

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

DATE: February 1, 2022

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

RECOMMENDATION

This Item will be heard during the February 1, 2023 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 citizen actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 2)
- One citizen representing 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)
- One citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to Florida Statute §163.3174 (Planning Board member) (Category # 8)
- One citizen who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan. (Category # 11)

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):

- One citizen actively engaged in the residential home-building industry in connection with affordable housing. (Category # 1)

1. Jean Marie Echemendia

- One citizen who resides within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments. (Category # 9)

1. Barbara Montero

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 ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1)

- An individual who shall be recommended by Sobe Cats Spay & Neuter Inc. and ratified by the City Commission. (Category # b2)

1. Linda Diamond - Chair

3. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

VACANCIES (2):

- Two Citizens who shall possess a high degree of competence in the 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. *One vacant seat and one vacancy to replace term-limited member Michael McManus.*

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):

- One Citizen possessing a high degree of competence in the 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. Aaron Resnick

4. BLACK AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VACANCY (1)

- One At-Large member who has personal or professional knowledge or expertise in at least one of the following areas: Licensed and actively practicing in the field of Real Estate, Hospitality, Tourism, or Banking; Licensed and actively practicing in the field of Human Relations/People Development, Communications/Entertainment, Art/Culture/ or Education; Economic Development/Business Development; Culture/Entertainment/Events; Hospitality/Tourism; Healthcare/Technology; People Development/Human Relations; Finance/Banking; Media/Communications/Public Relations; and/or Community Service/Social Justice.

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

VACANCY (1):

- Architect (A)

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):

- Real Estate Development (Category # 4)
 1. Andres Asion
- Citizen At-Large.
 1. Daniel Nagler

6. **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

VACANCY (1):

- One Certified Public Accountant.

7. **COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION IN MIAMI BEACH**

VACANCY (1):

- One City Commission member to serve as City Commission liaison, who shall report to the City Commission actions of the Committee for Quality Education.

8. **CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL** (3-year term)

VACANCY (1):

- One At-Large member - Best Interests of the Arts Within the City.

9. DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

VACANCIES (2)

- One architect registered in the United States; who resides in Miami Beach.
To replace Alexander Gorlin who no longer resides in the City or County.
- 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)
To replace term-limited member James Bodnar.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):

- One landscape architect registered in the State of Florida. (Category # 3)
 1. Orlando Comas
- One architect registered in the United States or a professional practicing in the fields of architectural or urban design, or urban planning, or a resident with demonstrated interest or background in design issues; or an attorney in good standing licensed to practice law within the United States. (Category # 4)
 1. Samuel Sheldon - Attorney

Note: Residency and or place of business - All regular members shall reside in or have their primary place of business in the county, except for the water management expert appointed pursuant to subsection (a)(6), who need not reside in or have a principal place of business in the county, and except as otherwise provided in subsection (a)(5). The two resident At-Large members and one of the registered landscape architects, registered architects, or professionals practicing in the fields of architectural or urban design or urban planning shall be residents of the City.

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

VACANCIES (4)

- One City Resident Mid-Beach Area.
- One City Resident North Beach Area.
To replace Carmen Browne, who is not seeking reappointment.
- Two City residents from any geographic area of the City with experience working with cultural/arts organizations, including with respect to operations, facilities management, or design.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):

- One City resident from the North Beach area.
 1. Laura Veitia
- Two City residents from the South Beach area.
 1. Jason Greene – Vice Chair
 2. Scott Needelman

11. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (6):

- One member shall be a health benefits provider. (Category # 5)
To replace term-limited member Marc Umlas.
- One member shall be a physician. (Category # 6)
- One individual from the corporate level. (Category # 7a)
To replace term-limited member Daniel Nobel.
- One private individual. (Category # 7b)
- One member shall be a physician or an individual with medical training or experience. (Category # 8) *To replace term-limited member Sorangely Menjivar.*
- Ex-Officio, Miami-Dade County Health Department.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (4):

- One member shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or its designated administrator from Mount Sinai Medical Center. (Category # 1)
 1. Gino Santorio
- One member shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from Miami Beach Community Health Center or its designated administrator. (Category # 2)
 1. Mark Rabinowitz
- Two members shall be an administrator from an Adult Congregate Living Facility (ACLF), and/or an Assisted Living Facility (ALF). (Category # 3)
 1. Frank Mena
 2. Mark Sinnreich

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

VACANCIES (2):

- One attorney.
- One health provider.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):

- One individual in the field of general business who possesses good standing in the community.
 1. Sidney Goldin – Vice-Chair

13. HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

VACANCIES (2):

- A representative from Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) selected from three names nominated by such organization. (Category # 2)
To replace term-limited member Kirk Paskal.
- 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 Nancy Liebman.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):

- A representative from the Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL) selected from three names nominated by such organization. (Category # 1)
 1. Laura Weinstein-Berman

Note: All members of the Board except the architect, university faculty member, and water management expert shall be residents of the City; provided, however, that the City Commission may waive the residency requirement (if applicable) by a 5/7th vote, in the event a person not meeting the residency requirement is available to serve on the Board and is exceptionally qualified by training and/or experience in historic preservation matters. All appointments shall be made on the basis of civic pride, integrity, experience, and interest in the field of historic preservation.

14. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (2):

- One member who shall reflect, as nearly as possible, the diversity of individuals protected under the City's Human Rights Ordinance.

- One member shall possess, in addition to the general qualifications set forth herein for members, a license to practice law in the State of Florida; be an active member of and in good standing with the Florida Bar, and have experience in civil rights law. *To replace Alan Fishman, who is not seeking reappointment.*

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (3):

- Three members who shall reflect, as nearly as possible, the diversity of individuals protected under the City's Human Rights Ordinance.
 1. Amanda Knapp
 2. Dale Stine – Vice-Chair
 3. Jonathan Welsh

15. 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 (3):

- One member must be a business owner in the City. (Category A)
- One member must be licensed and actively practicing in the field of real estate. (Category B)
To replace term-limited member Evan Salzberg.
- One member must be licensed and actively practicing in the field of architecture or engineering. (Category C)

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):

- A 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)
 1. Gabriella Kalmanowicz

16. NORMANDY SHORES LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

VACANCY (1):

- One member of the Executive Committee of the Normandy Shores Homeowners Association.
To replace Carolyn Berg, who is not seeking reappointment.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):

- One member of the Executive Committee of the Normandy Shores Homeowners Association.
 1. Diane Klein – Chair

17. PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY

VACANCIES (2):

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

18. PERSONNEL BOARD (5/7 vote required)

VACANCIES (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. (Excluded vocations: Executive Director/Political Party, Translator, International Sales Manager/Consultant, and Concert Producer/Impresario.)

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS 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. Raquel Pacheco – Chair - Translator
 2. Ricardo Barboza – International Sales Manager/Consultant

19. PLANNING BOARD

VACANCIES (2):

- One architect registered in the State of Florida; or a member of the faculty of a school of architecture in the state, with practical or academic expertise in the field of design, planning, historic preservation, or history of architecture; or a landscape architect registered in the state of Florida; or a professional practicing in the fields of architectural or urban design, or urban planning. (Category # 1)
To replace term-limited member Nicholas Gelpi.
- 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)
To replace Kareem Brantley, who is not seeking reappointment.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT TO BE MADE (1):

- One person who has education and/or experience in historic preservation issues. For purposes of this section, the term "education and/or experience in historic preservation issues" shall be a person who meets one or more of the following criteria: a. Has earned a college degree in historic preservation; b. Is responsible for the preservation, revitalization, or adaptive reuse of historic buildings; or c. Is recognized by the City Commission for contributions to historic preservation, education, or planning. (Category # 4)

1. Tanya Bhatt

Note: The City Commission may waive the residency requirements by a 5/7th vote in the event a person not meeting these requirements is available to serve on the Board and is exceptionally qualified by training and/or experience.

20. SENIORS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

VACANCIES (3):

- An individual selected by the board of directors of Jewish Community Services of South Florida. (Category # 1)
- A resident of the Blackstone Apartments who shall be recommended by the residents of the Blackstone Apartments and ratified by the City Commission. (Category # 4)
- 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 (4):

- An administrator selected by the Board of Trustees for Mount Sinai Medical Center who is not the chief executive officer of Mount Sinai Medical Center. (Category # 2)

1. Oscar Llorente – Vice-Chair

- A resident of the Four Freedoms House who shall be recommended by the residents of the Four Freedoms House and ratified by the City Commission. (Category # 3)

1. Enilda Thomas

- A resident of Stella Maris House selected by the board of directors of Stella Maris House. (Category # 5)

1. Gaby Baglietto

- An individual selected by the Board of Directors of UNIDAD of Miami Beach. (Category # 10)

1. Larissa Caijao

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

VACANCY (1):

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

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (6):

- Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce's Transportation and Parking Committee. (Category # 1)
 1. Linsey Lovell
- A South Beach business owner or a South Beach business association. (Category # 3)
 1. Al Feola – Vice Chair
- A Mid-Beach neighborhood association. (Category # 4)
 1. Esteban Porcelli
- A Mid-Beach business owner or a Mid-Beach business association. (Category # 5)
 1. Linda Kolko.
- A North Beach neighborhood association. (Category # 6)
 1. Dean Campbell
- A North Beach business owner or a North Beach business association. (Category # 7)
 1. Patricia Henao-van Beek

22. VISITOR AND CONVENTION AUTHORITY

VACANCY (1):

- At-Large or Hotel Industry
To replace term-limited member Steven Adkins.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE (2):

- Hotel Industry
 1. Christopher Rollins – Vice-Chair
- At-Large
 1. David Suarez

Note: Members must reside in Miami-Dade County.