



COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB MINUTES

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DATE:	Tuesday, Jan 12, 2021
TIME:	7:30 pm
LOCATION:	Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91511201201

PRESIDING OFFICER:	Gregory Gayle	MINUTE TAKER:	Mikkie Belvedere
TYPE OF MEETING:	Regular	TIMEKEEPER:	Gregory Gayle
MEETING OF:	Membership	QUORUM:	YES

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Gayle <i>President</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Betsy Kalau, <i>Member</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner M Belvedere, <i>Member</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Joe DeAngelis <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sajan Kurian <i>Vice President</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Lansing <i>Treasurer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Eserman <i>Parliamentarian</i>	

CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT

- 31 members 6 guests

ELECTED OFFICIALS, CANDIDATES, AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Christine Hunchofsky, Parkland, FL	<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Joshua Rydell	<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Sandy Welch	<input type="checkbox"/> Ronny Sydney, Pres, Wynmoor Dem. Club
<input type="checkbox"/> Mona Malbranche, Pres, Kings Point Democratic Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Alexis Montalvo (Sen Tina Polsky's Office)	<input type="checkbox"/> Patricia Duaybes, Candidate District C	<input type="checkbox"/> Nikitress Lewis, Candidate District B
<input type="checkbox"/> Lauren Linville, Candidate District E	<input type="checkbox"/> Percy Johnson, Pres, Greater Ft Laud. Dem. Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Biden	

MEETING START

- President Gayle started the meeting at 7:30 pm by welcoming attendees.
- He showed a [video](#) of Whitney Houston singing the National Anthem.
- A [video](#) showing 2020 National Democratic Convention delegates reciting the Pledge of Allegiance was shown.

GUEST SPEAKER

- Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere introduced members to Frank Biden. Mr. Biden is the brother of president elect Joe Biden. For approximately 25 minutes, Mr. Biden spoke to members on a variety of topics including his family background, his brother's temperament, his thoughts on the state of politics, etc. He then answered a few questions from members.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Using a PPT, President Gayle started the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Zoom session.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- President Gayle presented the Club's bank statement to members. The current balance is \$1,357.86. He reminded members that members should pay their 2021 membership dues.

CLUB ELECTIONS

- The Club's elections will be on March 2, 2021. Anyone interested in the running for office should send an email to August Mangeney (awmangeney@gmail.com).

FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEETINGS

- On Tues, February 9, 2021, the Club will be hosting candidates for the City of Coconut Creek's municipal elections. He showed members the list of candidates, polling locations, and the districts.
- Please note that the March meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021.**

NATIONAL AND FLORIDA POLITICS

SIEGE ON THE CAPITOL

- President Gayle then shown an [ABC News video](#) of the siege on Washington, DC that took place on Wed, Jan 6, 2021.
- He highlighted [12 Florida](#) Members of Congress who did not vote to certify all electoral votes submitted by states. They were Kat Cammack, Mario Diaz-Balart, Byron Donalds, Neal Dunn, Scott Franklin, Matt Gaetz, Carlos Gimenez, Brian Mast, Bill Posey, John Rutherford, Greg Steube and Dan Webster.
- There was a general discussion on what happened.

GEORGIA ELECTIONS

- President Gayle discussed the election of Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff to the US Senate.

FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR FORUM

- On Friday, Jan 8th, there was a forum of the candidates for Chair of the Florida Democratic Party. The event was streamed on the Broward DEC's Facebook page [LINK](#). President Gayle was the moderator.
- Manny Diaz, former mayor of Miami, was elected Chair of the Florida Democratic Party.

STATE UPDATES

- State Representative Christine Hunschofsky provided updates to members.

ADJOURNMENT

- Before ending the meeting at 9:05 pm, he showed a [video](#) of Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock thanking his supporters for his election.