

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2026 was called to Order by President Elpidio Padilla at 7:35 p.m., at La Carreta Restaurant, 8650 Bird Road, Miami, FL 33155.

In Attendance: President Elpidio Padilla, 1st Vice President Ed Medina, 2nd Vice President Jorge Salazar, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Past-President Tomás Hernández, and Board Members Angel Aulet, Benjamin Cardonne, Alejandro Clay, Millie Garcia, George Harvey, Jean Hawa, Tony Hernandez, Thomas Kosky, Mike Penn, Ira Shapiro, Bob Squier, Junior Felix Valdes

Establish a Quorum: President Elpidio Padilla was able to establish a quorum with 18 members of the board present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting: President Elpidio Padilla asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the December's board meeting; if so, and if there were no questions, comments, or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Manny Garcia made a motion to accept the minutes; Ed Medina seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Manny Garcia presented a reconciliation statement for December from the club's bank account. Manny added that with membership renewals, new memberships, monthly expenses such as coffee and dessert at the board and general meetings, storage rental fee and the printing and mailing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina, reported that as of now we have 246 active families, taking in consideration that 55 memberships have not renewed yet.

General Membership Meeting (January 15, 2026): Ed Medina informed us that he was going to ask if La Carreta Restaurant has a bigger room available for the general meeting that accommodates more members. He also said that he was working with a guest speaker for the meeting and was letting us know at a later date.

Holiday Party Report: President Elpidio Padilla mentioned that it was a wonderful gathering. Everyone liked the food and the venue with all the decorations. It was a wonderful evening where people enjoyed taking pictures and dancing with music from the era. Al thanked Tony Hernandez as he did a great job with the music. Ed Medina presented the budget report for the party and suggested using the same location for next year's Holiday Party. The club is tentatively holding December 12, 2026 as a possible date.

Resignation of Chico Goldsmith: Al Padillo read Chico Goldsmith's resignation letter. Manny Garcia explained to the new board members that Chico has been part of the board for many years. He also added that Chico will continue as a member of our car club as well as the Corvette club as he has done in the past.

Art Deco Car Show (January 10-11, 2026): Ira Shapiro informed us that there are 65 pre-registered cars for Saturday and 86 pre-registered cars for Sunday. Ira also said he has received the venue layout and explained that the Miami Beach Fire Department needs 15 feet of the beach side of the street to be open and restaurants will have 20 feet towards the street. There is going to be space for 120 cars from 5th Street to 14th Street. It was unanimously decided to keep the registration tent on 5th Street for better control of the entrance with cars coming into the show. Ira specified that we are going to need two tables and four chairs in our tent. Set up time will be 7:30 a.m., cars entry will be from 8 to 10 o'clock on Saturday and Sunday. Two members volunteered to bring the doughnuts/bagels and coffee for both Saturday and Sunday. Ira thanked Williamson Cadillac for their donation to the club, mentioned that he interviewed with WSVN about our club being part of the Art Deco Show and that this interview will air on Deco Drive, Channel 7.

Cauley Square (February 22, 2026): Ed Medina informed that he has pulled out the insurance and that we have 39 pre-registered cars.

East Ridge Village Car Show (February 28, 2026): Jean Hawa informed us that there are 26 pre-registered cars and that she will be pulling out insurance in the near future.

NIKE Missile Site Classic Car Show (March 7, 2026) - Ed Medina said there are 46 pre-registered cars. He reminded us that only 1950's, 60's and 70's cars are needed.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show (March 8, 2026) - Manny Garcia informed us that an application has been submitted and we are waiting on the City of Coral Gables for their approval. Manny added that Guardian Lifts is our new sponsor, will be coming to the show, and *Sidelights* will have an ad for them in our next edition.

Winston Park Car Show (March 14, 2026) – Ed Medina informed us that we already have 19 pre-registered cars.

Good Shepherd Car Show (March 21, 2026) – Manny Garcia reminded us that cars have to be 25 years and older. He suggested to modify judging using AACA rules. Al Padilla also recommended all profits to go to charity.

Other Club Business:

Jean Hawa informed us that MaryAnn Sebastian has sent a donation to the club and gave the check

to our treasurer.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa informed us that Ed Medina is awaiting surgery on a foot injury.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Elpidio Padilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernandez, Secretary