



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Northwest Council of Elected Officials

DATE: Monday, February 6, 2023

TIME: 12:00 noon – Lunch will be served promptly; public meeting to be held concurrently

HOST CITY: The City of Parkland

LOCATION: Aston Gardens at Parkland Commons – Clubhouse Theater
5999 N University Drive
Parkland, FL 33067

CHAIR: Mayor Rich Walker

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2023, hosted by the City of Margate**
- 2. Old Business**
- 3. New Business**
 - a. Introduction of Randy Colman, President & CEO of Goodman Jewish Family Services**
- 4. Schedule of Next Meeting – TBD - by the City of North Lauderdale**
- 5. Adjournment**

Please RSVP by **Monday, January 30, 2023**, to amorales@cityofparkland.org with the number of representatives from your municipality who plan to attend and advise of any additional agenda items for the meeting.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that if any persons should desire to appeal any decision made at the Northwest Council of Elected Officials meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person with a disability requiring auxiliary aids and services for this meeting may call the City Clerk's Office at 954-757-4133 with their request at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting date.

Members of the public do not need to purchase a meal in order to attend this meeting.

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**
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Parkland, Florida 33067
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**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING**

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Koyou Buffet
8000 West Sample Road
Margate, FL 33063

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Caggiano, City of Margate, called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Self-introductions were made around the room.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Sandra Welch	Coconut Creek
Commissioner Jacqueline Railey	Coconut Creek
Commissioner Rebecca Tooley	Coconut Creek
Commissioner Tycie Causwell	Lauderdale Lakes
Commissioner Sharon Thomas	Lauderdale Lakes
Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn	Lauderhill
Commissioner Denise D. Grant	Lauderhill
Commissioner Lawrence “Jabbow” Martin	Lauderhill
Vice Mayor Sarai “Ray” Martin	Lauderhill
Mayor Ken Thurston	Lauderhill
Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano	Margate
Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano	Margate
Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio	Margate
Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz	Margate
Commissioner Joanne Simone	Margate
Commissioner Luke Lewis	North Lauderdale
Mayor Richard Walker	Parkland
Commissioner Ken Cutler	Parkland
Commissioner Bob Mayersohn	Parkland

ALSO PRESENT:

Cale Curtis, City Manager	Margate
Larry Vignola, Asst. City Manager	Margate
Joseph Galaska, Chief of Police	Margate
Michael Wallace, Communications Manager	Margate
Roberto Lorenzo, Fire Chief	Margate
Luis Villar, Division Chief	Margate
Jennifer Johnson, City Clerk	Margate
Ayesha Robinson, Asst. City Clerk	Margate
Isamar Viveros, Clerk Coordinator	Margate
Joe Scott	Supervisor of Elections

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the meeting minutes for the December 12, 2022 meeting hosted by the City of Coral Springs.

Commissioner Thomas, City of Lauderdale Lakes, moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cutler, City of Parkland. There was a unanimous voice vote of approval.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Caggiano, City of Margate, spoke about the Auto Parts Antitrust Litigation settlement. He hoped other municipalities participated and received settlement funds. Mayor Caggiano reminded the elected officials about the 2023 Senior Hall of Fame. He said nominations should be sent to the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County by March 3, 2023.

Commissioner Tooley, City of Coconut Creek, requested the elected officials attend the Broward County School Board meeting on January 24, 2023 to speak in support of Dr. Vickie Cartwright.

There was a recess after Old Business and the meeting reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Broward County Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott spoke about the November election. He acknowledged there were some issues with precincts and polling locations, and took responsibility for them. He stated his office is working to correct the issues.

Supervisor Scott spoke about the "Vote by Mail" process and how it relates to election cycles. He explained those who choose to vote by mail need to register/re-register by December 31st of even numbered years. Commissioner Railey, City of Coconut Creek, requested a mobile unit be deployed to visit municipalities to assist voters with registration and provide election information.

Commissioner Schwartz, City of Margate, inquired about the loss of six precincts in Margate and the issues that occurred at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church and Abundant Life Church locations. Supervisor Scott stated he was aware of the issues at both locations. He said voters assigned to those two locations were not aware there had been a location change. Mayor Caggiano, City of Margate, suggested the Supervisor of Election's office notify municipalities when changes have been made to voting sites or when registration deadlines are approaching so the information can be distributed on local platforms via email blasts, social media and website postings.

Supervisor Scott stated he is currently studying municipality maps for redistricting purposes. He encouraged the elected officials look at maps of their cities and provide him with their feedback. Supervisor Scott confirmed the additional redistricting is going to be based on community input. He explained precincts are located within a municipalities boundary and polling places are established in locations within the precincts. Commissioner Simone, City of Margate, thanked Mr. Scott for his efforts trying to secure Holiday Springs as a polling place.

Commissioner Simone, City of Margate, said during the last election, the 150 foot restricted campaigning area was moved back several times at the polling sites she visited. Commissioner Arserio, City of Margate, spoke as a voter and stated the several letters he received about changes to voting locations for the different elections was very confusing. He also asked Supervisor Scott to consider hiring non-resident poll workers. He stated having resident poll workers could be influential. Supervisor Scott responded it has traditionally always been this way, but he will consider it. Commissioner Schwartz inquired how Margate could obtain an additional polling site. Supervisor Scott encouraged Commissioner Schwartz to contact him to discuss the options.

4. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

Mayor Caggiano, City of Margate, announced that the next Northwest Council of Elected Officials meeting would be hosted by the City of Parkland at Aston Gardens at Parkland Commons on February 6, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Ayesha Robinson, CMC
Assistant City Clerk