



**DRAFT**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**MARINE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT**  
**528 NW 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, STATION #2**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33311**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Cumulative Attendance**  
**January-December 2024**

Steve Witten, Chair	P	1	0
James Harrison, Vice Chair	A	0	1
Tyler Brunelle	P	1	0
Robyn Chiarelli	A	0	1
Barry Flanigan	P	1	0
Robert Franks	A	0	1
Elisabeth George	P	1	0
Brewster Knott	P	1	0
John Lynch	P	1	0
Norbert McLaughlin	P	1	0
Noelle Norvell	P	1	0
Ed Rebholz (arr. 6:30)	P	1	0
Bill Walker	P	1	0
Robert Washington	P	1	0

As of this date, there are 15 appointed members to the Board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum.

**Staff**

Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager  
 Jonathan Luscomb, Marine Facilities Supervisor  
 Sergeant Travis O'Neil, Marine Unit Supervisor  
 Fort Lauderdale Commissioner John Herbst  
 Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to City Commission**

None.

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following Items were taken out of order on the Agenda.

### III. Statement of Quorum

Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present at the meeting.

### IV. Waterway Crime & Boating Safety Report

Marine Unit Sergeant Travis O'Neil reported the following activity for December 2023:

- 28 calls for service
- 1 burglary
- 41 citations

Mr. McLaughlin commented that there did not seem to be communication between the Marine Unit and the rest of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department investigating crimes that occur on land instead of on the waterway. Sgt. O'Neil explained that if a marine item is stolen on land, a land unit will take the report and turn it in to a Detective, who then contacts the Marine Unit to share details of the case. The time frame varies for this information-sharing between units.

### II. Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2023

**Motion** made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Rebholz, to approve the minutes. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

### V. Dock Permit – 607 Cordova Road / Mike Pitino

Mike Pitino, Applicant, explained that he and his wife are interested in using an existing dock which was previously permitted on the property. There are no material changes expected.

**Motion** made by Mr. Rebholz, seconded by Ms. George, to approve. In a roll call vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (11-0).

### VI. Industry Expert – Ocean Rescue Alliance International / CEO Shelby Thomas

Shelby Thomas, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ocean Rescue Alliance International, joined the meeting via Zoom at the time. The organization is a 501(c)3 nonprofit which is based in South Florida, with five artificial reef sites throughout the region.

Ms. Thomas explained that Ocean Rescue Alliance International is a marine conservation and restoration entity. Their focus is on building artificial infrastructure that replicates natural marine geology and aids in the restoration of corals, sponges, and mangroves. They create artistic artificial reefs which can serve as ecotourism destinations. All their