

**CONSUMER PROTECTION BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**November 17, 2021**

PRESENT: Keith Abel  
Jill Aronosfky  
Dave Cameron  
Herbert Daley  
Michael Flynn  
Ric Green  
Joseph Morguess  
Jenny Rubalcaba  
Kimberly Schnitzius

TEAMS: Beth Lerner

ABSENT: Hassan Shareef  
Lawrence (Larry)Clark  
Jennifer Goldfarb  
Jonathan Lightfoot

Guest:  
Ms. Jerkins  
Deputy Celis: Broward Sheriff Office (Teams)

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph O'Geen – ECPD Senior Program/Project Coordinator  
W. Gail Custode – ECPD Senior Program/Project Coordinator  
Javier Navas – Assistant County Attorney  
Mr. Doug McCrary – Analyst Supervisor  
Beverly Cooley – Board Clerk

**Consumer Protection Board**

The Consumer Protection Board Meeting was held on November 17, 2021. The meeting was called to order @ 9:30am by Michael Flynn, Board Chair. The Roll Call was conducted and quorum was established.

Michael Flynn, Board Chair asked for motion of approval to accept minutes from the May 19, 2021 Board Meeting, which was done by Ric Green, and seconded by Jill Aronosfky

## **Correspondence**

NONE

## **New Members**

There were no new members added, however we are still in need of 4 members to make the board complete

Mr. O'Geen did introduce Phillip McChesney who is the Assistant Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection Division to the Board. Mr. McChesney reminded the Board as to how important their role is as a Board Member.

## **Administrators Report- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2021 (July-September 2021)**

Joe O'Geen reported that we gained new Twitter Followers, and it was reported that over \$25,174 dollars was returned to citizens of Broward County.

Four (4) new Board members are still needed, if anyone knows of anyone interested or that you recommend, please let Mr. Joe O'Geen, Senior Program / Project Manager or Javier Navas, County Attorney, know.

## **Division's Counsel Report**

On the Nuisance Abatement Board Mr. Navas verbally introduced Mr. Abraham who is now his supervisor coming to us from New York, where he supervised 5 boroughs.

Mr. Navas reported that he will be running everything through Mr. Abraham. He also stated that Mr. Abraham has been giving good advice on very important issues concerning the Consumer Protection Board.

There is a meeting scheduled for after Thanksgiving and any changes will also go to the County Attorney, and then will go to the Board, and then to the Board of County Commissioners.

Javier Navas, Assistant County Attorney, spoke on the role of the Consumer Protection Board.

There were 3 main topics that he wanted to speak on.

Role: Important to look at relevant factors because the Board is the last layer of security and defense for tourist and consumer that will be driven around. Remember the Division does a lot of the work.

When speaking on the record, choose words carefully, all meetings are being recorded, and it is permanent record.

Be careful of the questions you ask. Some of these questions are not relevant and should not be asked and most of the questions have nothing to do with the notice that they are there for.

Public or anyone can go and request these meetings, every word we say can be used in deliberation.

Mr. Navas advised the Board to come to him if they have questions.

The role of the Board is not to give legal advice, and to leave that up to Mr. Navas, who is better prepared of answering, and we (Board) must understand that it is not fair to give legal advice of any kind to applicants.

Mr. Navas made it clear that his job is to keep the Board safe and to follow the Constitution.

We (Board) must treat all applicants the same. It is not fair to show favoritism or impartiality towards one applicant or another. Overhelping is not permitted.

Some areas of the applicant's life should not be asked about, keep the questions strictly where it reflects the concerns of the Board.

Always pause, and collect your thoughts before speaking or asking questions

### **Old Business**

The amendments to the Ordinance on the Nuisance Abatement issues should be presented to Commissioners before the new year, and it will come to the Board in the form of a memo.

### **New Business**

Beverly Cooley will be retiring before the next meeting, and Carlos Cabieses will be taking over the Consumer Protection Board Meetings until that position is filled.

Gail Custode, Senior Program/ Project Coordinator asked all Board members to make sure that all Board Orders are submitted back to the appeals hearing clerk in a timely manner and in a format that is readable. If there is a problem with email, just drop them in the mail.

Mr. Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting : Jenny Rubalcaba made the motion, and Jill Aronosfky seconded.

Next Meeting will be March 2022.