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Miami Beach Unveils New Commission Chambers

— *City officials will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, May 15* —

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on **Wednesday, May 15 at 8:30 a.m.** to mark the completion of the newly upgraded City Commission Chambers on the **third floor of City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive.**

“Our new chamber is the people’s house—a place of community featuring state-of-the-art amenities that our residents deserve,” said Miami Beach Mayor Steven Meiner. “Residents can stay informed about their local government from the comfort of their homes as we broadcast 15 live public meetings each month on Miami Beach TV and online. We roll out the red carpet to usher in a new era of engagement and excellence for our city.”

Originally designed by well-known architect and Miami Beach resident William Lane, the major renovations to the city’s primary meeting space were the first since City Hall opened in 1977. Lane also designed the city’s iconic lifeguard towers.

Improvements to the City Commission Chambers include 4K robotic video cameras and a new control room that can accommodate multiple camera angles, enhanced safety elements, upgraded video monitors, a new air-conditioning and ventilation system, increased presentation capabilities, a redesigned dais with a wheelchair lift and digital queuing system for elected officials. The revamped Chambers also features other accessibility enhancements consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, including improved closed-captioning experiences in English and Spanish.

The two-story Chambers features a new earth tone color scheme and seating for 210 attendees in the combined lower and upper viewing galleries. Another 10 dedicated staff workstations have been added to allow city employees to remain productive during meetings.

Public meetings were relocated to the Miami Beach Convention Center for the duration of the 8-month renovation project.

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