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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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| **TO:** | Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime and Members, Board of County Commissioners | **DATE:** | February 3, 2015 |
| **FROM:** | R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney | **SUBJECT:** | Resolution waiving by a two-thirds vote of members present term limit restriction for the reappointment of Nuisance Abatement Board member Steve Sessler; and reappointing Steve Sessler to the Nuisance Abatement Board Resolution No. R-128-15 |

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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**Please note any items checked.**

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

✓ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ✓, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-128-15

RESOLUTION WAIVING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT TERM LIMIT RESTRICTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD MEMBER STEVE SESSLER; AND REAPPOINTING STEVE SESSLER TO THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD

**WHEREAS,** on January 21, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 10-06, amending Section 2-11.38.2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida to permit the waiver of term limits for members of County boards; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2-11.38.2 of the Code, no board member shall serve more than eight consecutive years on a board unless the Board of County Commissioners by a two-thirds vote of the members present, votes to waive the eight year term limit; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition, in accordance with Section 2-98.7(b) of the Code, no member of the Nuisance Abatement Board shall serve more than three consecutive terms of two years or seven years total on the Nuisance Abatement Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Sessler has served on the Nuisance Abatement Board for eight years; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to waive the applicable term limits and reappoint Steve Sessler to the Nuisance Abatement Board for another two year term; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Sessler serves on the Nuisance Abatement Board as a retired law enforcement officer; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of Steve Sessler's resume is attached,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,** that this Board, by a two-thirds

vote of the members present, waives the restrictions that a member of a board may not serve more than eight consecutive years on that board and may not may not serve more than three consecutive terms of two years on the Nuisance Abatement Board, and reappoints Steve Sessler to an additional two year term as a member of the Nuisance Abatement Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Jean Monestime, Chairman | | | **aye** |
| Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman | | | **aye** |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | **aye** | Daniella Levine Cava | **aye** |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | **aye** | Audrey M. Edmonson | **aye** |
| Sally A. Heyman | **aye** | Barbara J. Jordan | **aye** |
| Dennis C. Moss | **aye** | Rebeca Sosa | **aye** |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | **aye** | Xavier L. Suarez | **absent** |
| Juan C. Zapata | **absent** | | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of February, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: ***Christopher Agrippa***
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency JMM FOR

Shannon Summerset-Williams

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## CURRICULUM VITAE OF STEVEN SESSLER

### EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
Bachelor of Arts in Education (1972)

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY.

**Sessler & Lopez Investigations, Inc., Miami, Florida** 8/1984 - Present
Currently co-owner and President
State of Florida Agency License No. A-8400004
State of Florida Private Investigator License No. C-840008
From 1984 through 2014 our small business has handled over 7,500 cases

**Miami-Dade Police Department, Miami, Florida** 1975 - 1984

Uniformed patrol officer in Northwest District; Carol City, North Dade, and Miami Lakes.

Trained hostage negotiator for the Hostage Release Team.

Member of the Special Response Team dealing with hostage negotiations and tactical strategies.

Promoted to the Detective Bureau as a detective specializing in crimes against property (burglaries, thefts, and vandalisms), as well as industrial crimes.

Assigned to the Homicide Section as a detective to investigate homicides, accidental deaths, suicides, and natural deaths. Participated in over 200 homicide investigations.

Selected as a member of the Elite Cold Case Squad to investigate murders that had been open/pending for a period in excess of one year. Specialization in obtaining sworn statements, preparing detailed reports, analyzing records, and assisting prosecutors in trial preparation.

Sat as second seat with prosecutors during trials to assist in their prosecutions of cases.

Testified in hundreds of cases and assisted in jury selection.

Promoted to uniformed sergeant in December of 1983.

Supervised a squad of 10 to 13 uniformed officers and assisted in their initial investigations.

**Miami-Dade County Board of Education** 1972 - 1975

Employed as a social studies teacher in the secondary school system, which included North Miami Beach Senior High and Parkway Middle School.

**FORMAL TRAINING.**

John Reed & Associates - Intense, highly acclaimed program throughout the United States that dealt with the techniques of interrogations and interviews.

Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's School - Studied under the supervision of Chief Medical Examiner Joe Davis and his staff. This educational process assisted in understanding death investigations. Approximately 200 autopsies witnessed during the course of employment as a homicide investigator.

Blood spatter evidence school - A program taught by Herb McDonnell, PhD, Corning, New York, relating to interpreting blood evidence.

Homicide investigation schools throughout South Florida.

Identi-Kit system training school - This deals with establishing composites to be shown to witnesses.

Physical training instructor's school.

Special response team tactical schools.

Hostage negotiation seminars - A program which placed all hostage negotiators in various training situations such as dealing with terrorists, felons who have abducted hostages during their crimes, barricaded subjects with psychological problems, and negotiating with felons who had outstanding warrants placed upon them to surrender.

DEA Organized Crime School - Program sponsored by the federal government dealing with the identification of drugs and movement of drugs into the United States.

Background investigations workshop - A program dealing with the establishing of techniques to locate witnesses and conduct full background investigations. I have testified on two occasions as an expert dealing with the appropriate process of conducting a background investigation.

Attended the GMATS school for cargo security seminar in Great Neck, New York, at the Merchant Marine Academy in 2003 - A program that dealt with the prevention of cargo theft and the investigation into cargo theft, as well as warehouse thefts. Additionally, the program included anti-terrorism prevention through cargo shipments.

## ASSOCIATIONS.

Member of the Florida Association of Licensed Investigators
Former member of the National Cargo Security Council
Member of the Retired Police Officers Council for Miami-Dade County
Member of the NCISS- National Council of Investigation & Services
Member of the World Association of Detectives

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Officer of the Month, April 1983 - Miami-Dade Police Department
First Runner-Up, Officer of the Year 1983 - Miami-Dade Police Department
Expert witness in background investigations
Featured as the lead investigator in the book "Who will cry for Staci". This is a true account of the Staci Weinstein homicide investigation.
Certified graduate of the GMATS School for Cargo Security
Member of the Nuisance Abatement Board for Miami-Dade County, selected by the Miami-Dade County Commissioners
Guest speaker for the Kendall Kiwanis Club, Dade County Defense Bar Association, Akerman Senterfitt LLP luncheon, and various seminars for the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
Guest speaker for the Florida Association of Licensed Investigators on numerous occasions relating to the process of investigating cases, setting up a business, and report preparation.
Host and writer on an episode of "You be the judge" on WLRN Television.
Featured in episode on national television of "Top Cops" 1992, Toronto, Canada.