



Nominating Committee Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2026
3250 S.W. 3rd Avenue (Coral Way)
United Way – Conference Room D
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

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AGENDA

3:30 p.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

3:35 p.m. **Approval of June 15, 2026 Nominating Committee minutes summary (Pg. 2)**

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

3:40 p.m. **At-Large Position**

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

- *Interview Candidates & Recommend Candidate for Approval*

4:40 p.m. **Any Other Business**

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

4:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

Reminder:

Next Committee Meeting: TBD

The public is allowed to comment on a specific agenda item but must register with the Clerk of the Board prior to being allowed to comment.



**Nominating Committee Meeting Summary
Summary of Actions Taken
June 15, 2026
9:30 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.**

The Nominating Committee Meeting was held on June 15, 2026:

Committee members in attendance: Dr. Daniel Bagner, Gilda Ferradaz, Norie Del Valle, Judge Orlando Prescott, Kenneth Hoffman, and Laurie Weiss Nuell.

Legal Counsel in attendance: Leigh Kobrinski

Staff in attendance: James Haj, Imran Ali, Jack Bentolila, Victoria Gandul, Lisete Yero, Juana Leon, and Yuliet Alfonso.

Guests in attendance: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Dr. Daniel Bagner, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Public Comment – No.

The following actions were taken at the Nominating Committee meeting on June 15, 2026:

Motion to approve January 26, 2026, Nominating Committee meeting minutes was made by Gilda Ferradaz and seconded by Judge Orlando Prescott. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

The Nominating Committee conducted a thorough review and discussion of the applications received to determine candidates for interviews. Out of the twenty-three applications submitted for the At-Large vacancy, six candidates were chosen to move forward to the interview stage.

Motion to approve the selection of six candidates, Magaly Abrahante, Jeri Beth Cohen, Sandy Calle, Karyn Cunningham, and Julie Kantor to be interviewed at the next Nominating Committee meeting and to consider Judge Norman Gerstein for the vacancy but will not be required to participate in an interview, was made by Judge Orlando Prescott and seconded by Gilda Ferradaz. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.