

City of Miami

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

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 was called to order at 10:05 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

Chair Sutton asked if there were any revisions to the Agenda. Hearing none, a motion to adopt the Agenda as printed was considered and resulted as follows:

Motion by Board Member Cabrera, seconded by Board Member Lindsey, that this matter be Approved, passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sutton, Cabrera, Jimenez, Garcia, Lindsey

A. Approving of the Minutes

A.1 Civil Service Board - Regular Meeting - November 16, 2021 10:00 AM

A motion was entered to approve the Minutes as presented, which resulted as follows:

Motion by Board Member Cabrera, seconded by Board Member Lindsey, that this matter be Approved, passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sutton, Cabrera, Jimenez, Garcia, Lindsey

B. Personnel Matters

C. Military Leaves of Absence

D. Disciplinary Matters

D.1 Copy of a letter from Arthur Noriega, V., City Manager, notifying Gisela Rodriguez, former Administrative Assistant II, of her Termination, effective November 16, 2021.
(NOTIFICATION)

E. General Items

F. Reports

F.1 Hearings Pending List as of November 30, 2021. (NOTIFICATION)

G. Requests for Hearings

G.1 Copy of a request for a Whistleblower Hearing from Matthew Sarelson, Attorney, on behalf of Heather Morris, former Deputy Chief, pursuant to Florida Statue 112.3187.
(DISCUSSION)

Matthew S. Sarelson, Attorney, appeared before the Board on behalf of Heather Morris, former Deputy Police Chief, to explain the reason for his request. Kevin Jones, Supervisor Assistant City Attorney, expressed no objection to the request. Following discussion and questions by Board Members Cabrera and Sutton, the Board made a motion to GRANT the request, which resulted as follows:

Motion by Board Member Jimenez, seconded by Board Member Lindsey, that this matter be Approved, passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sutton, Cabrera, Jimenez, Lindsey, Garcia

H. Today's Hearings

H.1 Investigation Hearing on behalf of Jorge Torres, et al GSA Employees, pursuant to Civil Service Rule 16.1- Investigation by the Board, Abuse of Power of Nelso Garcia, Superintendent of Property Maintenance in GSA, and Civil Service Rules 14.2 (h), (I), (k), and (r). Continuation from November 16, 2021.

Day 2

NOTE: The hearing began December 16, 2021.

The Board resumed the Investigation hearing on behalf of Jorge Torres, et al, pursuant to Civil Service Rule 16.1.

Osnat K. Rind, Attorney, continued direct examination of witnesses.

Witnesses testifying at the request of the employee appeared in the following order:

1. Jorge Delgado, Property Maintenance Supervisor, Department of GSA. Questions were posed by Member Jimenez.
2. Ryan Martinez, Mason, Department of GSA
3. Luis Albo, Painter, Department of GSA
4. Wilson Vallecillo, Maintenance Technician, Department of GSA. Questions were posed by Member Cabrera.
5. Ricardo Falero, former Director of GSA, retired. Questions were posed by Members Cabrera, Jimenez, Sutton.

Due to the lateness of the day, continuation of the hearing will be scheduled for a Special meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

Lunch: 1:06pm – 2:00pm

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was entered to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am, which resulted as follows:

Motion by Board Member Jimenez, seconded by Board Member Cabrera, that this matter be Approved, passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sutton, Cabrera, Jimenez, Lindsey, Garcia

SIGNATURE: Troy Sutton, Chairperson

ATTEST: Tishria L. Mindingall, Executive Secretary