



**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Joint CAC Meeting – North Dade  
JANUARY 22, 2025**

<b>Attendance</b>					
Juan Santana (Hialeah)	P	Jose Azze (Hialeah)	P	Justa Azze (Hialeah)	P
Robert Ferrer (Hialeah)	P	Gilberto Dela Rosa (Wynwood)	P	Karen Wade (Hialeah)	P
Jahayra Butler (Coconut Grove)	P	Nanette Meyer (Culmer)	P	Demetria Burney (Brownsville)	P
Francine Oshama (Brownsville)	P	Sharon Frazier (Brownsville)	P	William Morgan (Hialeah)	P
Ladaryl Roland (Edison)	P	Brenda Tynes	P	Trelle Long	P
Alvin W. Roberts (Allapattah)	P	Thomas M. Yarosz (Allapattah)	P	LaCrisia M. Fowlkes (Allapattah)	P
Velma Eason (Culmer)	P	Samuel Marshall (Vice Chair, Hialeah)	P	Vana Velozo (Hialeah)	P
LaDaryl Rounds, Sr. (Edison)	P	Shantay Davis (Coconut Grove)	P	Wilfred McCloud (Coconut Grove)	P
Diedre Crist (Brownsville)	P	Kyra King (Liberty City)	P	Lynda Williams (Coconut Grove)	P
Countess Babgun (Coconut Grove)	P		P		P
Marva Lightbourne (Liberty City)	A	Betty Griffin (Liberty City)	A	Robin Lewis (Liberty City)	A
Nerisa Cannon (Edison)	A	Ladaryl Roland Sr. (Chair, Edison)	A	Dyshawn Sinclair (Edison)	A
Jonathan Spikes (Edison)	A	Pat Wright (Chair, Opa Locka)	A	Karen Hunter-Jackson (Opa Locka)	A
Tina Alexander (Opa Locka)	A	Jocquetta Baptista (Opa Locka)	A	Linda William (Chair, Coconut Grove)	A
Countess Balgun (Coconut Grove)	A	Jihad Rashid (Coconut Grove)	A	Marlene Lopez (Chair, Hialeah)	A
		Jessica Santana (Hialeah)	A		

**\* (#) Committee Members in attendance. A quorum was/was not established.**

**P (#) = Present**

**E (#) = Excused**

**A (#) = Absent**



T (#) = Terminated V (#) = Vacant R (#) = Resigned

Attendance – Staff, Visitors, Press		
Ursula Price - CAHSD	Mildred Pierce - CAHSD	Malik Cooper - CAHSD
Sade Cheney – BCC District 2	Luisa Ferreiro – CAHSD Hialeah	

I. New Business

Questions:

- a. What is the job description of CAHSD staff and how are resources distributed to each CAC – commitment to review the CAHSD Annual Report. Also, there were questions about the needs assessment survey, so staff has committed to doing a session on how the survey relates to CAA Board’s annual priorities.
- b. CAHSD Staff will be calling each CAC member to complete our records.
- c. Sunshine laws – in the brainstorming session, the issue of communicating with other CAC members came up. Staff explained that you can have your own relationships, but CAC business has to be done in the sunshine. Some members requested a county attorney come to clarify that point. Staff committed to covering it in training.
- d. Can CACs receive stipends or food? What would it take for CACs to organize themselves to raise money for refreshments or organize taking turns bringing them?
- e. Some CAC members raised concerns about disrespect and disorganization among the staff. CAHSD staff made a commitment to more tightly organize the CACs and provide more relevant training.
- f. CAC Recruitment – most of the people in CACs are seniors but we need young people, parents of school aged children, etc.
- g. CAC members want to resume fundraising for scholarships, food giveaways, and services to their specific community.
- h. In the past, the chairs of each CAC met on a quarterly basis and that needs to resume.

II. Legislative Concerns:

- a. Developers – following noise ordinances, local hire requirements, etc. Local zoning and code enforcement. Dense development between Brownsville and Hialeah and they haven’t built streets to accommodate the density. Hialeah and Brownsville are already working together on this, but Miami Springs is also a likely partner.



- b. Elderly people being targeted for reverse mortgages or new developers coming in and buying their homes. What legal protections are there for elderly homeowners?
- c. Younger people are leaving neighborhoods and schools are being “repurposed”. What effort has the county made to help young families stay in the city? How can we encourage small businesses to open in our neighborhoods so people can access services and want to stay?
- d. Engaging in the county budgeting process – CACs have not recently been part of that process.
- e. Housing for the homeless – there needs to be more transitional housing, and it needs to be in the places people need it. There is a concern that all the homeless services are deliberately concentrated in one area. Also, a concern that the “green shirts” are not coming to support the homeless.
- f. Housing processes – the process of accessing housing is frustrating. They will take your application fee when there aren’t even any vacancies. Veterans are especially frustrated. If you have section 8, the minute the government makes an increase in payments, they want a rent increase. There is not opportunity to catch up. Even those paying market rate, when the median income for Miami goes up, their rent goes up. Why are landlords allowed to do that?
- g. Crime – Vehicle thefts in Allapattah. Need to work on a strong relationship with law enforcement.
- h. Dade County Owned Properties – there appear to be empty units that are not under development. What is happening with county owned property?
- i. We need to ask for federal earmarks for emergency housing.
- j. Housing Regulations – people with criminal convictions, mental health issues, etc. can be denied housing. Is there a local legislative solution?
- k. The Foster care system provides good money with the children but no other support – no suitcases, college readiness, support for transition to adulthood.
- l. A Bridge in Hialeah to go over 79<sup>th</sup> street by the new Walmart so that people can get to the hospital etc.

### III. Next Steps

- a. Research relevant bills and ordinances related to these issues
- b. Identify CAHSD departments we need to meet with
- c. Identify other government agencies that can address these issues
- d. After we’ve prepared a report on our priorities, the CACs would like to have commissioners come to their meeting.



*Community Action and Human  
Services (CAHSD) Board*

Community Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

IV. Adjournment – 8:00PM

V. Next Meeting January 29, 2025 6:00-8:00pm Goulds Park