

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
PALM BEACH COUNTY INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMITTEE
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

NOVEMBER 3, 2022

**THURSDAY
2:00 p.m.**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
WEISMAN GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

MEMBERS:

Peter L. Cruise
Michael S. Kridel
Danielle Sherriff
Carey Haughwout
David Aronberg, State Attorney
Michael H. Kugler, Vice Chair
Rodney G. Romano, Chair

INSPECTOR GENERAL STAFF PRESENT:

John A. Carey, County Inspector General

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Freeman, Deputy Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Kridel, Michael Kugler, Rodney Romano, and Danielle Sherriff

Absent: David Aronberg, Peter Cruise, and Carey Haughwout

III. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

There were no introductory comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (IG) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

a. Meeting: June 2, 2022

MOTION to approve the June 2, 2022, minutes. Motion by Michael Kridel, seconded by Danielle Sherriff, and carried 4-0.

(CLERK'S NOTE: David Aronberg joined the meeting.)

V. SIX-MONTH STATUS REPORT

a. Presentation by Inspector General Carey

John Carey, IG, provided a brief synopsis of the mission of the Office of the IG (OIG) by way of a slideshow presentation.

Mr. Carey recognized staff accomplishments by way of a slideshow and explained the staff members' roles in the OIG.

Responding to Chair Romano's request, Mr. Carey briefly explained the qualifications needed to be an IG auditor or investigator.

Mr. Carey delivered a presentation in which he discussed the following points:

- Kalinthia Dillard was vice president of the Forum Club
- counties and municipalities had received over \$750 million in federal and state funds to assist with Covid-19 relief
- Covid relief funds were used for rental assistance, small business grants, and food vouchers, and the OIG's role was to make sure the funds were appropriately disbursed
- details of the intake and investigations processes
- efforts by Jeff Whaley, OIG Systems Administrator II
- processes following initiation of an inquiry

Vice Chair Kugler asked why there was an increase in Covid-related situations.

Responding, Mr. Carey stated that the County had discovered ways to identify "red flags," and those complaints were sent to the OIG. He added there had been a significant increase in cases of people falsifying documents to obtain assistance.

Mr. Carey displayed a slideshow that listed various cases that had been reviewed by the OIG, and Mr. Carey and Stuart Robinson responded to questions from Chair Romano.

OIG Director of Oversight Anthony Montero delivered a slideshow presentation on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) project.

Mr. Carey provided a brief synopsis of the work performed by Anthony's team.

Mr. Montero highlighted a complaint regarding the manager overseeing the renovation of the firehouses project, and Mr. Montero responded to questions from the commission.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Carey thanked Mr. Montero and OIG Systems Administrator II Jeff Whaley for their efforts and their services in recognition of Veteran's Day.

OIG Director of Audit Hilary Bojan delivered a slideshow presentation on audit highlights.

Mr. Carey recognized the audit team's efforts and Ms. Bojan's recent accomplishments.

Chair Romano stated on the record that Commissioner Sherriff was leaving the meeting to attend court.

(CLERK'S NOTE: Commissioner Sherriff left the meeting.)

Mr. Carey provided a slideshow presentation on the training and outreaches the OIG had conducted and attended.

A discussion took place.

Commissioner Romano reiterated the primary focus of the OIG was to help people avoid wrongdoings.

b. Discussion

There was no discussion.

c. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VI. New Business

There were no new business items discussed.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn. Motion by Vice Chair Kugler.

At 3:16 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Chair/Vice Chair