



## SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council

**Please note our new address: One Oakwood Blvd, Suite 221, Hollywood, FL 33020**

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#### **Welcome**

Chair Ray McDonald welcomed the members at 10:02 am.

#### **Introductions**

In attendance were Niel Batista, Tatiana Belmont, Bob Christensen, Jose Diaz, **SERC TTF Rep Maikel Garcia**, Steven Herschenhorn, Jaimie Johnson, Vince Kalson, Bret Maxwell, **Chair Ray McDonald**, AJ Navarrete, Jeffry Peleg, Axel Rodriguez, Peter Schecter, **Vice Chair Steve Shaw**, Jose Tovar, Freda Vaughn and **Coordinator Manny Cela**. The following members had excused absences: Junieth Arana, Rick Barrett, Jenese Bowles, Jeannie Cann, Alain Donderiz, Jeasy Justiniano, Doug LeValley and John Johnson. Also present were Willie Bouie, BJ Sullivan, John Decanini, Lisa Gordon, Matt Portilla, Eric Fazzi, Tamece Knowles and Michael Rupinski.

#### **Previous Meeting Summary**

The minutes from the May 16, 2018 SoFlaLEPC meeting were moved by Steve Shaw, seconded by Jeffry Peleg and approved unanimously.

#### **Membership Changes (Manny Cela)**

The Coordinator informed the Committee of the membership nominations received since the last meeting: Keith Westin, Warnell Vickers, Miguelangel Becerra, Tatiana Belmont, Doug LeValley, Martha Payan, Jenese Bowles and Jose Diaz. The nominations were moved by Steve Shaw, seconded by Niel Batista and approved unanimously for transmission to the SERC for approval.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

##### Training Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Coordinator Manny Cela briefed the members on training already offered this year and one additional upcoming OSHA class for Florida International University. After the purchase of the hazmat trailer, all training funds for the year should be expended.

##### Planning Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

The Planning Subcommittee suspended activities for the year in favor of the Exercise Subcommittee.

##### Exercise Subcommittee (Manny Cela)

Plan to conduct a tabletop exercise before September 30. Exercise meeting immediately follows.



### **Presentations**

Tamece Knowles, Assistant Director, Lab Safety and Michael Rupinski, Environmental Compliance Officer from the FIU Department of Environmental Health and Safety were present to discuss the University's involvement with hazardous materials, their use, disposal and other very informative facts.

### **2018 HazMat Emergency Response Plan Update (Manny Cela)**

The 2018 Plan was accepted by FDEM and is current. Update activities for 2019 will begin after the new year.

### **SoFlaLEPC Officer Elections**

The positions of LEPC Chair and Vice Chair have two-year terms, which are up at this time. Chair Ray McDonald expressed interest in serving another term. Vice Chair Howard Vollovick moved out of State and resigned. SERC TTF Rep Steve Shaw expressed an interest in moving up to the position of Vice Chair. Lt. Maikel Garcia expressed an interest in serving in the capacity of SERC TTF Rep. Having received no additional nominations, Jeffrey Peleg moved a motion in favor of the candidates, which was seconded by Jose Tovar and approved unanimously by the present members.

### **SERC Thomas Yatabe Award and Certificates of Appreciation**

After consideration by the officers and Coordinator, Niel Batista was nominated for the 2019 Yatabe Award, Steven Herschenhorn and Freda Vought for Certificates of Appreciation. The nominations were moved by Bret Maxwell, seconded and approved unanimously.

### **SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)**

Coordinator Manny Cela reported on plans to convert the two office suites adjacent to the current temporary SFRPC offices into their permanent quarters. Construction should begin in October.

### **Member Comments**

Bob Christensen briefed the members on issues dealing with radiological training for the public and air monitoring after a nuclear or radiological event. Niel Batista and Vince Kalson, RAD representatives for their respective counties, provided additional information.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

An Exercise Subcommittee meeting is to follow immediately after. The next SoFlaLEPC meeting will take place November 14, 2018 at 10 am.

### **Adjourn**

Adjournment was moved by Eric Fazzi at 10:45 am, seconded by Jamie Johnson and approved unanimously.