



**CITY OF DELRAY BEACH**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY**  
**COMMITTEE**

100 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33444

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Monday, January 5, 2026

11:00 a.m.

City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Mazzeo at 11:08 am.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

***Present:***

Adelle Azam (arrived at 11:07 am)  
Ariana Ciancio, Police Department  
Jeffrey Lefton  
Joseph Mazzeo, Fire Department, Chair  
Lisa McWhorter

***Absent:***

Charles Ridley, Vice Chair

***Staff present:***

Jeff Oris, Assistant City Manager / Board Liaison  
Lawonda Warren, Legal Advisor  
Jeane St. Luce, Executive Assistant

Roll was called and quorum was present.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A Motion was made by Lisa McWhorter to approve the agenda, seconded by Jeffrey Lefton. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously (4-0).

**4. MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Jeffrey Lefton to approve December 22, 2025 minutes, seconded by Lisa McWhorter. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously (4-0).

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**6. OLD BUSINESS:****A. Discussion Regarding Presentation Of Initial Recommendation To The City Commission**

Assistant City Manager Oris provided a rough presentation to the Committee for the Commission.

Joseph Mazzeo, Chair, asked if the presentation is for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting. Assistant City Manager stated the presentation is tentatively scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Adelle Azam arrived at the meeting at 11:07 am

Assistant City Manager Oris gave an overview of the presentation for the Commission. He stated the speakers will provide additional information during the presentation.

Lisa McWhorter asked who the speakers were. Assistant City Manager stated Charles Ridley and Jeffrey Lefton had agreed to be the speakers.

Jeffrey Lefton asked if the Committee would be meeting again before February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Assistant City Manager Oris stated the next meeting is February 2<sup>nd</sup> and if the Committee would like to meet, a special meeting can be scheduled. Additionally, he is willing to meet with the speakers one on one to go through the presentation.

Adelle Azam asked when the presentation will be presented and to whom. Assistant City Manager Oris stated tentatively on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Commission. This Committee will make initial recommendations to the Commission, but no dollar values can be assigned until the Commission provides directions.

Lisa McWhorter stated can the Commission review these recommendations and not agree with any of them. Assistant City Manager stated that is correct. The Committee is making recommendations.

Jeffrey Lefton stated the primary recommendation is the paramedicine program. Assistant City Manager stated the Committee has discussed a recommendation for the paramedicine program to receive all the funding. The speaker will discuss how the paramedicine program cannot be completely funded by the program; therefore, the city would have to supplement the program or find an outside entity.

Joseph Mazzeo, Chair, commented that those are details that we would work out once the Commission provides directions.

Lisa McWhorter asked why there is more money now and less money moving forward. Assistant City Manager stated it is because not all the previously received funds have been allocated and the funding is irregular. The settlement was for a total of 18 years, and this is the third year.

Discussion ensued on the amount of the settlement money for each year, what funding has already been allocated and how much funding is available.

Assistant City Manager and Joseph Mazzeo, Chair, elaborated on the programs for the already allocated funds.

Assistant City Manager stated if anyone on the Committee believes something else should be included or has any adjustments to the presentation to let him know. The presentation can move forward once the Committee approves the presentation.

Joseph Mazzeo, Chair, asked if the new members of the Committee can be provided with all the previous documents. Assistant City Manager will provide.

Lisa McWhorter stated other than the paramedicine program, the other recommendations are very broad. Joseph Mazzeo, Chair, stated the goal is to break the recommendations down into grants.

Assistant City Manager Oris elaborated on how a grant program could work.

Adelle Azam asked if there has been any collaboration with the existing recovery centers. Joseph Mazzeo, Chair, stated the Committee had received and discussed recommendations from the Drug Task Force.

Assistant City Manager Oris stated the presentation will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Commission Chambers and asked all members to attend to support the members who will be speaking.

A Motion was made by Lisa McWhorter to approve the presentation and authorize Assistant City Manager Oris and speakers to finalize the presentation as necessary in preparation for the Commission meeting, seconded by Joseph Mazzeo. All in favor, no opposed. Motion **PASSED** unanimously (5-0).

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**8. COMMENTS:**

A. Staff

Assistant City Manager Oris welcomed the new members. He further explained to the new members the timeline and future process for the recommendations. Discussion ensued.

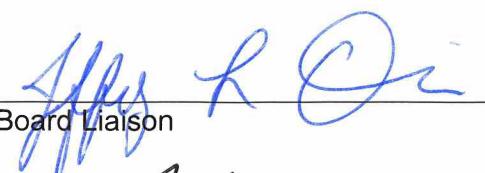
B. Committee Members

The committee members introduced themselves and discussed their backgrounds.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am.

Board Liaison



Board Chair



Date



Date

