daniel Nobel

11. HEALTH FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD (4-year term)

VACANCY (1):

- One attorney.

12. HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

VACANCY (1):

- One 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. (Category # 3)
To replace term-limited member Jack Finglass.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):

- One architect registered in the State of Florida with practical experience in the rehabilitation of historic structures. (Category # 4)
 1. Barry Klein
- Water Management Expert – One (i) licensed professional engineer, licensed professional architect, or licensed professional landscape architect with expertise in water resources; (ii) a person licensed by the State of Florida in hydrology, water, or wastewater treatment; (iii) a person with a degree from an accredited college or university in a field of study related to water resources; or (iv) a floodplain manager or a principal community administrator responsible for the daily implementation of flood loss reduction activities including enforcing a community's flood damage prevention ordinance, updating flood maps, plans, and policies of the community, and any of the activities related to administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) (a "water management expert"), each of the foregoing with professional experience and demonstrated interest in historic preservation. (Category # 5)
 1. Max Litt

- One member of the faculty of a school of architecture in the State of Florida, with academic expertise in the field of design and historic preservation or the history of architecture, with a preference for an individual with practical experience in architecture and the preservation of historic structures. (Category # 6)

1. Ricardo Lopez

13. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (3):

- Three members who shall reflect, as nearly as possible, the diversity of individuals protected under the City's Human Rights Ordinance.
Two vacant seats and one replacement of term-limited member Clare McCord.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (4):

- Four members who shall reflect, as nearly as possible, the diversity of individuals protected under the City's Human Rights Ordinance.
 1. Alberto Ravelo
 2. Bradley Ugent
 3. Donald Goldberg
 4. Heidi Tany

14. NEXT GENERATION COUNCIL (1-year term)

Note: Members must be eighteen (18) years through thirty-six (36) years of age at the time of appointment.

VACANCIES (4):

- One member must be a business owner in the City. (Category A)
- One member must be licensed and actively practicing in the field of architecture or engineering. (Category C)
- One member of the Millennial Action Council of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce shall be selected by the Chamber's Executive Board of Governors. (Category # 3)
To replace term-limited member Jamie Maniscalco.
- One member must be licensed and actively practicing in the field of real estate. (Category B)
To replace term-limited member Jefferson Brackin.

15. PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY

VACANCY (1):

- One member who has demonstrated a high degree of interest, participation, and/or expertise in the sport of golf.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (3):

- Two members who have demonstrated a high degree of interest, participation, and/or expertise in youth recreational programs.
 1. Sean Smith
 2. Shannon Koonin
- One member who has demonstrated a high degree of interest, participation, and/or expertise in the sport of tennis.
 1. Stephanie Rosen

16. PERSONNEL BOARD (5/7 vote required)

VACANCY (1):

- One citizen of Miami Beach, not employed by the City, and not having the same vocation as any other member of the Personnel Board. (Excluded vocations: Psychotherapist, Executive Director/Non-Profit Organization, Translator, International Sales Manager/Consultant, and Concert Producer/Impresario.)

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (2):

- Two citizens of Miami Beach, not employed by the City, and not having the same vocation as any other member of the Personnel Board.
 1. Jamie Laufer – Executive Director/Non-Profit
 2. Roger Abramson – Concert Producer/Impresario

17. PLANNING BOARD

VACANCIES (2):

- One attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Florida who has considerable experience in land use and zoning issues. (Category # 3)
To replace term-limited member Mark Meland.
- One person who is a resident at large and who currently resides in the City and has resided in the City for at least (3) three consecutive years at the time of appointment or reappointment. Additionally, strong preference shall be given to individuals who have previously served on a Miami Beach board or committee and/or completed the Miami Beach Leadership Academy course, and to individuals not currently working in the fields of real estate development, real estate brokerage/sales, real estate law, or architecture. (Category # 5)

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):

- One developer who has experience in developing real property; or an attorney in good standing licensed to practice law within the United States. (Category # 2)
 1. David Wieder - Attorney

- Water Management Expert – (i) A licensed professional engineer, licensed professional architect, or licensed professional landscape architect with expertise in water resources; (ii) a person licensed by the State of Florida in hydrology, water, or wastewater treatment; (iii) a person with a degree from an accredited college or university in a field of study related to water resources; or (iv) a floodplain manager or a principal community administrator responsible for the daily implementation of flood loss reduction activities including enforcing a community's flood damage prevention ordinance, updating flood maps, plans, and policies of the community, and any of the activities related to administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) (a "water management expert"). (Category # 6)

1. Ayssa Di Pietro

18. SENIORS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

VACANCY (1):

- One resident of Council Towers North who shall be recommended by the residents of Council Towers North and ratified by the City Commission. (Category # 7)

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (5):

- Two at large appointments by the City Commission. (Category A)
 1. Carolina Cuadros
 2. Debra (Debie) Quade
- A resident of Rebecca Towers selected by the board of commissioners of the Miami Beach Housing Authority. (Category # 6)
 1. Yliana Gonzalez
- A resident of Council Towers South who shall be recommended by the residents of Council Towers South and ratified by the City Commission. (Category # 8)
 1. Natacha Fernandez
- One resident of Federation Towers who shall be recommended by the residents of Federation Towers and ratified by the City Commission. (Category # 9)
 1. Magui Benitez

19. TRANSPORTATION, PARKING, AND BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES COMMITTEE

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1).

- A South Beach Neighborhood Association member. (Category # 2)
 1. David Grieser

20. VISITOR AND CONVENTION AUTHORITY

VACANCY (1):

- Hotel Industry or At-Large.
To replace term-limited member Jeff Lehman.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):

- At-Large.
 1. George Neary
 2. Steven Haas
- Hotel Industry
 1. Margaret (Peggy) Benua