

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

DECEMBER 5, 2024

**THURSDAY
2:00 P.M.**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
WEISMAN GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

MEMBERS:

David Aronberg, State Attorney
Peter L. Cruise
Carey Haughwout, Public Defender
Michael H. Kugler
Michael S. Kridel, Vice Chair
Rodney G. Romano
Kristin A. Vara-Garcia, Chair

INSPECTOR GENERAL STAFF PRESENT:

Barbara Bellafiore, Executive Assistant, Office of Inspector General (OIG)
Hillary M. Bojan, Director of Audit, OIG
John A. Carey, Inspector General, OIG
Kalinthia Dillard, General Counsel, OIG
Anthony Montero, Director of Contract Oversight, OIG
Stuart Robinson, Director of Investigations, OIG

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

Danielle Freeman, Deputy Clerk
Chayanne Munet, Deputy Clerk

I. Call to Order

The vice chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

(CLERK'S NOTE: The vice chair conducted the roll call.)

(CLERK'S NOTE: Chief Assistant State Attorney Alan Johnson attended in place of State Attorney David Aronberg.)

II. Roll Call

Present: Vice Chair Michael S. Kridel, Commissioner Peter L. Cruise, Chief Assistant State Attorney Alan Johnson, Commissioner Michael H. Kugler, and Commissioner Rodney G. Romano

Absent: Chair Kristin Vara-Garcia, and Public Defender Carey Haughwout

III. Introductory Comments

There were no introductory comments.

IV. Approval of Inspector General (IG) Committee Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting: May 2, 2024

MOTION to approve the May 2, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion by Commissioner Cruise, seconded by Commissioner Romano, and carried 5-0.

V. Six Month Status Report

a. Presentation by Inspector General Carey

Mr. Carey delivered a slideshow presentation. He discussed the OIG's mission, recognized the contributions and accomplishments of staff members, and provided an overview of the topics of discussion.

(CLERK'S NOTE: State Attorney Aronberg joined the meeting, and Chief Assistant State Attorney Johnson left the meeting.)

Mr. Robinson delivered a slide presentation and discussed fraud, multi-investigator projects, and law enforcement referrals.

Mr. Robinson spoke about rental assistance fraud; an investigation involving two senior officials with the Planning, Zoning, and Building department; and an investigation into the Riviera Beach water contamination issues that had been reported by the Department of Health.

Mr. Montero delivered a slide presentation and discussed monitored procurement activities; ongoing formal reviews and evaluations; issued reports; ongoing investigative activities; completed investigative activities; and tips and trends.

Mr. Montero spoke about complaints submitted to the OIG and pending cases before the Florida Supreme Court.

Ms. Bojan delivered a slide presentation detailing the audit activities of the OIG over a six-month period.

Ms. Dillard delivered a slide presentation on operational matters including training, external hiring, goals, and strategies.

Mr. Cruise inquired about training being extended to municipalities, and Ms. Dillard responded that training was provided along with tips and trends.

Ms. Dillard's presentation continued with an overview of the budget and staffing within the OIG.

b. Discussion

No discussion took place.

c. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VI. New Business

No new business was discussed.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Kugler, seconded by State Attorney Aronberg, and carried 5-0.

At 3:11 p.m., the vice chair declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Chair/Vice Chair