

A meeting of the Downtown Development Board was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at City Hall, 400 South Orange Avenue, Second Floor, Veterans Conference Room, Orlando, Florida. Vice Chair Kimberly Stewart called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

Board Members Present Kimberly Stewart, *Vice Chair*
Dr. Robert M. Spooner
Jason Chin
Rachel Moalli
Steve Garrity

Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board Member Absent
Kelly Martinez Semrad, *Orange County Commissioner*

Staff Present David Barilla, Executive Director
Justin Eason, Assistant Director
Dr. Kristen Holmes, Assistant Director
Stacey Young Adams, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Felix Roman, Board Secretary
Alejandra Caceres, Interactive Media Coordinator
Charles Zollars, Economic Development Coordinator
Chelsey Parrish, Special Events Coordinator
Christel Brooks, Fiscal Coordinator
Christina Hyson, Project Manager
Eric Ushkowitz, Business Development Division Manager
Gerhard van der Snel, Downtown Facility Supervisor
Harry Tejada, CRA Operations Manager
Jennifer Mihalcoe, Economic Development Coordinator
Jeremiah Caret, Project Manager
Juliana Bernal Guinand, Project Manager
Kelly Allen, Marketing and Communications Manager
Liz Nigro, Senior Administrative Assistant
Manuel Ospina, Economic Development Coordinator
Mary-Stewart Droege, Project Manager
Michael Whiteman, Economic Development Coordinator
Molly Diaz, Fiscal Manager
Robyn Gray, Marketing and Communications Coordinator
Rose Garlick, Discover Downtown Manager
Samantha Levine, Housing and Homelessness Initiatives Manager
Sherry Gutch, Placemaking Director

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Rachel Moalli. Jason Chin moved the motion and was seconded by Steve Garrity to elect Kimberly Stewart as Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kimberly Stewart. Jason Chin moved the motion and was seconded by Steve Garrity to elect Rachel Moalli as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Steve Garrity and seconded by Dr. Robert M. Spooner to elect Felix Roman as Board Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jason Chin and seconded by Steve Garrity to approve the June 27, 2025, Downtown Development Board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

David Barilla, Executive Director

David Barilla presented a PowerPoint to the Board that provided updates on downtown businesses, the nighttime economy, and recent and upcoming events such as:

- Welcoming New Board Member Dr. Robert M. Spooner.
- Fireworks at the Fountain that occurred July 4, 2025.
- FIFA Club World Cup Stats.
- Special Events Grants Program is now accepting applications.
- New Discover Downtown mural by artist Kelsey Montague of Montague Art, LLC.
- The Changing Face of Orlando: A Sesquicentennial Celebration.
- 407 Connect Mayor Events will be at City Hall Plaza at 10:30 a.m. on August 20, 2025.
- International Vegan Food Festival on July 26, 2025.
- Downtown Employee Appreciation Week from September 8 – 12, 2025.
- State of the City will be on August 19, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Public Comment

None

New Business

None

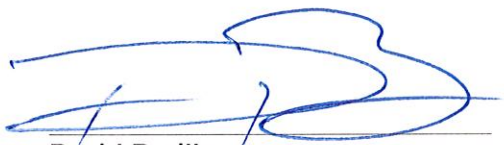
Next Meeting

A workshop of the Downtown Development Board and Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Veterans Conference Room.

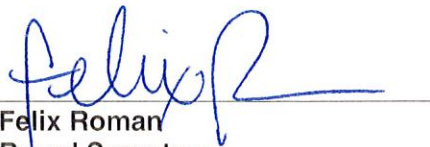
The next regularly scheduled Downtown Development Board will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Veterans Conference Room.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Downtown Development Board, Chair Kimberly Stewart adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.



David Barilla
Executive Director



Felix Roman
Board Secretary