

MINUTES: Sunshine Meeting

**Between Town Council and Miami-Dade Aviation Department to
Discuss Flight Patterns and Volume at Opa-Locka Airport
August 26, 2026 | 2:00 PM | Mayor's Conference Room
6601 Main Street Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 2:06 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez, Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia, Councilmember Ray Garcia, Councilmember Steven Herzberg, Councilmember Sanchez and Vice Mayor Morera. Mayor Dieguez attended the meeting via phone.

The following Town staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo, Deputy Town Clerk Alexis P. Martinez, Public Works Director Santos.

The following guests were present: Mr. Joseph Kinnebrew, C.M. Airport Manager Airside Operations Division and Mr. Winfred So, Airport Engineer Airside Operations Division.

The following residents were present: Ms. Maria Ramirez, Ms. Lynn Matos and Mr. Wayne Reinhart.

2. Public Comments:

Ms. Maria Ramirez provided public comments and shared her concerns regarding the flight patterns at Opa-Locka Airport.

Ms. Lynn Matos provided public comments and shared her concerns regarding the flight patterns at Opa-Locka Airport and how they have directly impacted her as a resident and a realtor in the Town; she stated how the flight patterns affect property values and brought up the noise issues caused by aircrafts flying over the Town.

Mr. Wayne Reinhart provided public comments and shared his concerns regarding the flight patterns at Opa-Locka Airport and addressed potential safety issues to avoid in the future by presenting crash statistics at other South Florida airports.

3. Item Discussed:

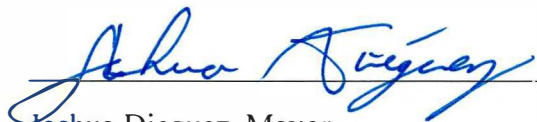
Mr. Joseph Kinnebrew, C.M. Airport Manager of Airside Operations Division answered questions posed by residents, Town staff and Town Council; he provided feedback and discussed with Town Council topics including but not limited to controlled airspace protocol, FAA versus Airport jurisdiction, noise abatements restrictions, departure profiles, landing and take-off patterns, enforcement capabilities; he stated future events will be limited to the number of aircrafts cleared to utilize the airport, operation hours for Opa-Locka, classifications of aircrafts coming into the Opa-Locka airport, widening and lengthening of airport runways, how the Town can get involved specifically to alleviate some of the concerns the residents have with Opa-Locka Airport, fixed based operators and putting political pressure on the County to not allow expansion of airport, possible airport curfews and a potential landing fee proposal to help residents by collecting revenue and offering a tax rebate to aid with issues caused by aircraft exhaust.

Mayor Dieguez gave closing remarks and stated he would speak to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart about modifying the noise abatement act.

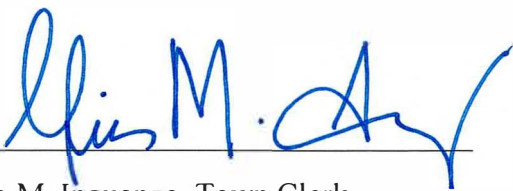
4. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Approved this 15th day of September 2026.


Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:


Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk