



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNEXATION AND ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026, AT 10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Evelyn Vargas gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Rustin Shinn, Tim Elinski (telephonically), Philo Carter, Celia Kenyon, Carole Mcmanus (telephonically), and Evelyn Vargas.

EXCUSED: Gary Wilson.

STAFF PRESENT:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 19, 2026.

No action taken at this time.

5. BUSINESS:

1. Report and updates from the blight and abatement group.

Chairman Shinn discussed the entire team working together on one part of the "AA" of the EDAAAC; they have enough work to do to focus on the abatement mission to produce a result for the Town Council.

Evelyn Vargas reviewed the Abatement subcommittee outline of potential future presentations to the public and to an investor stakeholder group; identified a rough outline and named categories of stakeholders.

Chairman Shinn mentioned to telephonic members that they need official swearing in. Carole stated she anticipate being geographically closer soon. Tim mentioned variability to his travels to town. Will check in to another way for him to complete the oath of office.

2. Reports and updates from the annexation and expansion group.

Members have agreed to put this topic/focus on the back burner for now and move forward with efforts on economic development, blight, and abatement.

3. Discussion regarding the Strategic Plan.

No discussion regarding the Strategic Plan.

4. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Council to fill vacancies.

There are no recommendations for appointment to the Committee at this time.

5. Discussion and planning future agenda items.

All members discussed and identified an action plan for the next month to report at the next meeting. Carole will reach out to Community Progress organization to obtain resources. She will also reach out to the Pastore Center at ASU. Evelyn will connect the dots to the current status of the Economic Opportunity Zones 2.0 Initiative. Chairman Shinn proposed a virtual meeting with subcommittees for early October based on what is learned from the action plan results. Chairman Shinn offered to create a shared digital outline of the committee presentation work for collaboration as they build them.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Celia moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Evelyn. Vote – all in favor.

 

Rustin Shinn, Chairman
GARY L WILSON