CITY OF TAMARAC
SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

7525 NW 88th Avenue, Conf. Room 105
Thursday, February 19, 2026
4:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.a Roll Call

1.b Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.a Approval of January 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

3. COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

3.a Upcoming Commission Presentation

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.a Next Meeting Date - March 19, 2026

4.b Next Meeting Agenda Discussion

5. ADJOURNMENT

All board members are urged to attend this meeting. All meetings are open to the public. Any board member who cannot attend this meeting should call the Committee Liaison at 954-597-3581. In the event there is no quorum for this meeting, the meeting may be held as a Workshop instead of a Regular meeting, although no formal action may be taken during a Workshop.

Pursuant to Chapter 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Sister Cities Committee, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they may need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made which records includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

The City of Tamarac complies with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you are a disabled person, requiring any accommodations or assistance, please notify the City of such need at least 48 hours (2 days) in advance. Additionally, if you are hearing or speech impaired and need assistance, you may contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1.

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SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 19, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Damena Gallimore-Wilson
ITEM TYPE:	Discussion Item
AGENDA SECTION:	**CALL TO ORDER**
TITLE:	Roll Call

ATTACHMENTS:

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ITEM TYPE:	Discussion Item
AGENDA SECTION:	**CALL TO ORDER**
TITLE:	Pledge of Allegiance

ATTACHMENTS:

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ITEM TYPE:	Discussion Item
AGENDA SECTION:	**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
TITLE:	Approval of January 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:
Sister Cities Committee Meeting Minutes 1.15.2026.docx

City of Tamarac
Sister Cities Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: At 4:01 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026, Jay Koutcher convened the Sister Cities Committee Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Committee members Jay Koutcher, Joan Armbrister, and Trisha Soman were present at the start of the meeting. Peter Mason arrived at 4:03 p.m. Damena Gallimore-Wilson, Management Analyst, was also present.
Excused Absence: Natasha Britton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Trisha Soman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trisha Soman motioned to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2025, meeting, and Joan Armbrister seconded this motion. The vote concluded with unanimous approval.

COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

U.S Visa Freeze Discussion

The committee engaged in a brief discussion regarding the recent U.S. visa freeze affecting approximately 75 countries, including Jamaica. Staff Liaison, Damena Gallimore-Wilson clarified that the temporary visa pause applies specifically to immigrant visas and does not impact the issuance of tourist visas.

Commission Workshop Presentation Preparation

The Sister Cities Committee convened to continue refining its presentation for the February 23, 2026, City Commission Workshop. During the workshop, members will present key research findings and formal recommendations concerning the potential establishment of a Sister City partnership. To support this effort, Vice-Chair Trisha Soman shared an updated draft of the PowerPoint presentation, which served as the basis for committee review, discussion, and further refinement.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next meeting of the Sister Cities Committee is scheduled for February 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Jay Koutcher adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by Damena Gallimore-Wilson.

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Jay Koutcher

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Damena Gallimore-Wilson

Note to the reader: The above signature is the Management Analyst, of the City of Tamarac, Florida. If the minutes you have received are not signed, or completed as indicated above, they are not the official minutes of the Tamarac Sister Cities Committee Meeting held on January 15, 2026.

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ITEM TYPE:	Discussion Item
AGENDA SECTION:	**COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**
TITLE:	Upcoming Commission Presentation

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.a

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ITEM TYPE:	Discussion Item
AGENDA SECTION:	**OTHER BUSINESS**
TITLE:	Next Meeting Date - March 19, 2026

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