

City of Miami

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 05, 2023

10:00 AM

Commission Chambers

Civil Service Board

Troy Sutton, Chairperson
Rodrigo Jimenez, Chief Examiner
Rafael Cabrera, Board Member
Ulysses Garcia, Board Member
Travis Lindsey, Board Member

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting reconvened at 10:38 am, with the Pledge of Allegiance. At commencement of the meeting, attendance was as follows:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Troy Sutton	Chairperson	Present
Rodrigo Jimenez	Chief Examiner	Present
Rafael Cabrera	Board Member	Present
Ulysses Garcia	Board Member	Present
Travis Lindsey	Board Member	Present

Adoption of Agenda

A. Approving of the Minutes

B. Personnel Matters

C. Military Leaves of Absence

D. Disciplinary Matters

E. General Items

E.1 Copy of a "Motion to Quash Service of Subpoenas," from Theodore A. Avellone, Counsel on behalf of Dionne Richardson and David Roberts, FDOT Employees, concerning the Whistleblower Hearing of Lourdes Blanco, former Executive Director of Miami Sports & Exhibition Authority, regarding her Termination, effective October 25, 2018.
(DISCUSSION)

Continuation of the Whistleblower Hearing from April 4, 2023.

Attorney Guillen advised the Board, Ms Richardson and Mr. Roberts will not be called today. He went on to request the Civil Service Board staff to re-issue subpoenas to the individuals. Special Counsel advised Attorney Guillen, that new subpoenas will be provided to him; however, he will have to follow the proper procedures to have them served.

The Motion will be removed from the docket.

F. Reports

G. Requests for Hearings

H. Today's Hearings

H.1 Continuation of the Whistleblower Hearing on behalf of Lourdes Blanco, former Executive Director of the Miami Sports & Exhibition Authority, regarding her Termination, effective October 25, 2018.

Day 2: April 5, 2023

Chair Sutton called for the continuation of the Whistleblower Hearing on behalf of Lourdes Blanco, former Executive Director of the Miami Arts & Exhibition Authority, regarding a Termination, effective October 25, 2018.

Attorney Ramon Guillen appeared on behalf of Lourdes Blanco, former Executive Director. Adanna Ferguson, Assistant City Attorney appeared on behalf of the City

of Miami.

The Board continued with direct testimony of the following witness:

1. Lourdes Blanco, former Executive Director of the Miami Arts & Exhibition Authority

Due to expediency, Attorney Guillen called the following witness out of turn:

2. Thomas Regalado, former Mayor, City of Miami. No questions were posed by Board Members.

Following discussion, the Board continued with direct testimony of Lourdes Blanco.

Breaks were taken at: 11:55 am – 1:04 pm (lunch); 1:55 pm – 2:25 pm; 3:50 pm – 4:00 pm.

Due to time constraints, the Board recessed for the day at 4:40pm.

SIGNATURE: Troy Sutton, Chairperson

ATTEST: Tishria L. Mindingall, Executive Secretary