

Summary Minutes
Courthouse Task Force Advisory Committee
January 23, 2009 – 1:00 PM
Courthouse - North Wing
Conference Room 1882

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Commissioner Ilene Lieberman, Chair
Chief Judge Vic Tobin, 17th Judicial Circuit
Circuit Court Judge Peter Weinstein
Howard Finkelstein, Broward County Public Defender
Howard Forman, Clerk of Courts
Carol Lee Ortman, Court Administrator
Margaret Bates, Broward County League of Cities
Jose Izquierdo, Izquierdo and Marin
Chuck Morton, Chief Assistant State Attorney
Linda O'Neil, Judicial Assistant to Judge Robert Lee
Eugene Pettis, Haliczer, Pettis & Schwamm
Greg Durden, PA

MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Scott Rothstein, Rothstein, Rosenfeld, Adler
Scott Chitoff, Brinkley, Morgan, Solomon, Tatum, Stanley and Lunny

ALSO

PRESENT:

Pete Corwin, Assistant to the County Administrator
Purvi Bhogaita, County Attorney's Office
Mona Gordon, Facilitator
Ruth Myles, Facilitator
Elyse Rosenberg, Facilitator
Katherine Burnell, County Administration Assistant
Brad Seff, Real-Time Reporter

NOTE: Verbatim minutes can be found at www.browardcourhousetaskforce.org

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed the members of the Courthouse Task Force. Introductions were made. The Chair then reviewed the purpose of the Task Force as described in the background materials filed as part of these minutes.

Assistant County Attorney Purvi Bhogaita reviewed the provisions of the Sunshine Laws.

Assistant to the County Administrator, Pete Corwin, gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the condition of the current Courthouse, the Courthouse Master Plan, construction options, existing capital funds, financing options and the proposed location for a new courthouse. The presentation and background materials are filed as part of these minutes.

The Chair moderated a brief discussion and introduced the facilitators for the breakout sessions. The task force was divided into two groups which were facilitated by Mona Gordon, Elyse Rosenberg and Ruth Myles. One group discussed operations and the other group discussed physical plant issues.

Each breakout group provided a report to the Task Force of their findings which are included in the verbatim minutes.

The Chair thanked the members for their contributions and adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.