


MIAMI BEACH

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk 
DATE: April 23, 2025
SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Nightlife Taskforce Advisory Committee - April 10, 2025 Motions

This Letter to the Commission (LTC) provides an update on motions passed at the April 10, 2025 meeting of the Ad Hoc Nightlife Taskforce Advisory Committee. (Committee).

Members Present:

- Steve Polisar, Chair
- Edison Farrow
- Joel Stedman
- Lea Stevenson
- David Wallack

Motion 1: Spring Break Regulations Policies and Permitting

The Committee recommends that the Mayor and Commissioners review and clarify the Spring Break rules, specifically as they relate to entertainment, queuing, and inconsistent business operations regulations. The Committee would like to collaborate with the Administration to improve the Miami Beach nightlife industry viability and reassess Spring Break restrictions.

Motion made by: David Wallack
Seconded by: Steve Polisar
Vote: Passed unanimously (5 – 0)

Motion 2: Entertainment and Collateral Issues

The Committee recommends that the Mayor and Commissioners review ordinances regulating the nightlife industry to ensure the laws reflect the modern day operation of the nightlife industry and the diverse options of entertainment, including, but not limited to restaurants, lounges, clubs, etc. Specifically, the growing costs and logistical challenges of operating sidewalk cafes, the 40% food sale requirement for late-night entertainment, and the 2 AM alcohol bans, fees, and penalties.

Motion made by: Joel Stedman
Seconded by: Steve Polisar
Vote: Passed unanimously (5 – 0)

Motion 3: Policing and Security

The Committee recommends a meeting with the Chief of Police to discuss response times, perception, visibility, staffing, homelessness, etc. The key is to provide well-lit areas and visible crowds that are inviting and make residents, tourists and visitors feel safe.

Motion made by: Edison Farrow
Seconded by: Joel Stedman
Vote: Passed unanimously (5 – 0)

Motion 4: Communications/Marketing

The Committee recommends that the Administration create a positive Miami Beach marketing campaign to combat the negative Spring Break campaign and attract events and activations that reflect the many great experiences Miami Beach has to offer including nightlife amenities.

Motion made by: Edison Farrow
Seconded by: David Wallack
Vote: Passed unanimously (5 – 0)

Any questions about the foregoing may be directed to Committee Co-Liaisons: Scott Flanagan, Police Department Captain, scottflanagan@miamibeachfl.gov; Heather Shaw, Economic Development Interim Director, heathershaw@miamibeachfl.gov, and Hernan Cardeno, Code Compliance Department Director, hernancardeno@miamibeachfl.gov.

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