

# Metro-Dade Fire Fighters

11-18-19

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## Executive Board Minutes (B-shift)

November 18, 2019

1030

### ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

President Omar Blanco(present)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Brian Lynch(absent)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Michelle Steele(present)  
Secretary Gabe Nemeth(present)  
Treasurer Paul Blake(present)

2019  
Ralph Fernandez(present)  
Lisa Bullard(present)  
Christian Chuck(absent)1125  
Andre Cruzeta(present)  
Dan Cuoco(present)  
Nick Digiacommo(present)  
Billy McAllister(present)

2020  
Richard Andrews(present)  
Bridget Keating(absent))  
Rocky McAllister(present)  
John O'Brien(absent)  
Lazaro Pereda(present)  
Tim Porter(present)  
Rick Ramirez(present)

**Executive Assistants:** Chris Fink,(present) Felipe Lay

**Benefits Officer:** Claudine Buzzo

**Trustees:** John Askham, Randy Brown, Jeff Hackman

**Meeting called to order at 1108:** Pledge of allegiance, moment of silence

**Member/Guest:** Fernando Castano

**Previous Meetings Minutes:**

**Motion by Cuoco to approve the previous E-Board meeting minutes. Second by Ramirez, motion passes.**

**Member/Guest Presentation:** none

### Correspondence:

Andrews – received a thank you from Hialeah Local 1112 for our support both financially and by our members. They might need further assistance during future weekends knocking on doors.

Nemeth – received letter from Portland, Oregon Local 43 thanking us for helping one of their members who has a parent that lives in Kendall.

### Reports of Officers:

Omar Blanco: President's Report –

- Up-coming events – November 22<sup>nd</sup> ballots counted and November 26 is General Membership with the Movember Contest

Paul Blake: Treasurer's Report – Financial report of current balances, 2020 Budget emailed to board- will be discussed and voted on next meeting

Gabe Nemeth: Secretary's Report –

- Database – project update, getting closer but still have over 1000 members that have not updated their information.
- Election – update

Brian Lynch: 1st VP Report – none

Michelle Steele: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report – Grievances and arbitration have increased during the last 2 months of the year.

- Longevity Settlement – had meeting with HR discussing the issues that have been found. It appears downtown and HQ input items differently. Approximately 180 have been turned in with about 50 requiring a second look because of questionable information that we cannot explain. Setting up meeting with downtown.
- Cancer Coverage – downtown has begun the process and has developed the paperwork to be filled out. We are monitoring the process.

### Report of Committees:

Health & Safety – Pereda – Last meeting was productive. Bunker gear work being done by Lt. Rodriguez seems to be moving in the right direction. Our main issue still remains who is in charge of facilities.

Special OPS- Fire Boats have been moved to the respective battalion, FB73 to Batt 5 and FB21 to Batt 1. The respective Battalion will handle staffing requirements.

# **Metro Dade Fire Fighters IAFF Local 1403**

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO, CLC

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

Bullard – Lobbyist – Report pending due to unavailability.

Blake – discussion was had during principal officers meeting to develop a system to help members that are retiring with the process.

Blake – ALTS – selection will take place next meeting after election of new Executive Board Members.

R.McAllister – discussion on Airport Fire Investigator and how in the past they were part of Fire Prevention and still part of MIA Life Safety Bureau. The discussion determined that it would be to our interest to place this into our negotiations for future solutions.

**Motion by Bullard to purchase shirts and socks for participants during the Stair Climb for Air at up to \$3000. Second by Steele, motion passes.**

**Good and Welfare:** none

**Motion to adjourn at 1302 by Ramirez. Second by Pereda, motion passes.**

**In Unity,**

**Gabe Nemeth, Secretary**

**IAFF Local 1403**