MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT)

Office of the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust
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Miami, Florida 33128

April 25, 2012
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OFFICIAL MINUTES
MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST
MEETING April 25, 2012

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) convened in a meeting at Office of MDEAT Board Room, 19 West Flagler Street, Mezzanine Room #106, on April 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., there being present: Chairman Robert Holland Esq., and members Mr. Marc Douthit Esq., Reverend Walter T. Richardson and Ms. Treska V. Rodgers, Ms. Stephanye Johnson, Mr. Carlos Morales (Mr. Ron Butler, Ms. Barbara Montero, Ms. Natasha K. Nalls, Ms. Tamika Robinson, and Ms. Leigh Toney were absent).

ROLL CALL
The following staff members were present: Executive Director John Dixon, Ms. Laverne Carlile, Ms. Maria de la Portilla, Ms. Melba Gasque, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, Mr. Anthony Williams, and Mr. William Simmons; Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith, and Deputy Clerk Karen Harrison.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
QUERY FOR EARLY DEPARTURES

Chairman Holland called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m. followed by a moment of silence. He noted this special meeting was a continuation of the April 18, 2012 MDEAT meeting to address the action items due to a lack of a quorum.

Approval of Previous Minutes
I. Board Action Items
A. Resolution to Retain Teen Court
Mr. John Dixon referred to the resolution that was included in the MDEAT Agenda package. He noted that after this resolution was reviewed by staff and the County Attorney's Office, a request was made to add a two percent recidivism rate, and more information regarding locations, student participation, and partners of the Teen Court Program. Mr. Dixon noted that once this was approved by the Trust, this resolution would be presented in addition to the letters of support to the County Commission.

Assistant County Attorney Terrence Smith noted for clarification that the letters of support needed to be attached as an exhibit upon making the presentation.

It was moved by Mr. Marc Douthit that the Trust approve the proposed resolution requesting that MDEAT retain the Teen Court Program be presented to the Board of County Commission for approval along with an exhibit of support letters from the community. This motion was seconded by Reverend Walter Richardson, and upon being put to a vote, the vote passed 6-0 (Mr. Ron Butler, Ms. Barbara Montero, Ms. Natasha K. Nalls, Ms. Tamika Robinson, and Ms. Leigh Toney were absent).

B. Teen Court Mock Trial

Mr. John Dixon provided an update on the foregoing item, and he noted MDEAT would be hosting a mock trial regarding incidents that have occurred within the country related to youth. He also noted that MDEAT staff was requesting an allocation not to exceed $5,000 to host this event, which would cover the cost of the location, and other expense such as advertisement. Mr. Dixon further noted that a proposed itemized budget for the cost of this event would be provided to the members of the Trust.

In response to Reverend Richardson's inquiry regarding whether this proposal would affect any of the other approved proposals for MDEAT that have been discussed, Mr. Dixon assured the members of the Trust that this item would not have no affect. He also advised that he had received an e-mail from the Community Review Board (CRB) regarding some proposed dates.

It was moved by Mr. Marc Douthit that the Trust approve an allocation in the amount not-to-exceed $5,000.00 from the Teen Court Budget for a Mock Trial event to be held in North Miami-Dade County, and that an itemized budget be presented before this event to the Trust for approval. The Mock Trial would focus on profiling and the negative impact on African American young men statewide and throughout the country. This motion was seconded by Reverend Walter Richardson, and upon being put to a vote, the vote passed 6-0 (Mr. Ron Butler, Ms. Barbara Montero, Ms. Natasha K. Nalls, Ms. Tamika Robinson, and Ms. Leigh Toney were absent).

In response to Ms. Leigh Toney's inquiry regarding MDEAT staff following up with Mr. Freddie Woodson, Miami Dade County Public School (MDCPS)regarding those proposed dates, Mr. Dixon noted he would be following up; however, in terms of advertising at a minimum MDEAT would need their involvement.

Ms. Toney noted that her recommendations were the same, that this event should be a community function.

Mr. Dixon noted he would be meeting with Mr. Woodson following the end of the FCAT exams.

Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Trust the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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Chairman Robert Holland
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust
April 25, 2012

Prepared by: Jovel Shaw

EXHIBITS LIST

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	04/25/2012	I-A	Action Item I-A Resolution to Retain Teen Court
2	04/25/2012	I-B	Action Item I-B Teen Court Mock Trial
3	04/25/2012	I-A & B	Motion and Approval Ballots
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ACTION ITEM I A

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN TEEN COURT

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MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION URGING MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. R-997-09 TO PERMIT THE MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST TO CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER THE TEEN COURT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners (Board) established the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT), previously known as Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust (MMAP) in order to advocate and be a catalyst to address the disparities that exist between the Black community and the Miami-Dade County community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the Board appointed a new Board of Trustees (Trustees) charged to reinvent and renew MDEAT's mission for the benefit of the Black community and the Miami-Dade County community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, MDEAT has continually strived to address these disparities through economic development initiatives, housing initiatives, criminal justice sensitivity initiatives, education initiatives and legislative initiatives; and

WHEREAS, MDEAT has taken the initiative to seek and acquire dedicated sources of funding for some of these initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these funding sources were acquired for the purpose of addressing the negative conditions in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, these funding sources have been used positively to impact the disparities that exist between the Black community and the Miami-Dade-County community-at-large and to assist the entire community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Teen Court has maintained an average recidivism rate of less than two percent (2.0%) for the past five (5) years. That means we do not see these youth again and they are not re-arrested; and

WHEREAS, Teen Court has four (4) locations for cases to be heard to ensure parent participation. These locations are strategically located throughout the county. These courts are located at the Richard E. Gerstein Building, South Dade Government Center, North Dade Justice Center, and the Hialeah City Hall. We have partnered with the Clerk of the Court Office, the State Attorney's Office and the Juvenile Services Department of Miami-Dade County to bring these cases to court; and

WHEREAS, Teen Court student volunteers are trained to be defense and prosecuting attorneys, court clerks, bailiffs and also serve as jurors to gain hand-on experience showing the reality of how the court is operated. The program is an excellent opportunity for teens who are interested in careers associated with the judicial system. Also it teaches the importance of civic involvement and how the court lean heavily on the local citizens for juries to try court cases; and

WHEREAS, Teen Court is in partnership with the Miami-Dade County Public School in developing the Student Court Program, which is a mirror image of the Teen Count Program for youth who have violated school rule and regulations. Students go before a court of their peers to avert the violation from going on their permanent record. There are eleven (11) high schools and three (3) middle schools participating in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees find that it is not in the best interest of the community that MDEAT serves to transfer Teen Court from MDEAT to another entity,

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST, that:

Section 1. The matters contained in the foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

Section 2. The Trust urges the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners to amend Resolution No. R-997-09 to permit MDEAT to continue to administer the Teen Court Program in order that MDEAT can continue as an advocate and catalyst for the elimination of the disparities that exist between the Black community and the Miami-Dade County Community-at-large.

Robert Holland, Esq., Chairman _____
Marc A. Douthit, Esq. 1st Vice-Chair ____
Natasha Nalls, 2nd Vice-Chair ____

Ron Butler ____ Stephanye Johnson ____

Barbara B. Montero ____ M. H. Leigh Toney ____

Carlos E. Morales _____ Dr. Walter T. Richardson _____

Tamika R. Robinson _____ Treska V. Rodgers _____

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this March __, 2012.

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By:_____
Robert Holland, Chairman

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. _____

Terrence A. Smith

ACTION ITEM I B

TEEN COURT MOCK TRIAL

Memorandum MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

MEMORANDUM OF APPROVAL

To: Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board

FROM: John E. Dixon, Executive Director

Date: April 16, 2012

Subject: Mock Trial

PURPOSE OF ITEM

The purpose of this item is to request the Board's approval of the Mock Trial in North Miami-Dade County. This expenditure will not exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000.00).

BACKGROUND

The Miami-Dade County Teen Court will be presenting a mock trial focusing on Profiling in our community, state and country and the negative impact it has on African American young men.

FISCAL IMPACT TO AGENCY

The fiscal impact of this item will be five thousand dollars ($5,000.00).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the expenditure of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00).

MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MOTION AND APPROVAL BALLOT

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 1-A: Motion to approve the proposed resolution requesting that MDEAT retain the Teen Court Program and to be presented to the Board of County Commission for approval along with an exhibit of support letters from the community.

Motion made by: Mr. Marc Douthit
Seconded by: Rev. Walter Richardson

	MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSENT
	Butler, Ron			X
1st Vice Chair	Douthit, Marc, Esq.	X		
Chairman	Holland, Robert, Esq.	X		
	Johnson, Stephanye	X		
	Montero, Barbara B.			X
	Morales, Carlos E.	X		
2nd Vice Chair	Nalls, Natasha K.			X
	Reverend Richardson, Walter T.	X		
	Robinson, Tamika R.			X
	Rodgers, Treska V.	X		
	Toney, H. Leigh			X
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X APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED

Robert W. Holland
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust
Chairperson

5/18/12
Date

MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MOTION AND APPROVAL BALLOT

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 1-B: Motion to approve an allocation in the amount not-to-exceed $5,000.00 from the Teen Court Budget for a Mock Trial event to be held in North Miami-Dade County, and that an itemized budget be presented before this event to the Trust for approval. The Mock Trial would focus on profiling and the negative impact on African American young men statewide and throughout the country.

Motion made by: Mr. Marc Douthit
Seconded by: Rev. Walter Richardson

	MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSENT
	Butler, Ron			X
1st Vice Chair	Douthit, Marc, Esq.	X		
Chairman	Holland, Robert, Esq.	X		
	Johnson, Stephanye	X		
	Montero, Barbara B.			X
	Morales, Carlos E.	X		
2nd Vice Chair	Nalls, Natasha K.			X
	Reverend Richardson, Walter T.	X		
	Robinson, Tamika R.			X
	Rodgers, Treska V.	X		
	Toney, H. Leigh			X
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	TOTALS	6	0	5

__X__ APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED

Robert W. Holland
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust
Chairperson

5/18/12
Date

STATE OF FLORIDA)
)SS:
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

I, HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the motions and votes tallied at the Special Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Board of Trustee's meeting of April 25, 2012, pertaining to amended agenda item(s): 1-A, and 1-B

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 18th day of May, A.D. 2012.

HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida

By _____
Deputy Clerk

SEAL

Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida