



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Robert Weisman Governmental Center
 7th Floor Conference Room
 301 N olive Avenue, West Pam, Beach, FL 33401
Monday, August 12, 2024, 8 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Maria Antuna, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
 Matt Pawlowski, Next Era Energy, and CJC Secretary
 Michael Barnett, County Commissioner
 Michelle Suskauer, Dimond Kaplan & Rothstein, P.A.

Members Absent

Carey Haughwout, Public Defender, 15th Judicial Circuit
 Glenn Kelley, Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
 Lauren Whetstone, FPL Energy Services, Inc., and CJC Vice-Chair (**Phone**)
 Marcia Andrews, Palm Beach County School Board Member, and CJC Treasurer
 Mike Burke, School Superintendent (**Ex-officio**)
 Dr. Rachel Docekal, CEO, Hanley Foundation, and CJC Chair
 Reverend Kevin Jones, Past Chair, Clergy

Guests Attending

Laura Hanley, Office of Commission Michael Barnett
 Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender’s Office

CJC Staff Present

Angelique Pickett, Executive Director
 Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst
 Christopher Slydell, Criminal Justice Analyst
 Dawn Caveness-Davenport, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
 Katherine Shover, Criminal Justice Systems Manager
 Margo Smith, Criminal Justice Analyst
 Stephanie Moliere, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
 Todd Bonlarron, Assistant County Administrator

- I. **Call to Order** – *Matt Pawlowski, Secretary*
 Secretary, Matt Pawlowski, who called the meeting to order.

- II. **Roll Call** – *Angelique Pickett, Executive Director*
 Executive Director Angelique J. Pickett welcomed members and completed roll call (quorum was later obtained during the first half of the meeting).

- III. **Approval and/or corrections to the Agenda**
 Commissioner Barnett made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Michelle Suskauer and passed unanimously.



IV. Approval and/or Corrections to the June 10, 2024 Minutes

Commissioner Barnett made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Michelle Suskauer and approved unanimously.

V. Chair's Comments

- Welcome new Executive Director Angelique Pickett
 - Secretary and acting Chair, Mr. Pawlowski, welcomed new CJC Executive Director, Angelique Pickett, to the CJC.
- Due to construction at the Hanley Center, the next Full CJC meeting scheduled for September 23, 2024 (8 a.m.) will be held at the Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415.
 - Mr. Pawlowski reminded members of the updated meeting location while the Hanley Center is under construction.

VI. Executive Director Updates

- CJC Commission and staff attended the Riviera Beach Police Department's Trailblazers Palm Beach County (PBC) Interview Series Featuring Special Guest Verdenia Baker, PBC County Administrator held on Thursday, August 1, 2024 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Riviera Beach Marina Village – *Executive Director Angelique J. Pickett*
 - Mrs. Pickett stated CJC Staff were present in support of the series held by RBPD.
- The PBSO Targeted Violence Unit is holding their 2nd Annual Golf Scramble on Friday, September 6, 2024 at the Wellington National Golf Club. This event is held to bring attention to mass violence prevention and to raise funds for the community mental health providers of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Palm Beach County (NAMI PBC) – *Executive Director Angelique J. Pickett (see attachment)*
 - Mrs. Pickett announced the upcoming event.

VII. New Business - NONE

VIII. Old Business

- Reengagement with Law Enforcement Partners (LEPC) Update – *Todd Bonlarron, Assistant County Administrator*
Mr. Bonlarron provided the following update:
 - Provided an update regarding law enforcement as one of our partners and amplifying their participation/presence while reengaging these partners through one on one listening/speaking sessions to refocus the work and move forward together.
 - Identified areas of improvement on law enforcements operational side and how the CJC can provide more support in those efforts as they have in the past on other matters. Some of CJC's initiatives have absorbed funding in areas other than law enforcement and discussion took place surrounding those



matters as well to bridge our long-standing relationships. A few of the following supports from the CJC to law enforcement were discussed below:

- Legislative engagement
 - Reviewing best practices
 - Ordinances
 - Emerging issues in law enforcement
 - Technology
 - Better understanding of data collection and data systems
- Discussed how the presence of law enforcement on the CJC is different from other entities due to the fact that law enforcement seat cycles through quicker. An evaluation will be conducted of law enforcements seats on the CJC to determine if a better practice is available to increase consistency in hearing their voice around the table.
 - Reminded members how the Federal law enforcement partners were moved from the Full CJC to LEPC and there's a possibility for an overview of that process. The results as of now have been positive and things are moving forward in a good direction. The new Executive Director, Mrs. Pickett, has an extensive background in law enforcement as well as expert subject matter knowledge on various topics with national level experience which is a strength for the CJC overall and its goal of moving things forward together. Updates will be provided moving forward on these conversations and their outcome(s).

Questions, Answers & Comments:

Maria Antuna: Encouraged all involved to continue engaging in positive dialogues with law enforcement and identified value in our relationship with hopes of forging a stronger bond moving forward so this experience doesn't repeat itself. It appears as if Mrs. Pickett will be able guide all sides around the table as we move forward.

Matt Pawlowski: Discussion in the CJC regarding the importance of our partnership/relationship with law enforcement and the need for us to work collectively has always been a topic of high concern. These recent conversations between both parties are appreciated and critically needed for us to effectively move forward with the work we're looking to accomplish.

IX. Discussion Items/Updates

- Quarterly CJC Executive Meetings – *Executive Director Angelique J. Pickett (see attachment)*
 - Mrs. Pickett provided a proposed updated meeting schedule for Executive Meetings during the upcoming calendar year. The Executive Meeting will take place quarterly for the first three quarters of the year (February, May & August), and due to seat elections they will meet every month during the last quarter of the year(October, November & December). Emergency meetings can be held as needed.
 - For clarification, all CJC Meetings (Full and Executive) will come from 'CJC Meetings Calendar'. Any invite or series of invites received by Amii should be disregarded or deleted from your calendar as we are unable to delete these meetings at this time due to Administrative access.



- A motion was made to approve the proposed CJC Executive Meetings dates with emergency meetings as needed to begin on the next calendar year (2025). The motion was made by Michelle Suskauer seconded by Commissioner Barnett and passed unanimously.

X. Taskforce Updates – (see attachments)

- Per Executive Director, Mrs. Pickett, updates on all Taskforces/Committees/Boards will be provided on the Full CJC meeting Agenda Packet moving forward to ensure insight/oversight of the work being completed and its status. This will enhance transparency/accountability for the CJC overall and is a direct action response to Ms. Leontyne Browns request from a former Full CJC meeting.
- Treasurer, Matt Pawlowski, extolled appreciation of this effort and hopes it will provide continuity of what’s taking place in various committees and task force.
- Commissioner Barnett inquired on the Jail Tour PSCC scheduled in lieu of their standing meeting. Per Mrs. Pickett the jail tour was a success with several CJC members and staff in attendance. If anyone would like to set up a jail tour they can reach out to Todd Bonlarron directly (tbonlarr@pbc.gov). Commissioner Barnett also plans to tour the Medical Examiner’s Office and welcome members to attend.

X. Member Comments

- Treasurer, Matt Pawlowski, discussed an article from Axios that states there is a 6% decline in violent crimes among 69 cities (Miami, Washington D.C., etc.) during the first six months of 2024. This information comes from The Major Cities Chiefs Association.

XI. Guest Comments

- Mr. Bonlarron expressed his appreciation to the new Executive Director on their ability to hit the ground running and looks forward to the relationship building.

XII. Adjournment- Meeting Adjourned

ACTIONS ITEMS

1. Per the motion that was approved, all Executive Meetings will be moved to a quarterly basis for the first three quarters of the year along with the last three months of the year with emergency meetings added as needed. This will begin in 2025.
2. Per Todd Bonlarron, an evaluation will be conducted of law enforcement’s seats on the CJC to determine if a better practice is available to increase consistency in hearing their voice around the table. Updates will be provided.
3. Per CJC Staff, Ms. Moliere, all CJC Meetings (Full and Executive) will come from ‘CJC Meetings Calendar’. Any invite or series of invites received by Amii should be disregarded or deleted from your calendar.
4. Per Todd Bonlarron, CJC Staff will inform the Full CJC of any upcoming tours so members can attend if desired (Jail, Medical Examiner’s Office, etc.).



5. Per Executive Director, Mrs. Pickett, updates on all Taskforces/Committees/Boards will be provided in the Full CJC meeting Agenda Packet moving forward to ensure insight/oversight of the work being completed and its status.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2024 – 8 a.m.

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