



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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**CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF RECOGNITION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019 | 2:00 p.m.  
Fort Lauderdale City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue  
City Commission Conference Room**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Former Mayors:

Mayor Jack Seiler, Chair

Mayor Jim Naugle

Former Award Winners:

Mary Fertig

Ina Lee

Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations Representative:

Michael Albetta

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Former Commissioners:

John Rodstrom

**STAFF**

Safeea Ali, Staff Liaison

Chaz Adams, Strategic Communications Manager

Carla Foster, Administrative Assistant

Tatiana Guerrier, Prototype, Inc.

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

**II. Approval of July 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** made by Mr. Naugle, seconded by Ms. Lee, to approve the July 10, 2019 meeting minutes as printed. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

**III. 2019 Award Nominations**

Mr. Seiler asked staff to clarify if the 2019 Award Nominations were sent back with any specific direction from the City Commission.

Ms. Ali advised the Board was being asked to narrow down the nominations to one recommendation in the categories of Distinguished Citizen and Exemplary Former City Employee.

Ms. Fertig noted that she was at the Commission meeting when the decision was made to send the item back and asked that the Commission be clear regarding what they wanted. She recommended the Board review its guidelines.

Mr. Albetta stated the item was referred to legal counsel at the time of the Committee's discussion, and they were told two (2) people had been picked in the same category in prior years. He noted he thought the Board should stand their ground and send the item back to the Commission as is.

Ms. Lee explained she did not want to get into a contentious argument with the Commission and advised the Committee that the Commission has the final say. She noted the record should reflect the Committee felt put on the spot because the names were already public.

Mr. Seiler stated he did not want to get into a back and forth, as everyone's schedule is busy. He suggested the Board adhere to the request to send back one nomination but explain that more than one had been submitted in the past and ask the Commission to consider that in the future. He noted he did not want to diminish the efforts of the Committee by asking the Commission to choose.

Ms. Fertig asserted the Commission put the Committee in a dilemma. She stated she was uncomfortable with picking one person over the others.

Mr. Seiler clarified the Committee was in agreement that what they had done was right but expressed concern the award would lose its luster with political back and forth.

Ms. Ali clarified there was a technicality regarding the recommendation for Exemplary Former City Employee, noting the Mayor's submission did not have a completed application and the Commission felt strongly a full application should be submitted.

Ms. Fertig explained the Committee knew there was not a completed application, but there was discussion and the Committee felt comfortable they knew the applicant well enough to recommend them.

Ms. Ali noted the City Commission referenced the application when sending the item back to the Committee. She stated the Commission requested an application process be put in place.

Ms. Fertig stated the Committee had already been discussing a review of the process.

Mr. Albetta noted he spoke with the Mayor and determined the Commissioners had not read the Committee's minutes, so were not aware the I's were dotted and the T's were crossed in regards to the applicant. He stated he was passionate about this because the recommendations represented balance.

Mr. Seiler suggested it was up to the Committee to convey its intention to the Commissioners individually. He noted it did not seem right to withdraw names once the information was out in public and asked the Committee members to speak with the Commissioners who appointed them.

Ms. Fertig recommended that, in the future, the Committee Chair or their representative present the nominations to the Commission personally.

**Motion** made by Mr. Albetta, seconded by Mr. Naugle, to send the recommendation back with minutes as historical evidence as is. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Old or New Business**

Mr. Seiler noted he would like to clarify for future discussions that the written application must be submitted prior to the deadline for a recommendation to be considered.

Ms. Ali explained the guidelines were discussed at the February meeting, and the completed application and deadline were a part of that discussion.

Mr. Seiler suggested a checklist be put together, so everyone knows what is expected when they submit an application.

Ms. Lee stated she would like to make clear at the next meeting exactly what the Committee had agreed upon, including the deadline and application, and submit that information to the public via the website.

Mr. Seiler noted the rules should be codified and asked who would be doing so.

Ms. Fertig volunteered. She stated she would work with Ms. Ali to compile a list from the previous minutes.

Mr. Seiler stated the application process would be put together by Ms. Fertig and staff and brought back to the Committee for recommendation to the Commission, adding the public service category language would be completed at the same time.

#### **V. Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by C. Parkinson, Prototype, Inc.]

# FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <u>Lee Inda</u>		NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE <u>Citizen Redevelopment</u>	
MAILING ADDRESS <u>2000 S. Ocean Dr</u>		THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:	
CITY <u>Ft Lauderdale</u>	COUNTY <u>Broward</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED <u>9/18/19</u>		NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:	
		MY POSITION IS: <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE	

## WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

### ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

**PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN** by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; and

**WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS** by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

### APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

**IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:**

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

### APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

### DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Ina Lee, hereby disclose that on 9/18, 2019:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- ☐ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, \_\_\_\_\_;
- ☒ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, \_\_\_\_\_;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, by  
whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of \_\_\_\_\_, which  
is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

one of the nominees, George Gretsas,  
is the employer under City of  
Hamstead to my husband Gary Foster

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

Date Filed

10/29/19

Signature

[Signature]

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.