



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (EDAB)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018 – 3:45 P.M.**

**January-December 2018**

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Jason Crush, Chair	A	6	3
Jordan Yates, Vice Chair	P	8	1
Steve Buckingham	P	6	3
Christopher “Kit” Denison	A	2	3
Mick Erlandson	A	6	3
Nicholas Kuchova	P	2	0
Bernice Lee	P	1	3
David Neal	P	6	3

**Staff**

Michael Chen, City Liaison, Economic and Business Development Manager  
Alfred Battle, Deputy Director, Department of Sustainable Development  
Lutecia Florencio, Economic Development Program Aide  
Suzy Joseph, Economic Development Program Aide  
Michael Mitchel, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to the City Commission**

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Yates, seconded by Mr. Neal, to convey a formal request to the City Commission to review their interest in establishing a Sister Cities relationship with Oslo, Norway. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kuchova, seconded by Mr. Neal, to identify these priorities for ECI to be conveyed as a communication to the Commission:

- Development and adoption of an Economic Development Plan
- Develop a publication for new businesses coming into the City
- Creation of a business identity for the City – consider engaging professional assistance.
- Expansion of the Business Engagement Assistance and Mentorship (BEAMS) program
- Expanding the City’s business incubator and accelerator pipelines
- Continued involvement and relationship with Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs)
- Explore existing City resources for the economic development pipeline

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.