



## City of Doral Economic Development Advisory Board Minutes

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Monday, November 18, 2019  
8:30 a.m.  
Doral Government Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Multipurpose Room  
8401 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace,  
Doral, FL 33166

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

**2. Roll Call of Board Members**

Felix Murillo, Chair	Present
Paola Moreno, Vice Chair	Present
Maritza Galoppi, Board Member	Present
Roger Gonzalez, Board Member	Present
Roberto Sroka, Board Member	Present

Also present were:

Manuel Pila, Economic Developer  
Councilwoman Digna Cabral

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Comments**

There were no comments made during public comments.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to approve the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes** made by Roger Gonzalez and seconded by Maritza Galoppi. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

**6. Discussion Items**

**a. Discussion: Overview of the Annual Consulate Reception**

To start off the discussion, Mr. Murillo thanked Mr. Pila and the City of Doral Staff for all the work that was put into the Annual Consulate Reception. Overall, the board was very pleased with the number of Consulates that went to the reception. Mr. Murillo stated that he had two issues with the reception, the first one being appropriate dress code and the

second being the catering menu. Mr. Pila did explain that the budget was cut down this year for the Annual Consular Reception, which would explain the different catering menu from previous years. Also, Ms. Moreno stated that for next year's reception, there should be a better process when naming the Consulates because two of them were not mentioned. Mr. Murillo stated that they should work on those minor issues, so that next year it could be an A+ reception.

**b. Discussion: February Business Forum**

Mr. Pila informed the board that he reached out to Enterprise Florida and spoke to Mr. Carlos Guerra, who has already been to the event before. Mr. Guerra thought it was a great idea to use Enterprise Florida as a connecting mechanism to pull in different speakers on various topics. Enterprise Florida will speak on trade missions and they can bring in other organizations to make it focused more on the trade side. The target date for the February Business Forum is February 13<sup>th</sup> and it might be held at the Doral Police Training & Community Center.

**c. Open Discussion**

Councilwoman Cabral thanked the board members for the Annual Consulate Reception. She informed the board that it was a wonderful event and she also thanked them for their commitment. Councilwoman Cabral stated that she agreed with their comments on how they can better the Consulate Reception for next year and she will bring up the budget issue to the City Manager so they can have their catering menu similar to the ones from the past.

**d. New Business**

Mr. Murillo discussed the possibility of having something similar to 'Taiwan Day' event with some of the Consulate's. More will be discussed down the line. Mr. Pila then provided more information on the 'Taiwan Day Reception' which will be held on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Future Meeting Date**

a) Monday, January 13, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

**8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourns at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


  
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Juanita Cruz, Office of the City Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Mr. Gonzalez and seconded by Board Member Ms. Chaloff.

Chair Felix Murillo  
Vice Chair Paola Moreno  
Board Member Roberto Sroka  
Board Member Maritza Galoppi  
Board Member Roger Gonzalez

  
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Felix Murillo, Chair

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

  
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Felix Murillo, Chair