



**CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH**  
City Commission Special Meeting  
Julius Litman Performing Arts Theatre  
17011 N.E. 19th Avenue  
North Miami Beach, FL. 33162  
**Monday, November 30, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Anthony F. DeFillipo  
Vice Mayor Barbara Kramer  
Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond  
Commissioner Michael Joseph  
Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith  
Commissioner Fortuna Smukler  
Commissioner Paule Villard

City Manager Esmond K. Scott  
City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole and Bierman,  
Dan Espino

City Clerk Andrise Bernard, CMC

**Special Commission Meeting Minutes**

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**1. ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS**

The Special City Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m. Present at the meeting in the Theatre were Mayor Anthony DeFillipo, Vice Mayor Barbara Kramer, Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond, Commissioner Michael Joseph, Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith, Commissioner Fortuna Smukler, Commissioner Paule Villard, and Commissioner-Elect Daniela Jean. Manager Esmond Scott, City Attorney Dan Espino, and City Clerk Andrise Bernard were also present.

**2. INVOCATION**

Reverend Father Reginald Jean-Mary, Notre Dame d'Haiti Catholic Church, prayed in English, French, and Haitian to bless the newly installed Mayor and Commission and to bestow blessings upon the City.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by the Mayor and Commission.

Mayor DeFillipo recognized the following dignitaries in attendance: Sally Heyman, Alix Deslume, Jean Monestime, Lody Jean, Jeff Mishcon, Andre Pierre, Annette Taddeo, Shevrin Jones, Ron Book, Kelly Mallette, Christine Bandin, Christopher Benjamin, Mary Estime Irvin, Phillippe Bien-Aime, Vanessa Joseph, Manny Diaz Jr., Dr. Steve Gallon, and Kenneth DeFillipo.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor DeFillipo opened the meeting for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

City Clerk Andrise Bernard read the rules of public comment.

There were no public comments.

The meeting was closed for **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – There were none.

6. **LEGISLATION**

**6.1. Resolution R2020-112 Certification of General and Run-Off Election Results (Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk)**

**Motion to approve** Resolution R2020-112 made by Commissioner Fleurimond, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

7. **MAYOR AND COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

**7.1 Remarks from Commissioner Phyllis S. Smith**

Commissioner Smith made the following remarks before leaving the dais. She expressed appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to serve the City of North Miami Beach and discussed her time and experience on the City Commission over the last 13.5 years. She did the best job she could, to give the City residents the best place to live, work and play. She hopes that the next Commission will do the best they can for the City. She thanked the Haitian community for making her an honorary Haitian and expressed that the City of North Miami Beach is the most wonderful City. She also thanked her family for always being so supportive to her.

City Clerk Andrise Bernard, along with City Manager Esmond Scott and City Attorney Dan Espino, on behalf of the City of North Miami Beach, thanked Commissioner Smith for her service to the City. Commissioner Smith then left the dais.

8. **APPOINTMENTS**

**8.1 Swearing In Ceremony of Mayor Elect and Commissioners Elect (Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk)**

At this point in the meeting, the swearing-in ceremony of the Mayor-elect and Commissioners-elect occurred.

Former North Miami Beach Commissioner Kenneth DeFillipo administered the oath of office of Mayor to Anthony F. DeFillipo.

He expressed appreciation to his parents, wife, family, and friends and thanked everyone who helped and contributed during the recent election and the voters for supporting his campaign. He cares about the people that the Commission serves and feels that none of the issues the Commission hears should be partisan issues. He is proud of what the Commission has created together and what they will do in the future. He feels that

the City is on solid ground with a strong tax base and he doesn't want to deplete saved funds. He is proud of our upstanding City Police Department. His grandfather was the Vice Chair of the first Water Commission in the 1950s, his uncle retired from the NMB Police Department as Captain, and his father served as a City Commissioner for over 13 years, and on various Boards for over 25 years in many capacities. He would like for his legacy to be improving NMB's Commission into one of the best, as the City now has a low millage rate, is hiring, is building, and using all of the City's potential, and that the City is ready to handle any challenges, with a strong City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, CFO, City staff, and City Police Department, all of whom have the necessary skills and knowledge to make good things happen. He asked the Commission to work together for the future and the residents.

Shirley Jean and Pastor Alex Royas administered the oath of office of Commissioner to Daniela Jean. Commissioner Jean took her seat at the dais.

Commissioner Jean thanked Commissioner Smith for her years of service to the City. Commissioner Jean shared that she worked in the City of NMB library as her first job. She thanked her parents for teaching her the definition of "hard work", and her family for their support. She wants to encourage communities to thrive, be responsible, and shared a Haitian saying that "unity makes strength". She wants to unify with respect. She acknowledged the past and present dignitaries and thanked her campaign team and those who supported her and congratulated the other Commissioners who won in the election. She thanked the City Clerk and staff for their patience and professionalism during the election process and thanked Haitian Radio and the City residents and voters for their support. She promised to make a positive impact, and she will keep the voters in mind with all her decisions and is honored to be elected to serve the great City of North Miami Beach.

Andrise Bernard, City Clerk, administered the oath of office of Commissioner to McKenzie Fleurimond.

Commissioner Fleurimond expressed appreciation to his wife and parents, those who helped him in his campaign, including Commissioners Villard and Joseph, thanked his colleagues on the City Commission, and recognized many individuals for their support, guidance, and advice. He stated that he is ready to get to work, will be prepared when voting to provide results for the residents, and expressed anticipation on moving the City forward. He wants to spend more time with residents, is appreciative of City staff and management, and thanked those who helped him in his campaign. He thanked his wife and parents and for those who helped him with his campaign. He appreciates that diversity is not commonplace, and that people are expecting more from their local government, and that local elections matter.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava administered the oath of office of Commissioner to Michael Joseph.

Commissioner Joseph thanked Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, the first female Mayor, for administering his oath. During the year, he has seen many people suffer during the pandemic, people taking to the street in support of Black Lives Matters, and leaders working to push away racism. He thanked his family and friends for their endless support, and thanked the voters, even when they didn't always agree. He thanked his colleagues for their professionalism and wants to work with them all to make the City a better place for residents. He thanked all his supporters during his campaign.

**8.2 Appointing Michael Joseph as Vice Mayor (Mayor and Commissioners)**

**Motion to approve** the appointment of Commissioner Joseph as Vice Mayor commencing on December 1, 2020 made by Commissioner Fleurimond, seconded by Commissioner Villard.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

Commissioner Villard thanked the public for voting, congratulated the incoming Mayor and Commissioners, and asked the public to get more involved in local politics.

Commissioner Smukler knows the Commissioners will all work well together and wished everyone happy holidays.

Vice Mayor Kramer congratulated those who were elected, and she looks forward to moving the City forward in the future.

**9. NEXT REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING is Tuesday, December 15, 2020.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Vice Mayor Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Villard.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

**ATTEST:**

**(SEAL)**

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Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk