



**NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: Monday, March 18, 2024

TIME: 12:00 Noon

HOSTED BY: The City of North Lauderdale

LOCATION: City Hall Commission Chambers
City of North Lauderdale
Municipal Complex
701 SW 71 Avenue
North Lauderdale, FL 33068

CHAIRMAN: Mayor Samson Borgelin

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2024, City of Parkland
3. Presentations
 - a. Form 6 Financial Disclosure Update by Attorney Samuel S. Goren, Esq.
 - b. BSO School Zone Speed Camera Program
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Next Scheduled Meeting – TBD – April, 2024. Hosted by City of Lauderhill.
7. Adjournment

Please, RSVP by Wednesday, March 11, 2023 to City Clerk Elizabeth Garcia Beckford, 954-724-7056, or via email at CityClerk@nlauderdale.org, with the number of representatives from your city who plan to attend. 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 954-724-7056 with their request at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting date. **Members of the public do not need to purchase lunch in order to attend this meeting.**

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING**

Monday, February 12, 2024
12:00 Noon
Malbec Grill
7351 North State Road 7
Parkland, FL 33073

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Hazelle Rogers	Broward County
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch	Coconut Creek
Commissioner John Brodie	Coconut Creek
Commissioner Jackie M. Railey	Coconut Creek
Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips	Lauderdale Lakes
Commissioner Tycie Causwell	Lauderdale Lakes
Commissioner Sharon Thomas	Lauderdale Lakes
Mayor Kenneth Thurston	Lauderhill
Mayor Tommy Ruzzano	Margate
Vice Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz	Margate
Commissioner Antonio Arserio	Margate
Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano	Margate
Commissioner Joanne Simone	Margate
Mayor Samson Borgelin	North Lauderdale
Vice Mayor Darrell "Dee" Lewis-Ricketts	North Lauderdale
Mayor Richard Walker	Parkland
Vice Mayor Jordan Isrow	Parkland
Commissioner Simeon Brier	Parkland
Commissioner Ken Cutler	Parkland
Commissioner Neil C. Kerch	Sunrise

ALSO PRESENT:

Monika L. Thompkins, Ex. Asst. to Lori Alhadeff	Broward County School Board
Captain Michelle McCardle	Broward Sheriff's Office/Parkland
Deputy Fire Chief Mike Moser	Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Dept.
Stephanie Frohman, Deputy City Clerk	Parkland
Sowande Johnson, Assistant City Manager	Parkland
Marcela Madigan, Senior Administrative Assistant	Parkland
Alyson Morales, City Clerk	Parkland
Anthony Soroka, City Attorney	Parkland
Jackie Wehmeyer, Senior Director of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs	Parkland
Robert Meyers	Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the meeting minutes for the January 9, 2024 meeting hosted by the City of Margate.

Vice Mayor Brier (Parkland), motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lewis-Ricketts (North Lauderdale) seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Walker (Parkland) asked everyone to introduce themselves. He then asked if anyone individually, or their municipality, had joined the Form 6 lawsuit.

Mayor Walker then introduced today's presentation speakers: Parkland City Attorney Anthony Soroka and Attorney Robert Meyers, former Executive Director of the Miami Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, both of Weiss Sorota Helfman Cole + Bierman.

Mr. Soroka spoke about the difference between Form 1 and Form 6 and how Form 6 was recently mandated to be filed by Florida's local elected officials in 2024. He offered some resources on how to obtain valuation on assets. There was discussion amongst all regarding disclosing insurance costs, the effect of joint assets on net worth calculations (reported separately vs. collectively), and reporting of trust assets.

Mr. Meyers noted that assets worth over \$1,000, such as a mutual funds, may be placed collectively in trusts, partnerships, LLCs and corporations, which allow the assets to be reported as a whole, rather than broken down separately. He explained liabilities and examples of what should be reported.

Mr. Meyers explained the repercussions of not filing the Form 6. Several elected officials across the state have resigned their seats prior to December 31, 2023, to avoid filing the newly required form. Mr. Soroka spoke about the impending litigation and the \$10,000 fee for municipalities to join the lawsuit. At least 21 municipalities have joined, along with at least 46 individual elected officials who chose to be named as plaintiffs.

Some elected officials expressed that filing a Form 6 seems punitive and that perhaps city managers and purchasing directors should be required to file Form 6.

5. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

Mayor Walker announced the March 2024 Northwest Council of Elected Officials meeting would be hosted by the City of North Lauderdale. Mayor Borgelin (North Lauderdale) relayed that the exact date would be determined soon.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Alyson Morales, MMC
City Clerk, City of Parkland