



**Human Services Department**

**Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division**

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**BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Housing Options Solutions and Supports Division (“HOSSD”)  
Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory (“HCoC”) Board Meeting  
December 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent	Board of Directors	Present	Excused	Absent
<b>Senator Nan Rich Board Chair</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Reniese McNeal</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Mikal Cartier</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Ron Moffett</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Amanda Bartle</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Silvia Quintana</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Tom Ruthardt- Ex- officio</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>Cathy Stutin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Keith Cavanaugh – Ex-officio</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Officer Chung</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Brian Donovan</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Pam Beasley-Pitman</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Sandra Einhorn</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>Larry Rein</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Tiffany Garcia</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Robin Martin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Juan Saavedra</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Howard Bakalar</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Commissioner Adam Gruber</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Michael Baldwin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Maria Hernandez</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Melida Akiti</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dionne Blackwood</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>Emmittcia Jones</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Angela Chin</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Marisa Sotelo</b>	<b>X</b>		

<b>Joseph Kenner</b>	<b>X</b>						
<b>Taneshia Taylor</b>	<b>X</b>						

**Call to Order and Quorum**

Senator Rich, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Patrice Paldino called attendance and confirmed quorum.

**Approval of May meeting minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the October and November 2025 meeting minutes

**Declaration of Conflict:** NONE

**MOTION PASSED**

**Chair Report**

Senator Rich informed the Board that she attended the Homeless Memorial hosted by HOPE South Florida. Senator Rich stated that in 2025, 117 homeless individuals passed away on the streets, which is the highest in 12 years. Senator Rich informed the Board that many homeless individuals were in attendance and were able to access services.

Senator Rich informed the Board that the county continues its march towards affordable housing and there are many developments with one being the Douglas Gardens residences in Pembroke Pines with over 400 units. Senator Rich stated that over 200 families are now in units and the remaining of them will be housed by January.

Senator Rich informed the Board that she attended the groundbreaking of EKOS which is in Pembroke Park, and that's going to be 150 units for 62 years and older.

**New Business**

- **NOFO:**

Patrice Paldino informed the Board that the Request For Proposal (RFP) that the county issued to be consistent with the NOFO has been rescinded because the NOFO was withdrawn. Patrice Paldino explained that two sets of plaintiffs have filed federal lawsuits in Rhode Island, United States District Court. Patrice Paldino stated that both of those cases are in front of the same

judge, and also that judge has the COC builds litigation. Patrice Paldino informed the Board that the plaintiffs filed a motion for injunctive relief to stop HUD from moving forward on this NOFO and HUD voluntarily rescinded the NOFO with the full intention of reissuing it. Patrice Paldino mentioned that HUD stated in court and in their pleadings that they intend to look at the plaintiff's complaint and modify the NOFO to reissue for 2025.

- **Safe Parking update:**

Joseph Kenner with HOPE South Florida informed the Board that the program began on Monday, December 15, 2025, and that the program is off to a good start. Joseph Kenner stated that things are working very well such as security, food provisions, and staffing.

- **TaskForce data:**

The TaskForce For Ending Homelessness presented data to the Board.

- **2026 HCoC Board meeting dates:**

**Motions:** To approve the 2026 HCoC meeting date schedule with the amendment of the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting being moved to January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Declaration of conflict: **None**

**Approved**

- **A Way Home Plan Summary Revisions:**

Maria Moreno with HOSS-D presented the A Way Home Plan updates to the Board.

**Motions:** To approve the amendments to the A Way Home Plan

Declaration of conflict: **None**

**Approved**

**Old Business:**

**HCoC Vacancies update:**

VA Representative- Potential candidate

**Committee Updates:**

**Performance Outcomes Needs & Gaps**

No update

**Housing Action Committee (HAC)**

No update

**Consumer Advocacy Committee (CAC)**

The Committee is planning the next Symposium for January/February 2026.

**Homeless Youth & Families Committee**

Mr. Wendell Johnson shared student 2024/2025 data.

**Homeless Providers, Stakeholders Council**

Mikal Cartier gave the Board a brief update.

**Public Comment: NONE**

**Good of the Order:**

Mikal Cartier mentioned that in lieu of a 2026 Point In Time Count (PIT Count), the TaskForce For Ending Homelessness has partnered with the City of Hollywood to do an unofficial count on March 10, 2026, called the Voices of the Street.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.**

Next HCoC