



**NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS
MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

TIME: 12:00 Noon

HOSTED BY: The City of North Lauderdale

LOCATION: Join WebEx Meeting

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CHAIRMAN: Mayor Ana M. Ziade

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2021 - City of Parkland
3. Guest Speaker:
 - a. Legislative Update – Attorney Samuel S. Goren of the Law Firm of Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, April 12, 2021 – City of Lauderhill
7. Adjournment

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 3rd to City Clerk Elizabeth Garcia Beckford, 954-724-7056, or via email at egbeckford@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.

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2021
12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM
Hosted by the City of Parkland

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89174117080>

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Members Present:

Commissioner Sandra L. Welch	Coconut Creek
Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere	Coconut Creek
Commissioner Becky Tooley	Coconut Creek
Commissioner Nancy Metayer	Coral Springs
Commissioner Joy Carter	Coral Springs
Mayor Hazelle P. Rogers	Lauderdale Lakes
Vice Mayor Beverly Williams	Lauderdale Lakes
Commissioner Veronica Edwards Phillips	Lauderdale Lakes
Commissioner Karlene Maxwell-Williams	Lauderdale Lakes
Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz	Margate
Mayor Ana M. Ziade	North Lauderdale
Commissioner Lorenzo Wood	North Lauderdale
Mayor Richard Walker	Parkland
Vice Mayor Bob Mayersohn	Parkland
Commissioner Ken Cutler	Parkland
Commissioner Jordan Isrow	Parkland

Also Present:

Joe Scott, Supervisor of Elections	Broward County Supervisor of Elections
Brenda Morrison, Leg. Aide Intern - Comm. Dunn	Lauderhill
Alyson Morales, City Clerk	Parkland

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rich Walker, of the City of Parkland, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor called for a roll call and self-introductions were made around the room.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of the meeting minutes for the January 12, 2021 meeting, hosted by the City of Margate.

Commissioner Carter, City of Coral Springs, moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ziade, City of North Lauderdale. There was a unanimous voice vote of approval.

3. **SPEAKER:** Broward County Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott

Mayor Walker introduced Joe Scott, Broward County's new Supervisor of Elections. Mr. Scott provided an overview of his background which includes extensive technical, leadership and military experience. He was just elected and while moving into new, more spacious offices, they are preparing for the upcoming March election with five Broward cities. He plans to integrate new technologies, while maintaining efficiency and sustainability in this office.

A priority for him includes outreach for voter registration. He mentioned that Vote-By-Mail does expire and is only valid for a two-year period. He would like for voters to be more proactive in renewing. He stated that the infrastructure is in place to add 22 new drive-thru ballot locations to be set up in the future. He is seeking out grant funding to enable this. He would also like to utilize a "text-to-know" program so that voters can learn about their ballot status via their cell phone.

Scott reported that his office is now preparing for the high school voter registration drive, to begin on March 9. He added that he'd like to reinvigorate it with a friendly competition between the area schools. "Adopt-a-Precinct" is an opportunity for non-profit, non-partisan organizations to sponsor a voting precinct. Staffing is a huge challenge and the SOE would provide all training and supplies to potential pollworkers. This would also be an opportunity to boost branding with a sign at the targeted precinct and also a great chance for fundraising.

Scott would like his office to become a model for the State and asked all to send any queries to: jscott@browardsoe.org.

Several commissioners asked Mr. Scott questions:

- Commissioner Carter - Asked about flyers for Vote-By-Mail.
- Commissioner Welsh - Asked about flyers for the high school competition. (Scott: follow Dr. Ball of Broward Schools at @BrowardVotes)
- Commissioner Edwards Phillips - Inquired about the high school competition and Adopt-a-Precinct programs.
- Mayor Ziade - Asked why there is an expiration on Vote-By-Mail ballots. (Scott: State law) Asked how many precincts need to be manned for Adopt-a-Precinct? (Scott: SOE is studying – will let her know) Inquired

about discussion on possible alternatives for early voting locations held at schools. (Scott: Schools are a critical partner and are ADA compliant)

- Vice Mayor Mayersohn - Thanked Scott for coming and mentioned that he is actually Joe's district commissioner. He'd like to help out as he's very involved with the schools and Broward League of Cities (BLOC). He'll reach out to the BLOC for help.
- Commissioner Metayer – Expressed that these are great initiatives. She would like to address the language barriers for voters. She asked if Scott's office will be providing any leadership or mentoring programs. (Scott: They would like to move ahead with that) She then asked for assistance with outreach in Coral Springs. (Scott: It's available - please reach out to his office)

Mayor Walker liked the drive-thru voting idea and thanked Mr. Scott for attending and presenting here today.

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

5. NEW BUSINESS

First, Mayor Schwartz discussed the rollout of new COVID-19 vaccine sites at select Florida Wal-Mart stores. She confirmed that none of the cities chosen for vaccine sites included the nine cities represented here and she had recently sent out a letter to those mayors to that effect (she noted that she missed the City of Sunrise and will send a copy over shortly). Residents in these nine cities all have access to a local Wal-Mart pharmacy. As for the Broward cities that were chosen by Wal-Mart, all currently have access to a drive-thru vaccination site already. Schwartz noted that she will mention this to Broward County Mayor Steven Geller but wants to compose a letter to Monesia T. Brown, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations for Wal-Mart, relating her dismay that about 500,000 people have been forgotten. She asked for this Council's support. All in attendance seemed to be in agreement. She will send the letter to Mayor Walker to work with the city clerk to distribute for signatures of support.

Second, Commissioner Cutler acknowledged that this month is Black History Month. He explained that last year, on July 19, 2020, former Broward County Mayor Dale Holness presented a proclamation designating that day as Rubin Stacy Remembrance Day. Since 2018, Cutler has been researching Stacy and formed a coalition with individuals working with the Equal Justice Initiative, out of Alabama, to bring a memorial marker to the Fort Lauderdale area where Mr. Stacy was lynched in 1935. State Representative Bobby DuBose has put together a bill, HB151(2021), to place a State designation marker in Fort Lauderdale. Cutler is supporting the City of Fort Lauderdale to have Davie Boulevard renamed after Stacy. Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner Ben

Sorenson stated that the item will appear on an upcoming agenda. Cutler is asking this council to support a proclamation or resolution in favor of Fort Lauderdale's efforts. He proposed that it is his intention that these efforts will open up a frank dialogue regarding the negative impacts of racism for all, collectively and individually. Mayor Rogers, of Lauderdale Lakes, asked if the Broward League of Cities could possibly host this group discussion after this item has made it to Fort Lauderdale's agenda.

Third, Commissioner Belvedere bid her farewells as she announced that she is retiring next month. All wished her well.

Lastly, Vice Mayor Mayersohn announced the sad news that former long-time Mayor and Commissioner Joe Varsallone of Margate has recently passed away.

6. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

Mayor Walker thanked everyone for attending and announced that the March, 2021 Northwest Council of Elected Officials meeting would be hosted by the City of North Lauderdale on Monday, March 8, 2021.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Alyson Morales, MMC
Parkland City Clerk