



## City of Doral Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, April 11, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Doral Government Center  
1st Floor Multipurpose Room  
8401 NW 53rd Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call of Board Members

Cesar Abarca, Chair	Present
Katty Acon, Vice-Chair	Absent
Diego Moreno, Secretary	Present
Alejandra Paez, Board Member	Present
Gina Romero, Board Member	Absent/Excused
Fernando Da Silva, Board Member	Present

### Also, Present:

Councilwoman Maureen Porras, Mayor & Council  
Dulce Pantaleon, Public Works Department

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Public Comments:

Mrs. Selma Garcia requested an update on the outcomes of the Miami Dade Council meeting in September 2023 and inquired about results of air studies.

Mrs. Patricia Villar requested to be informed on the cleanup plan for the ash mountain behind the Resources Recovery Facility (RRF) site.

Ms. Adriana Porras made an informative presentation on composting titled:  
Building a better planet

Mr. Javier Cabrera, Doral citizen and entrepreneur, Farmer in Homestead, stated he hasn't seen action in a year and wants to encourage to make decisions.

## **5. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to approve the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes made by the board.**  
By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Thank our Liaison MP's Team and the City of Doral Councilmembers for unanimously approving the Solubag Project  
EAB Chairman Cesar Abarca thanked liaison Councilwoman Maureen Porras for supporting approval of the Solubag Project
2. Welcome new members – Opportunity to:
  - Provide update on the latest advancements of the new RRF project.
  - Review the priorities, mission, and objectives of the board.  
Mr. Abarca reaffirmed the priorities of the Environmental Advisory Board  
Ms. Dulce Pantaleon suggested for EAB to make a motion to sponsor program for Composting at TDC West Schools and evaluate the viability of the program. Mr. Abarca asked if this proposal was separate from previous proposal in composting and suggested we use University of Florida educational program to establish the standard for composting, since UF is the officially recognized institution on composting by Miami Dade County
  - Review members' roles and responsibilities.  
  
Mr. Abarca recommends EAB confirm members roles and responsibilities.  
Mr. Diego Moreno moves to confirm Mr. Abarca as Chairman of the board, Mr. Fernando Da Silva seconds the motion.  
Secretary position reviewed, Mr. Da Silva moves to propose Mr. Moreno as secretary, Mr. Abarca seconds motion, Mr. Diego Moreno is established as Secretary of the EAB.  
Vice chair position to be reviewed next meeting.
3. Continue improving the working structure of the committee. Besides the minutes and official agenda format, initiatives proposed by members should include the following:
  - Sponsor Name
  - Background
  - Problem Statement

- Expected Results
4. Request for Presentation by Ms. Pantaleon, Sustainability Department  
Ms. Pantaleon presented the Citywide Sustainability Implementation Plan (CISP) Update.
  5. Inclusion of Community Garden Project - skipped because sponsor is not present.
  6. Open Discussion
    - Motion to request proposal from DP to evaluate the viability of a pilot program at DDHS for composting, including training resources and mechanics of the operation, as well as risks involved with implementing such a program.

**7. Next Meeting:**

Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. (Special Meeting)

**8. Adjournment:**


The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

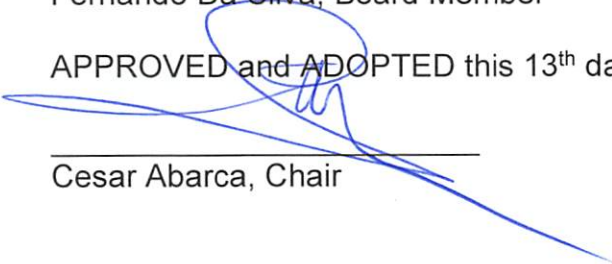
  
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Diego Moreno, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member CESAR ABARCA and seconded by Board Member FERNANDO DA SILVA

Cesar Abarca, Chair  
Katty Acon, Vice Chair  
Diego Moreno, Secretary  
Alejandra Paez, Board Member  
Gina Romero, Board Member  
Fernando Da Silva, Board Member

  
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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

  
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Cesar Abarca, Chair