

City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 26, 2025

4:00 PM

Special Meeting

Main Library - Council Chambers

Sister Cities Advisory Board

Roll Call

Present 5 - Board Chair Martin Kelly, Board Member Lina Teixeira, Board Member Stephanie Chill, Board Member Robert Kantor, and Board Member Indira Yengera

Absent 2 - Board Member Cynthia Ramos-Gonzalez, and Board Member Heather Rippert

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approve the Minutes from the July 25th, 2024 Meeting

Board Member Teixeira moved to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2024 Sister Cities meeting as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda: None

4. New Business Items

4.1 Update on Ixmiquilpan, Mexico Sister City

Art and Cultural Affairs Manager Amber Brice provided an update to the Board on the growing relationship and communications with Ixmiquilpan, Mexico.

4.2 Discuss Nagano, Japan Delegation Trip: Updated Dates & Information

Ms. Brice said the Nagano delegation trip was moved to July 20-30th with a few adjustments to the itinerary.

4.3 Discuss Student Exchange Trips

Ms. Brice said there were changes to the past years High School exchange trips due to hurricanes, but Nagano High School will be sending students in October to Clearwater and Clearwater students will continue the exchange program in Summer 2026.

4.4 Vote to Appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Advisory Board for 2025

Member Teixeira moved to elect Robert Kantor as the Chair. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Member Teixeira moved to elect Stephanie Chill as the Vice Chair. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Director's Report

Board discussion ensued regarding the recent Middle School exchange trip that occurred.

6. Board Members to be Heard

The Board discussed the relational growth between Clearwater's sister cities and the benefits thereof.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Chair, Sister Cities Advisory Board

Attest:

Board Reporter