

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 PM

City Hall 2nd floor Council Chambers

776 NE 125 Street, North Miami, FL 33161

I. ASSEMBLY AND ORGANIZATION:

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Board Members
- Amendments to the agenda

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

- Opening Remarks, Councilwoman Mary Estime-Irvin
- Introduction of Special Guests & Dignitaries
- **Featured Presentations: “The State of Women & Girls in Florida”**
 - i. Dr. Rosario Concha, Research Associate, University of Miami School of Law
 - ii. Commissioner Candace Vassillion, Florida Commission on the Status of Women
 - iii. Commissioner Belinda Keiser Florida Commission on the Status of Women
 - iv. Chairwoman Michelle Abreu: Miami-Dade County Commission for Women
- Community Partners – Two (2) Minute Addresses
 - i. Dr. Belinda Leon, Doral Commission for Women
 - ii. Tricia Harris, North Miami Beach Commission for Women
 - iii. Metris Batts, President of The Miami Women's Club
 - iv. Francesco Duberli, Survivors Pathway
 - v. Myrnelle Fleur-Aime, Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida (HANA)
 - vi. Dr. Maria Hidalgo, 1st Vice-Chair, Global Innovative Foundation
 - vii. Marie Flore Lindor-Latortue, Executive Director, AEDAP, Inc.
 - viii. Dave Burney, The Greater North Miami Chamber of Commerce
 - ix. Kenya Lesperence, Educator & School Psychologist Intern

III. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Proposal:** Annual Miami-Dade Women's Leadership Summit

Presented by: Dr. Naomi Esther Blemur

The North Miami Commission for Women proposes hosting an Annual Miami-Dade Commission for Women Summit, uniting women leaders across the county to:

- Strengthen partnerships and share best practices
- Highlight innovative community initiatives
- Identify shared challenges and collaborative solutions
- Empower women to lead and serve more effectively

Purpose:

To create a unified space where city, county, and community leaders collaborate on advancing equity, leadership, and opportunity for women and girls across Miami-Dade County.

Proposed Timeline:

Spring 2026 (March, Women's History Month)

Proposed Partners:

Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, municipal commissions throughout the county, chambers of commerce, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and community advocacy groups.

Expected Outcomes:

- Development of a countywide network of women's commissions and leaders.
- Launch of joint initiatives addressing education, economic opportunity, health, and safety for women and girls.
- A published summary report outlining key recommendations and next steps for implementation.

This annual summit will serve as a collaborative platform for leadership, innovation, and impact, ensuring Miami-Dade County remains at the forefront of advancing women's rights and representation.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING: Open to the Public

V. ADJOURNMENT