



RULES OF PROCEDURE

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**BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FLORIDA**

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HOME RULE CHARTER
CITIZEN'S BILL OF RIGHTS

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5. Right to be Heard. So far as the orderly conduct of public business permits, any interested person has the right to appear before the commission or any municipal council or any county or municipal agency, board or department for the presentation, adjustment or determination of an issue, request or controversy within the jurisdiction of the governmental entity involved; provided, nothing herein shall prohibit the commission or any municipal council from referring a matter to a committee of each of their respective bodies to conduct a public hearing, unless prohibited by law. Matters shall be scheduled for the convenience of the public, and the agenda shall be divided into approximate time periods so that the public may know approximately when a matter will be heard. Nothing herein shall prohibit any governmental entity or agency from imposing reasonable time limits for the presentation of a matter.

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Section 1.02. Resolutions and Ordinances.

A. The board shall adopt its own rules of procedure and shall decide which actions of the board shall be by ordinance or resolution, except as otherwise provided in this Charter and except that any action of the board which provides for raising revenue, appropriating funds, or incurring indebtedness (other than refunding indebtedness), or which provides a penalty or establishes a rule or regulation for the violation of which a penalty is imposed shall be by ordinance.

B. Every ordinance shall be introduced in writing and shall contain a brief title. The enacting clause shall be "Be it Ordained by the Board." After passage on first reading, a short summary of the ordinance shall be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation at least once together with a notice of the time when and place where it will be given a public hearing and be considered for final passage. The first such publication shall be at least one week prior to the time advertised for hearing. No ordinance shall be declared invalid by reason of any defect in publication or title if the published summary gives reasonable notice of its intent.

C. At the time and place so advertised, or at any time and place to which such public hearing may from time to time be adjourned, the ordinance shall be read by title and a public hearing shall be held. After the hearing, the board may pass the ordinance with or without amendment. No provision herein shall prohibit a committee of the commission from conducting such public hearing, as provided by Section 1.08.

D. The board may adopt in whole or in part any published code by reference as an ordinance in the manner provided by law.

E. The effective date of any ordinance shall be prescribed therein, but the effective date shall not be earlier than ten days after its enactment.

F. To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or public safety the board by two-thirds vote of the members of the board may adopt an emergency ordinance at the meeting at which it is introduced, and may make it effective immediately, except that no such ordinance may be used to levy taxes, grant or extend a franchise, or authorize the borrowing of money. After the adoption of an emergency ordinance, the board shall have it published in full within ten days in a daily newspaper of general circulation.

G. Each ordinance and resolution after adoption shall be given a serial number and shall be entered by the clerk in a properly indexed record kept for that purpose.

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Section 1.08. Organization of the Commission and Commission Committees.

The mayor shall not be a member of the commission. The commission shall select the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the commission. The chairperson shall preside over commission meetings and perform such other duties set forth in the charter and ordinances of Miami-Dade County. The vice-chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson in the absence or incapacity of the chairperson. Any member may be selected by the commission to preside over commission meetings in the event of the absence of the chairperson and the vice-chairperson.

The commission may organize itself into standing committees, special committees, and ad hoc committees. Upon formation of any such committees, the commission may appoint its members or authorize the chairperson to appoint committee members. Commission committees may conduct public hearings, as authorized by ordinance of the commission. The Clerk of the Circuit Court or a deputy shall serve as clerk of the commission. No action of the commission shall be taken except by a majority vote of those present at a meeting at which a majority of the commissioners then in office is present. All meetings shall be public.

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Section 2.02. Responsibilities of the Mayor.

The Mayor shall serve as head of the county government with the following specific powers and responsibilities:

A. The Mayor shall be responsible for the management of all administrative departments of the County government and for carrying out policies adopted by the Commission. The Mayor, or such other persons who may be designated by the Mayor, shall execute contracts and other instruments, and sign bonds and other evidences of indebtedness. The Mayor shall serve as the head of the County for emergency management purposes.

B. The Mayor shall have the right to attend and be heard at any regular or special open session meeting of the Commission, but not the right to vote at such meetings.

C. Unless otherwise provided by this Charter, the Mayor shall have the power to appoint all department directors of the administrative departments of the County. Appointment of these department directors shall become effective unless disapproved by a two-thirds majority of those commissioners then in office at the commission's next regularly scheduled meeting. The Mayor shall also have the right to suspend, reprimand, remove, or discharge any administrative department director, with or without cause.

D. The Mayor shall within ten days of final adoption by the Commission, have veto authority over any legislative, quasi-judicial, zoning, master plan or land use decision of the Commission, including the budget or any particular component contained therein which was approved by the Commission; provided, however, that (1) if any revenue item is vetoed, an expenditure item in the same or greater dollar amount must also be vetoed and (2) the Mayor may not veto the selection of the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the commission, the enactment of commission committee rules, the formation of commission committees, or the appointment of members to commission committees. The Commission may at its next regularly scheduled meeting after the veto occurs, override that veto by a two-thirds vote of the Commissioners present.

E. The Mayor shall prepare and deliver a report on the state of the county to the people of the county between November 1 and January 31 annually. Such report shall be prepared after consultation with the commissioners.

F. The Mayor shall prepare and deliver a budgetary address annually to the people of the county in March. Such address shall set forth the Mayor's funding priorities for the County.

**CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION**

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 2-1. RULES OF PROCEDURE OF COUNTY COMMISSION

PART 1. GOVERNING RULES

Rule 1.01. GOVERNING RULES.

Except as may be provided in the charter, the code or by these rules, questions of order, the methods of organization and the conduct of business of the commission shall be governed by Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (1953 Edition).

PART 2. OFFICERS

Rule 2.01. CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON.

(a) CHAIRPERSON.

- (1) ELECTION, TERM, TERM LIMITATION, AND REMOVAL. A chairperson of the board of county commissioners shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by the vote of at least seven (7) commissioners at the regular commission meeting following the installation of the county commissioners during each even-numbered year. The chairperson's term shall commence on January 1 of the following year. The chairperson may be removed prior to the expiration of his or her term by the vote of nine (9) commissioners. No commissioner shall serve as chairperson of the county commission for more than two consecutive years.
- (2) DUTIES OF CHAIRPERSON.^{1,2} The chairperson shall: (a) preside at all meetings of the commission and preserve strict order and decorum; (b) state every question coming before the commission and announce the decision of the commission on all matters coming before it; (c) appoint the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and members of all commission committees, including standing committees, ad hoc committees and subcommittees;³ (d) convene committees of the whole; (e) designate and supervise all persons who shall serve as employees of the entire county commission, as set forth in the pool budget, including employees of the Office of Legislative Analysis; (f) have responsibility for the administration of the pool budget of the board of county commissioners, in conjunction with the mayor; (g) issue subpoenas, subpoenas duces tecum,

¹ The Chair may call emergency meetings in accordance with Rule 3.02(b).

² The Chair assigns items referred to committees to the appropriate committee agenda and following any required committee consideration, to the appropriate commission agenda in accordance with Rule 4.01(f).

³ See also Rule 4.01 regarding establishment of committees and appointment of committee members and committee chairs and vice-chairs.

and other necessary process to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any books, letters, or other documentary evidence required by a committee, upon the request of the chairperson of any commission committee;⁴ (h) schedule the meetings of all commission committees, in consultation with the committee chairperson and vice-chairperson, to provide each with an opportunity to meet without conflicting with the meetings of other committees; (i) designate the arrangement and configuration of the county commission dais and (j) have responsibility for administering the Miami-Dade County Goodwill Ambassadors Program under the Office of Community Advocacy within the Office of the Chair, with administrative support from the Mayor or the Mayor's designee. The chairperson shall serve as an ex-officio voting member of all commission committees but shall not count as a member of a committee for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum.

(b) **VICE-CHAIRPERSON.**

- (1) **ELECTION, TERM, TERM LIMITATION AND REMOVAL.** A vice-chairperson of the board of county commissioners shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by the vote of at least seven (7) commissioners at the regular commission meeting following the installation of the county commissioners during each even-numbered year. The term of office for the vice-chairperson of the board shall commence on January 1 of the following year. The vice-chairperson may be removed prior to the expiration of his or her term by the vote of at least seven (7) commissioners. No commissioner shall serve as vice-chairperson of the county commission for more than two consecutive years.
- (2) **DUTIES OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON.** Unless the chairperson appoints the vice-chairperson as a voting member of a committee, the vice-chairperson shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of each commission committee, but shall not count as a member of a committee on which he or she serves as a non-voting member for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum. The vice-chairperson of the board shall perform the duties of the chairperson in the event of the absence or incapacity of the chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall complete the unfinished term of any chairperson who resigns or is removed as chairperson of the commission.

Rule 2.02. CLERK.

The clerk of the circuit court or a designated deputy clerk shall act as clerk of the commission. The clerk of the commission shall prepare the minutes and shall certify all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the commission.

⁴ See also Rule 4.01(e) regarding the Chair's issuance of subpoena for committee.

Rule 2.03. COUNTY ATTORNEY.

The county attorney, or such member of the office of the county attorney as may be designated, shall be available to the commission at all meetings. The county attorney shall act as parliamentarian, and shall advise and assist the presiding officer in matters of parliamentary law.

Rule 2.04. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

The Miami-Dade police director, or such other county official or employee as the commission may designate, shall be the sergeant-at-arms at commission meetings, commission committee and subcommittee meetings and community council meetings. The sergeant-at-arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the meetings.

PART 3. MEETINGS

Rule 3.01. REGULAR MEETINGS AND REGULAR MEETING AFTER THE COUNTY COMMISSION INSTALLATION CEREMONY.

- (a) The commission shall hold regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday and Thursday of each month, or on such other days as may be set on the annual calendar of meetings approved by the commission. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, there shall be no regular meeting held on the same day as the installation ceremony of County Commissioners. The first regular meeting occurring after the installation ceremony shall take place within three (3) to (7) days after the ceremony on a date selected at least 120 days prior to the meeting. The date of such meeting shall be selected by the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners, in consultation with the Mayor, the County Attorney, and the Clerk of the Board.
- (b) Unless otherwise determined by the commission, regular meetings shall commence at 9:30 in the morning and shall end no later than 6:30 p.m. each day. Regular meetings may be otherwise postponed or canceled (1) by resolution or motion adopted at a regular meeting by a majority of the commission members present, (2) by the chairperson and six (6) other members of the commission serving notice containing the required seven (7) signatures upon the clerk who shall provide public notice when a meeting is canceled or (3) by the chairperson of the commission when: (a) the agenda for a meeting has not been provided to the members of the commission at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled meeting; (b) the chairperson is in receipt of written communications from at least a majority of those commissioners then in office stating that said commissioners will not be attending the meeting; or (c) no action item has been placed on the agenda of a zoning or comprehensive development master plan meeting in compliance with the applicable notice requirements. All regular meetings shall be held in the commission chambers, Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 N.W. 1 Street, Miami, Florida 33128, or such location as may be approved by a majority of the commission members present and shall be open to the public and all news media.

- (c) The commission shall consider and determine zoning matters at its regular meetings.
- (d) The second reading (public hearing) of the annual budget ordinance shall be considered at a meeting at which the said budget ordinance and the levy of the millage are the only items on the agenda.

Rule 3.02. SPECIAL MEETINGS; EMERGENCY MEETINGS.

- (a) **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** A special meeting of the Commission may be called by a majority of the members of the commission. Whenever a special meeting is called, a notice in writing signed by such majority shall be served upon the chairperson and the clerk. Each signature by a commissioner shall constitute a representation that, at the time of affixing his or her signature to the notice, the commissioner has the present intention to attend the special meeting. The clerk shall forthwith serve verbal and written notice upon each member of the commission stating the date, hour and place of the meeting and the purpose for which such meeting is called, and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting. At least twenty-four (24) hours must elapse between the time the Clerk receives notice in writing and the time the meeting is to be held. A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners may be cancelled (1) by resolution or motion adopted at a regular meeting by a majority of the Commission members present or (2) by seven (7) members of the Board of County Commissioners serving notice containing the required seven (7) signatures on the members of the Board of County Commissioners and upon the Clerk who shall provide public notice when a meeting is cancelled. The Commission chambers shall be made available for a special meeting whenever such a meeting is called.
- (b) **EMERGENCY MEETINGS.** An emergency meeting of the commission may be called by the chairperson whenever in his or her opinion an emergency exists which requires immediate action by the commission. Whenever such emergency meeting is called, the chairperson shall notify the clerk who shall forthwith serve either verbal or written notice upon each member of the commission, stating the date, hour and place of the meeting and the purpose for which it is called, and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting. At least twenty-four (24) hours shall elapse between the time the clerk receives notice of the meeting and the time the meeting is to be held. An emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners may be cancelled (1) by resolution or motion adopted at a regular meeting by a majority of the Commission members present or (2) by seven (7) members of the Board of County Commissioners serving notice containing the required seven (7) signatures on the members of the Board of County Commissioners and upon the Clerk who shall provide public notice when a meeting is cancelled. The Commission chambers shall be made available for an emergency meeting whenever such a meeting is called.
- (c) If, after reasonable diligence, it is impossible to give notice to each commissioner, such failure shall not affect the legality of the meeting if a quorum is present. The

minutes of each special or emergency meeting shall show the manner and method by which notice of such special or emergency meeting was given to each member of the commission, or shall show a waiver of notice. All special or emergency meetings shall be open to the public and shall be held and conducted in the commission chambers, Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 N.W. 1 Street, Miami, Florida 33128, or other suitable location within Miami-Dade County, Florida. Minutes thereof shall be kept by the clerk.

- (d) No special or emergency meeting shall be held unless notice thereof shall be given in compliance with the provisions of this rule, or notice thereof is waived by a majority of the entire membership of the commission.

Rule 3.03. SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT.

Whenever in these rules an action requires the signature of a commissioner, a signature is acceptable when the commissioner: (1) provides an original handwritten signature; (2) provides a facsimile of an original handwritten signature; or (3) authorizes use of the commissioner's stamp and the stamp is accompanied by a legible signature of the staffer authorized to utilize such stamp. The authority to use a commissioner's stamp shall be evidenced by a written document on file with the office of the chairperson and the county attorney.

PART 4. COMMITTEES

Rule 4.01. COMMITTEES.

- (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION COMMITTEES.** The county commission shall convene as a committee of the whole within 30 days of the date of the election of the commission chairperson and vice-chairperson to make recommendations to the chairperson regarding: the number of standing county commission committees; the subject matter of the commission's standing committees; the number of members on each standing committee; and the maximum number, if any, of standing committees on which a commissioner may serve. Within thirty (30) days of the chairperson's receipt of the recommendations of the committee of the whole, the commission chairperson shall establish standing county commission committees, determine the subject matter of these committees, the maximum number, if any, of standing committees on which a commissioner may serve, and the number of members on each committee and shall establish any additional procedural rules of order consistent with this section which are necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the committee system.
- (b) **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.** The chairperson of the county commission shall appoint the membership of each commission committee after he or she has received any written expressions of interest from commissioners as to their preferences for committee service.

- (c) **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON.** A chairperson and a vice-chairperson of each commission committee shall be appointed by the chairperson of the commission and shall continue in office at the pleasure of the chairperson of the commission. The chairperson of the commission shall also appoint a chairperson for each subcommittee authorized by these rules and may designate a vice-chairperson, both of whom shall continue in office at the pleasure of the chairperson of the commission. The committee chairperson shall set the order of items on the committee agenda for each committee meeting. The chairperson shall preserve order and decorum and shall have general control of committee proceedings. If there is a disturbance or disorderly conduct during the committee meeting, the chairperson or vice-chairperson may require participants in the disturbance to clear the room. The vice-chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. If the chairperson and vice-chairperson are absent, the committee may select one of its members to perform the duties of the chair for the meeting during which the chairperson and the vice-chairperson are absent.
- (d) **POWERS OF COMMISSION COMMITTEES.** Commission committees and subcommittees are authorized:
- (1) To maintain a continuous review of the work and performance of county agencies and, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Code, county boards within the jurisdiction of each committee;
 - (2) To invite public officials, employees, and private individuals to appear before the committees or subcommittees to submit information;
 - (3) To request reports from departments and, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Code, county boards performing functions reasonably related to each committee's jurisdiction;
 - (4) To complete interim projects assigned by the chairperson of the commission;
 - (5) Lay the matter on the table resulting in the matter not being placed on an agenda of the county commission. A report submitted by a county board may not be laid on the table where the ordinance creating the county board requires that a report be submitted to the county commission; or
 - (6) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Code, to conduct public hearings, unless state or federal law requires the county commission to conduct a given public hearing.
- (e) **ANCILLARY POWERS.** In order to carry out its duties, each commission committee shall be empowered to inspect and investigate the books, records, papers, documents, data, operations, and physical plant of any department, agency or entity of Miami-Dade County. The chairperson of a commission committee may request the chairperson of the commission to issue subpoenas, subpoenas

duces tecum, and other necessary process to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any books, letters, or other documentary evidence required by such committee. The chairperson of the commission may issue said process at the request of the committee chairperson. Any member of a standing committee or subcommittee may administer oaths and affirmations, in the manner prescribed by law to witnesses who appear before such committees to testify in any matter requiring evidence.

- (f) COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION AGENDAS. Administrative deadlines for printing the committee and commission agendas shall be established by the county Mayor and the county attorney that are sufficient to allow for timely printing of the committee and commission agendas. The commission chairperson, in consultation with the county attorney and county Mayor, shall assign all resolutions, ordinances for second reading, reports and other prospective agenda items received by the applicable administrative deadline to the appropriate committee agenda for consideration as required by these rules. Following any required committee consideration, the commission chairperson, in consultation with the county attorney and the county Mayor, shall place items on the appropriate commission agenda, as permitted by these rules. The Commission Auditor shall advise the Chairperson of any agenda item sponsored by the Mayor not in compliance with the provisions of Resolution No. R-530-10 prior to the Chairperson's assignment of such item to a committee or commission agenda. The Chairperson may determine, in his or her sole discretion, whether to place any item which is identified by the Commissioner Auditor as non-compliant, on any committee or commission agenda. A duly authorized designee of the county Mayor, the county attorney, the chairperson or the Commission Auditor may carry out the duties assigned to these persons pursuant to this paragraph.
- (g) SUBCOMMITTEES. The chairperson of the county commission may appoint a subcommittee to study or investigate a specific matter falling within the jurisdiction of a standing committee or to consider legislation or policy issues referred to it. The chairperson of the commission shall be notified on completion of the assignment. Subcommittees shall exist only for the time period necessary to complete their assignments and report to their commission committees; provided, however, that subcommittees shall not be in existence for a period in excess of ninety (90) days, unless otherwise specified by the commission chairperson. Reports prepared by subcommittees shall be reviewed by the commission committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the report and accepted, amended, or rejected by majority vote of those committee members present.
- (h) COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS. A commission committee may take one of the following actions with respect to each matter referred to the committee for action:
 - (1) Recommend favorably;
 - (2) Recommend favorably with committee amendment(s);

- (3) Forward without recommendation, upon the unanimous vote of the members of the committee who are present;
 - (4) Receive a report;
 - (5) Lay the matter on the table resulting in the matter not being placed on an agenda of the county commission. A report submitted by a county board may not be laid on the table where the ordinance creating the county board requires that a report be submitted to the county commission; or
 - (6) Defer or take no action on an item as set forth in the last sentence of this subparagraph for a maximum of two consecutive committee meetings. Deferral of or failure to act on a matter beyond two consecutive committee meetings shall cause the matter to be laid on the table, as set forth in the preceding subparagraph. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules of Procedure, whenever: (A)(i) an item is considered but does not receive a motion; (ii) a motion on an item does not receive a second; (iii) at least a majority plus one of the committee members are present and a majority of those committee members present votes against a motion; or (iv) the vote of the committee members on an item has resulted in a tie; and (B) no other available motion on an item is made and approved before the next item is called for consideration or before a recess or adjournment is called, whichever occurs first, the item shall be deemed to be laid on the table, as set forth in the preceding subparagraph; such item shall be reintroduced only in accordance with the renewal provisions of Rule 4.01(r). An item shall not be deemed laid on the table where the item is considered but no action is taken on the item due to: loss of quorum or adjournment; or, less than a majority plus one of the committee members is present and a majority of those committee members present votes against a motion.
- (i) **COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.** Except as provided elsewhere in these rules, no item shall be placed on a commission agenda or considered by the county commission, unless each committee to which the item has been referred has forwarded the item to the commission pursuant to section 4.01(h)(1), (2), (3), or (4) above.
 - (j) **EXCEPTIONS TO COMMITTEE REQUIREMENT.⁵**
 - (1) An item that has not been considered by a committee may be placed on the agenda of the county commission if the chairperson of the committee to

⁵ Additional exceptions to committee requirement: a) emergency or time sensitive items per subsection (k) of this Rule; b) ratification of Mayor's exercise of delegated authority for economic stimulus projects per Sec. 2-8.2.7 of the Code; c) agenda items submitted by the Property Appraiser per Sec. 2-70 of the Code; d) Truth-in-millage ("TRIM") resolution and budget ordinances; e) certain WASAD projects per Sec. 2-8.2.11 of the Code; and f) Mayoral vetoes and appointments of directors of administrative departments per Rule 8.01(e), 8.1.01(d) and 8.1.02(d).

which the item has been referred requests a waiver in writing and the commission chairperson concurs.

- (2) Quasi-judicial items, special taxing districts, ordinances for first reading, consent agenda items, other than items related to certificates of transportation, district office fund allocations, special presentations, namings, renamings or codesignations of County roads, facilities or properties, approvals of namings, renamings or codesignations of federal, state or municipal roads, facilities or properties, citizens' presentations, bid protests, settlements, options to renew contracts, resolutions recommending the acceleration and deceleration of Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program funding of projects using unspent bond proceeds, including interest earnings and premium funds, resolutions urging an entity or person to take stated action, resolutions taking a position or seeking direction from the Board on legislation or administrative action at the federal, state or local level, resolutions related to contract lobbyist conflict waiver requests and resolutions expressing intent shall be heard directly by the county commission, items awarding, granting, amending or relating to an award or grant of Targeted Jobs Incentive Fund, Qualified Targeted Industry Business incentives, property or utility tax exemptions in enterprise zones, or Brownfield Economic Development Initiative Loan Funds or similar incentives and tax exemption programs; provided, however, any such item relating to an award of Community Redevelopment Agency funding or Community Development Block Grant funding or other funding administered by the Public Housing and Community Development department, or successor department, shall not be excepted from committee review by this subsection (j)(2). On such items, the public shall have the same rights to participate and be heard at the county commission as they would have received had the item been heard in committee.
- (3) Whenever the committee of jurisdiction considers a proposed road closing in a commission district where the district commissioner is not a member of the committee of jurisdiction, the Mayor shall notify the commissioner prior to the meeting. Under such circumstances, the committee may only lay the item on the table if the district commissioner attends the commission meeting and states that he or she supports laying the matter on the table.
- (k) EMERGENCY MATTERS; TIME SENSITIVE MATTERS. A matter that has not been considered by the committee(s) to which it is assigned may be placed on the agenda of the county commission by the chairperson to meet a public emergency as provided in section 1.02 of the Home Rule Charter. Time sensitive matters with little or no financial impact on the county may be placed on an agenda of the county commission by the chairperson of the commission without having been considered by a committee.

- (l) **QUORUM.** A quorum of any commission committee must be present in order for committee to take action. A majority of the members of each commission committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum.
- (m) **CALLING COMMITTEE TO ORDER.** The chairperson or, in the chairperson's absence, the vice-chairperson, shall call the committee to order at the time for which the meeting was noticed. On the appearance of a quorum the committee shall proceed with the order of business.
- (n) **"3-DAY RULE".** A copy of each agenda item shall be furnished to the members of each committee and subcommittee not later than three (3) working days before a vote may be called on the item. The provisions of this rule shall be deemed waived unless asserted by a commissioner before the committee takes action on the resolution, ordinance, motion or other item in question.

Proposed committee agenda items not delivered in accordance with the preceding paragraph (except for alternates, and substitutes), shall not be placed on the committee agenda unless placed on the agenda at the request of the committee chair.

- (o) **MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE.** Committee attendance requirements shall be established by the chairperson of the commission, after receiving recommendations by a commission committee of the whole regarding any attendance requirements. Any Commissioner who notifies the Committee Chairperson or the Clerk of the Board that he or she will be absent from a committee meeting prior to the start of such scheduled meeting shall be noted as excused in the minutes of the meeting. The Clerk of the Board shall note in the minutes when a Commissioner arrives at a committee meeting, if the Commissioner arrives after the meeting has commenced.
- (p) **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.** Unless otherwise specified in these rules, an affirmative vote of voting members present, as long as a quorum is present, shall be required to act upon any ordinance, resolution, report or other matter considered by the committee.
- (q) **RECONSIDERATION.** Any committee action taken pursuant to Rule 4.01(h) may be reconsidered only at the same meeting at which the action was taken. A motion to reconsider an item which has been laid on the table as set forth in Rule 4.01(h)(5) and (6) is out of order and no such motion may be reconsidered.
- (r) **RENEWAL.** Once an ordinance or resolution is laid on the table in a committee, the proposed ordinance or resolution may not be brought before that committee again during the three (3) month period following the date the item is laid on the table (subject to the provisions of Rule 4.01(q)), unless an application for renewal made by two-thirds (2/3) of the committee members is first submitted to the chairperson of the committee.

- (s) STATEMENTS OF FISCAL IMPACT REQUIRED FOR ORDINANCES; EXCEPTIONS. Prior to the public hearing of any ordinance, the mayor shall prepare a written statement setting forth the fiscal impact, if any, of the proposed ordinance. No public hearing on any ordinance shall be held, if the statement of fiscal impact is not submitted with the ordinance as part of the agenda. The provision of this rule shall not apply to any emergency ordinance or any budget ordinance.
- (t) PROCUREMENT ITEMS. Provided public notice, public hearing and other legal requirements can be met, and notwithstanding and prevailing over any provision to the contrary, all items approved at committee meetings recommending or rejecting award of contracts for public improvements, and purchases of supplies, materials, and services, including professional services, shall be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting, unless placed on the agenda of a special meeting held sooner than the next regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting or unless the chairperson of the commission deems it necessary to place the item on another agenda.

PART 5. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS; AGENDA

Rule 5.01. CALL TO ORDER.

Promptly at the hour set for each meeting, the members of the commission, the county attorney and the clerk shall take their regular stations in the commission chamber. The chairperson shall take the chair and shall call the commission to order immediately. In the absence of the chairperson and vice-chairperson, the clerk shall then determine whether a quorum is present and in that event shall call for the election of a temporary presiding officer. Upon the arrival of the chairperson or vice-chairperson, the temporary presiding officer shall relinquish the chair upon the conclusion of the business immediately before the commission.

Rule 5.02. ROLL CALL.

The clerk shall call the roll of the members, and the names of those present shall be entered in the minutes. Any Commissioner who notifies the Chairperson or the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners that he or she will be absent from a County Commission meeting prior to the start of such scheduled meeting shall be noted as excused in the minutes of the meeting. The Clerk of the Board shall note in the minutes when a Commissioner arrives at a County Commission meeting, if the Commissioner arrives after the meeting has commenced.

Rule 5.03. QUORUM.

A majority of the commissioners then in office shall constitute a quorum. No ordinance, resolution or motion shall be adopted by the commission without the affirmative vote of the majority of all the members present.

Rule 5.04. FAILURE TO ATTAIN A QUORUM.

Should no quorum attend within thirty (30) minutes after the hour appointed for the meeting of the commission, the chairperson or the clerk may adjourn the meeting until another hour or day unless, by unanimous agreement, those members present select another time. The names of the members present and their action at such meeting shall be recorded in the minutes by the clerk.

Rule 5.05. AGENDA.

(a) ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(1) There shall be an official agenda for every meeting of the commission which shall determine the order of business conducted at the meeting. The order of business for Tuesday meetings shall be as follows:

1. invocation as provided in Rule 5.05(h)
roll call
pledge of allegiance
special presentations
citizen's presentations
reports of official county boards
motion to set agenda
commission auditor
office of intergovernmental affairs
2. mayoral vetoes
mayoral reports
- 3(a). Consent Agenda – commissioner items
- 3(b). Consent Agenda – department items
4. ordinances for first reading
5. public hearings, which shall be scheduled for 9:30 a.m.
- 6(a). chairperson of the board of county commissioners
- 6(b). policy matters for discussion by the board
7. ordinances for second reading
8. departments
9. additional departmental items

10. authorities, boards, councils and trusts
11. county commissioners
12. county mayor
13. county attorney
14. items subject to "4-day rule"
15. clerk of the board.
16. items scheduled for Thursday
17. summer recess items

The following items shall be considered consent agenda items and placed in section 3(a) or 3(b) of the agenda, as appropriate:

1. Items approving or ratifying the submittal of grant applications and acceptance of grant awards, as long as required matching funds are appropriated in the County budget, as determined by the Office of Management and Budget
2. Resolutions ratifying contracts executed by the Mayor, as allowed by law or previous action of the Board (non-summer recess items)
3. Resolutions approving in-kind contributions
4. Resolutions making district office fund allocations
5. Resolutions approving namings, renamings or codesignations of federal, state or municipal roads, facilities or properties
6. Items awarding, granting, amending or relating to an award or grant of Targeted Jobs Incentive Fund, Qualified Targeted Industry Business incentives and tax exemption programs
7. Resolutions approving donations of surplus County property, except those donations made for emergency purposes and to foreign governmental entities

8. Resolutions approving the issuance or transfer of certificates of transportation for passenger motor carriers

Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, first or second reading items, public hearing items, quasi-judicial items, and items requiring a supermajority vote of the board shall not be placed in the consent agenda section of the agenda.

Items shall be considered in the order in which they are placed on the agenda unless a majority of the commissioners determines to deviate from the printed agenda or in the discretion of the chairperson, certain matters should be taken out of order to help eliminate logistical concerns or exigent circumstances which would impede the proper functioning of the commission. During a commission meeting, commissioners may identify certain items for individual consideration (i.e., the "pull list"). Agenda items, including consent agenda items, not selected for individual consideration may be approved in a single vote.

The commission shall not take action upon any matter when it is first presented to the commission in a report or reports made by the County Commissioners.

- (2) At Thursday meetings the following items of business shall be conducted in the following order:
 1. special presentations and proclamations
 2. items scheduled for Thursday
 3. policy matters for discussion by the board
 4. zoning
 5. metropolitan planning organization (MPO)
 6. workshops

(b) **AUTHORITY TO SPONSOR OR PRESENT ITEMS ON AGENDA.**

- (1) Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, matters may only be presented or sponsored by a county commissioner, a commission committee, the county attorney and the clerk of the commission, except that the Mayor shall be able to

present or sponsor: (1) reports which do not amend any policy established by the County Commission; (2) mayoral appointments; (3) solicitations for the purchase of goods and services, leases, construction contracts and debt obligations; (4) contracts for the purchase of goods and services and amendments thereto; (5) grant applications, grants and sub-grants; (6) leases of non-County owned property and amendments thereto; (7) debt obligations and amendments thereto; (8) construction contracts and amendments thereto; (9) labor agreements and amendments thereto; (10) special taxing districts initiated by petition; (11) certificates of public convenience and necessity; (12) certificates of transportation; (13) quasi-judicial items; (14) other matters where the presentation or sponsorship by the Mayor is required by the Home Rule Charter or state or federal law and (15) leases and licenses of County-owned property and amendments thereto if the Mayor first provides written notification to the Commissioner of the District wherein the County-owned property that is to be leased or licensed is located of the matter and the District Commissioner does not agree to present or sponsor such lease or license or amendment thereto within ten (10) days of the written notification. Any Commissioner or commission committee may present or sponsor any item which the Mayor is authorized to present or sponsor pursuant to the preceding sentence, except as provided otherwise in the Home Rule Charter, or state or federal law. Additionally, the committee chairperson of jurisdiction may, upon the written request of the Mayor or his or her designee, submit an item for placement on a committee or Commission agenda. Such an item shall, if requested by the committee chairperson of jurisdiction, be placed on the appropriate agenda, in accordance with the applicable rules of procedure, as an item sponsored by the committee of jurisdiction.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, private applications for amendment, modification, addition, or change to the Comprehensive Development Master Plan ("CDMP") shall be placed on the appropriate CDMP agenda after the Department of Sustainability Planning and Economic Enhancement or successor department has completed its review of the application as provided in section 2-116.1 of the Code and all required fees have been paid (hereinafter "completed private CDMP application"). Each completed private CDMP application and the accompanying ordinance and any related resolution shall: (i) be forwarded to the Office of the Agenda Coordinator

for placement on the appropriate CDMP agenda; and (ii) be accompanied by a recommendation from the Mayor or his or her designee.

- (2) Proposed agenda items not delivered in accordance with subsection (c) hereof, or which have not been considered by any committee, (except for alternates, substitutes and items not subject to committee review) shall not be placed on the agenda unless the chairperson of the committee which has jurisdiction over the item, if any, and the chairperson of the commission concur in writing.
- (c) "4-DAY RULE". A copy of each agenda item shall be furnished to the members of the commission not later than four (4) working days before a vote may be called on the item. The provisions of this rule shall be deemed waived unless asserted by a commissioner before the board takes action on the resolution, ordinance, motion or other item in question. The provisions of the rule may not be waived under Rule 7.01(o); however, this rule is not applicable to special or emergency meetings called pursuant to Rule 3.02, items related to the County's legislative package, resolutions recommending the acceleration and deceleration of Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program funding of projects using unspent bond proceeds, including interest earnings and premium funds, items approved at a committee meeting recommending or rejecting award of contracts for public improvements, and purchases of supplies, materials, and services, including professional services, and resolutions or motions directing the Mayor or his or her designee to prepare an item for consideration by the Commission.⁶
- (d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Unless a reading of the minutes of a meeting is requested by a majority of the commission, such minutes, when approved by the commission and signed by the presiding officer and the clerk, shall be considered approved without reading; provided that the clerk shall place a copy of the minutes of each meeting, as soon as they have been completed, at a designated place in the clerk's office where they may be examined by the commissioners prior to formal approval. A copy of such minutes shall, upon completion by the clerk, be delivered to the mayor and county attorney. The minutes of prior meetings may only be approved by a majority of the commissioners present at a meeting of the commission, and upon such approval shall become the official minutes.
- (e) REMOVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS FROM THE AGENDA. The sponsor of an item scheduled for public hearing shall be able to withdraw that item from the Commission agenda at any time prior to the commencement of the public hearing by written notification to the agenda coordinator.

⁶ Additional exceptions to the 4-day rule: a) Mayoral vetoes and appointments of administrative directors are automatically placed on the next regular commission agenda per Rules 8.01(e), 8.1.01(d) and 8.1.02(d); b) -Truth-in-millage ("TRIM") resolution and budget ordinances; and c) awards of Water & Sewer Dept. contracts as provided in Sec. 2-8.2.11(3) of the Code.

- (f) PUBLIC HEARINGS HEARD BY COMMITTEE. When a public hearing relating to an ordinance or resolution is conducted before a commission committee as authorized herein, no additional testimony from the public shall be permitted except by a majority vote of those members present before final action is taken; however, debate by commissioners shall be allowed.
- (g) SUMMER RECESS ITEMS. During the Board's annual summer recess period, as determined by the County Calendar approved by the Board, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall administer County business requiring approval of the Board, including the award of contracts and approval of change orders required to maintain essential health and safety activities pursuant to approved County procedures; application for grants; execution of grant agreements, related memoranda of understanding, and other intergovernmental cooperation agreements; application and execution of grants and agreements; receipt and expenditure of funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and authorization to perform any and all requirements of said Act; and receipt and expenditure of other funds which will be put in jeopardy, if not received and expended during the summer recess period. All summer recess items not otherwise excepted from committee review will be scheduled for the appropriate committee of jurisdiction and will be placed on the Board's agenda for ratification at the first regular meeting in the month of October.
- (h) INVOCATIONS BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES.
- (1) It is the policy of the Board to allow for an invocation, which may include a prayer or a short solemnizing message, to be offered before its meetings for the benefit of the Board.
 - (2) Although the invocation shall be listed in the agenda, it shall not be considered an agenda item for the meeting or part of the public business.
 - (3) No member or employee of the Board or any other person in attendance at the meeting shall be required to participate in any invocation that is offered.
 - (4) The invocation shall be voluntarily delivered by an individual selected by members of the Board on a rotating basis.
 - (5) No invitational speaker shall receive compensation for his or her service.
 - (6) Any invitation extended shall specify that the opportunity to offer a legislative invocation shall not be exploited to convert others to any particular faith, to advance any particular faith, or to disparage any other faith or belief.

- (7) Neither the Board nor the Clerk of the Board shall engage in any prior inquiry, review of, or involvement in, the content of any prayer to be offered by an invitational speaker.
- (8) This policy is not intended, and shall not be implemented or construed in any way, to affiliate the Board with, nor express the Board's preference for, any faith or religious denomination.

Rule 5.06. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS, CONTRACTS.

- (a) PREPARATION AND ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES. The county attorney, when requested, shall prepare ordinances and resolutions.

Ordinances may be introduced and listed by title and shall be read by title only before consideration by the commission on first reading. On first reading of ordinances, there shall be no discussion by either county commissioners, county staff or members of the public. On first reading only, the commission may either vote for all ordinances in one vote or may vote separately on any ordinance. At second reading, each ordinance shall be voted on individually.

- (b) APPROVAL BY COUNTY ATTORNEY. All ordinances, resolutions and contract documents, before presentation to a commission committee or the commission, shall have been reduced to writing and shall have been approved as to form and legality by the county attorney. All reports or memoranda that supplement pending ordinances or resolutions shall be presented to the County Attorney for review and approval for placement on a Board agenda, when such reports or memoranda contain proposed amendatory language that can be used to formulate amendments to ordinances or resolutions. Prior to presentation all such documents may be referred to the head of the department under whose jurisdiction the administration of the subject matter of the ordinance, resolution or contract document would devolve. The county attorney shall communicate with a designated staff person from each commissioner's office regarding the preparation and tracking of agenda items.
- (c) SPONSORSHIP. A Commissioner may assume sponsorship of any ordinance, resolution, report or other matter.
- (d) EXCEPTION. The provisions of this Rule 5.06 shall not be applicable to zoning resolutions which shall be governed exclusively by Chapter 33 of the code.
- (e) WHEN ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE. All actions of the commission may be taken by motion, resolution or ordinance except that any action of the commission which provides for raising revenue, appropriating funds or incurring indebtedness (other than refunding indebtedness), or which provides a penalty or establishes a rule or regulation for the violation of which a penalty is imposed, shall be by ordinance.

- (f) **ORDINANCES DIRECTLY AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.** Any proposed county ordinances that would directly affect the jurisdiction or the duties of municipalities or their officers, or any proposed ordinances that may have a direct fiscal impact upon municipal governments in Miami-Dade County, shall be scheduled for public hearing no sooner than six (6) weeks after its passage on first reading. At least four (4) weeks prior to the scheduled public hearing, the Mayor is directed to mail or e-mail a copy of the proposed ordinance to each city clerk, city attorney, city manager and the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade League of Cities, Inc. The Mayor's communication shall include the date of the scheduled public hearing and shall state that the proposed ordinance may have an impact upon municipalities. This subsection shall be construed as directory only, and failure to comply with the provisions hereof shall not affect the validity of any ordinance.
- (g) **PRIME SPONSORSHIP AND CO-SPONSORSHIP.** When a resolution or ordinance is placed on the agenda at the request of a commissioner, the commissioner who requested the preparation of the item shall be designated as the prime sponsor. Any other commissioner who wishes to sponsor the resolution or ordinance shall be designated as a co-sponsor.
- (h) **ITEMS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE.** Any item on the commission agenda that has been amended in committee shall so indicate on the cover memorandum and include a brief description of the amendment. In addition, committee amendments shall be uniquely identified in the item itself so as to distinguish committee amendments from the original item, such as by underlining and strike-through in the case of a resolution amended in committee and by double underlining and double strike-through in the case of an ordinance amended in committee, or where such an approach would not clearly show committee amendments or is not practical, by providing footnotes or comments on the item.
- (i) **SUBSTITUTE AND ALTERNATE ITEMS.** Any item on a committee agenda or the commission agenda that is a substitute or alternate shall so indicate on the cover memorandum and include a brief description of how the item differs from the original item. In addition, differences between the original item and the substitute or alternate item shall be uniquely identified in the substitute or alternate item itself so as to distinguish it from the original item, such as by underlining and strike-through in the case of a resolution, by double underlining and double strike-through in the case of an ordinance, or where such approaches would not clearly show the differences or are not practical, by providing footnotes or comments on the item.

Rule 5.07. LIMITATION ON AGENDA ITEMS.

- (a) No Commissioner shall be a prime sponsor of a total of more than ten (10) action items on a single regular commission agenda unless the Chairperson of the Commission authorizes the placement of additional items on the agenda by a particular Commissioner when approving the agenda. As used in Rule 5.07(a), an "action item" means an ordinance for first reading or a resolution. This provision

shall not be applied to ordinances or resolutions which are intended to correct scrivener's errors.

- (b) An agenda item shall be deemed withdrawn upon its third deferral. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to zoning applications or to applications to amend the Comprehensive Development Master Plan.

Rule 5.08. STATEMENT OF PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR IMPACT REQUIRED FOR ORDINANCE

At the request of any commissioner at the first reading of any ordinance that regulates private business, land development or building code standards, the mayor shall prepare a written statement setting forth the fiscal impact, if any, of the proposed ordinance on the private business sector. No ordinance regulating private business, land development or building code standards shall be considered on second reading if the requested statement of fiscal impact on private business is not submitted with the ordinance as part of the agenda.

PART 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rule 6.01. PERSONS AUTHORIZED ON THE DAIS.

No person, except county officers or their representatives, shall be permitted on the dais unless authorized by the presiding officer or a majority of the commission.

Rule 6.02. CITIZENS' PRESENTATIONS; PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- (a) **CITIZENS' PRESENTATIONS.** Any citizen shall be entitled to be placed on the official agenda of a regular meeting of the commission and be heard concerning any matter within the scope of the jurisdiction of the commission. Only commissioners and the mayor may place a citizen on the official agenda. The deadline for placing a citizen on the agenda is noon on Monday of the week preceding the week of the meeting at which said citizen wishes to be heard. No action may be taken by the commission on an item heard as a citizen's presentation unless two-thirds (2/3) of the members present deem that the issue requires immediate commission action.
- (b) **PUBLIC HEARINGS.** Any citizen shall be entitled to speak on any matter appearing on the official agenda under the section entitled "Public Hearings".
- (c) **PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS.** No citizen shall be entitled as a matter of right to address the commission on any matter listed on or added to the official agenda which is not scheduled for citizen's presentations, public hearing, discussion or debate.

Rule 6.03. REGISTRATION OF SPEAKERS.

- (a) The office of agenda coordinator shall prepare appropriate registration cards which should indicate the speaker's name, the agenda item on which he or she is speaking, and whether he or she is speaking in favor of or against the proposed item.
- (b) On the day of the commission meeting, a person desiring to speak shall register with the office of the agenda coordinator, at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the discussion on the item, at a registration table in the lobby of the commission chambers.
- (c) Failure to comply with the registration provisions of this rule shall prohibit a person from speaking on any item for which he or she is not properly registered.
- (d) In the event that the seats in the commission chambers are filled to capacity, the office of the agenda coordinator shall provide appropriate overflow seating in an area where the commission meeting is being monitored on television.

Rule 6.04. ADDRESSING COMMISSION, MANNER, TIME.

Each person, other than salaried members of the county staff, who addresses the commission shall step up to a podium and shall give the following information in an audible tone of voice for the minutes:

- (a) Name;
- (b) Address;
- (c) Whether the person speaks on his or her own behalf, a group of persons, or a third party; or if the person represents an organization; and whether the view expressed by the speaker represents an established policy of the organization approved by the board or governing council;
- (d) Compensation, if any;
- (e) Whether the person or any immediate family member has a personal financial interest in the pending matter, other than as set forth in (d).

Unless further time is granted by the commission, the statement shall be limited to five (5) minutes. All remarks shall be addressed to the commission as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than commissioners and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the commission, without the permission of the presiding officer. No question shall be asked a commissioner except through the presiding officer.

Rule 6.05. DECORUM.

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the commission shall be barred from further appearance before the commission by the presiding officer, unless permission to continue or again address the commission is granted by the majority vote of the commission members present.

No clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts in support or opposition to a speaker or his or her remarks shall be permitted. No signs or placards shall be allowed in the commission chamber. Persons exiting the commission chamber shall do so quietly.

The use of cell phones in the commission chambers is not permitted. Ringers must be set to silent mode to avoid disruption of proceedings. Individuals, including those on the dais, must exit the chambers to answer incoming cell phone calls. County employees may not use cell phone cameras or take digital pictures from their positions on the dais.

PART 7. RULES OF DEBATE

Rule 7.01. RULES OF DEBATE.

- (a) **QUESTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION.** When a motion is presented and seconded, it is under consideration and no other motion shall be received thereafter, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, or to amend until the question is decided. These motions shall have preference in the order in which they are mentioned and the first two shall be decided without debate. Final action upon a pending motion may be deferred until a date certain by a majority of the members present.
- (b) **AS TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER.** The presiding officer, upon relinquishing the chair, may move, second, debate and vote, subject only to such limitations as are by these rules imposed upon all members.
- (c) **GETTING THE FLOOR, IMPROPER REFERENCES TO BE AVOIDED.** Every member desiring to speak for any purpose shall address the presiding officer, and upon recognition, shall be confined to the question under debate avoiding all personalities and indecorous language.
- (d) **INTERRUPTION; CALL TO ORDER; APPEAL A RULING OF THE CHAIR.** A member once recognized shall not be interrupted when speaking unless it be a call to order or as herein otherwise provided. If a member is called to order, the member shall cease speaking until the question of order shall be determined by the presiding officer, and if in order, the member shall be permitted to proceed. Any member may appeal to the commission from the decision of the presiding officer upon a question of order, when, without debate, the presiding officer shall submit to the commission the question, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" and the commission shall decide by a majority vote.

- (e) PRIVILEGE OF CLOSING DEBATE. The commissioner sponsoring or moving the adoption of an ordinance, resolution or motion shall have the privilege of closing the debate.
- (f) METHOD OF VOTING. Voting shall be by machine, roll call, voice vote, or paper ballot. Upon every roll call vote the names of the commissioners shall be called alphabetically by surname, except that the names shall be rotated after each roll call vote, so that the commissioner who voted first on a preceding roll call shall vote last upon the next subsequent matter; provided, however, that the presiding officer shall always cast the last vote. The clerk shall call the roll, tabulate the votes, and announce the results. The vote upon every ordinance shall be taken by roll call or machine vote. The vote upon any resolution, motion or other matter may be by voice vote provided that the presiding officer or any commissioner may require a roll call or machine vote to be taken upon any resolution or motion. Board appointments may be made by paper ballot which clearly identify the commissioner voting.
- (g) EXPLANATION OF VOTE; CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. Upon any roll call, there shall be no discussion by any commissioner voting, and the commissioner shall vote yes or no. Any commissioner, upon voting, may give a brief statement to explain his or her vote. A commissioner shall have the privilege of filing with the clerk a written explanation of his or her vote. Any commissioner with a conflict of interest on a particular matter shall refrain from voting or otherwise participating in the proceedings related to that matter and shall leave the commission chambers until the consideration of that matter is concluded. Any such commissioner who does not leave the chambers shall be deemed absent for purposes of constituting a quorum, counting the vote, or for any other purpose.
- (h) TIE VOTES. Whenever action cannot be taken because the vote of the commissioners has resulted in a tie, and no other available motion on an item is made and approved before the next item is called for consideration or before a recess or adjournment is called, whichever occurs first, the item shall be removed from the agenda and shall be reintroduced only in accordance with the renewal provisions of Rule 7.01(l). Notwithstanding any rule of procedure to the contrary, in zoning and other quasi-judicial matters when action on a resolution results in a tie vote, such resolution shall be carried over to the next regularly scheduled meeting for the consideration of such quasi-judicial matters unless the commission designates a different time for such reconsideration.
- (i) VOTE CHANGE. Any commissioner may change his or her vote before the next item is called for consideration, or before a recess or adjournment is called, whichever occurs first, but not thereafter.
- (j) NO MOTION OR SECOND. If an agenda item fails to receive a motion or second, it shall be removed from the agenda and shall be reintroduced only in accordance with the renewal provisions of Rule 7.01(l).
- (k) RECONSIDERATION. An action of the commission may be reconsidered only at the same meeting at which the action was taken or at the next regular meeting

thereafter. A motion to reconsider may be made only by a commissioner who voted on the prevailing side of the question and must be concurred in by a majority of those present at the meeting. A motion to reconsider an item resulting in a tie vote is not in order, and no such motion shall be reconsidered. A motion to reconsider shall not be considered unless at least the same number of commissioners is present as participated in the original vote, or upon affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those commissioners present. Adoption of a motion to reconsider shall rescind the action reconsidered.

- (l) RENEWAL. Once action is taken on a proposed ordinance or resolution, neither the same matter nor its repeal or rescission may be brought before the commission again during the six (6) month period following the said action (subject to the provisions of Rule 7.01(k)), unless application for renewal by seven (7) commissioners is first submitted to the presiding officer.
- (m) EXPIRATION OF POSTPONED ITEMS. Once an item before the Board is postponed indefinitely, and no action is taken by the Board on such item for a period of six (6) months following the latest postponement, such item shall be deemed withdrawn. Consideration of the matter covered under the item shall require the introduction of a new item.
- (n) ADJOURNMENT. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and decided without debate.
- (o) SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.⁷ No rule of procedure adopted by this board shall be suspended except by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the commissioners present.

PART 8. MAYORAL VETO AND COMMISSION OVERRIDE

Rule 8.01. MAYORAL VETO AND COMMISSION OVERRIDE.

The veto provisions of Section 2.02(E) of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter shall be exercised exclusively in accordance with the terms and conditions of this rule.

- (a) Each ordinance and resolution finally adopted by the commission shall contain a place for noting mayoral approval or veto, and commission override. The mayor may indicate approval of any ordinance or resolution by signing it in the place provided, or the mayor may permit the item to become effective in accordance with its terms by allowing ten (10) days to elapse without exercising a veto.
- (b) If the mayor determines to veto an ordinance, resolution, motion or budget line item, the mayor shall personally sign a copy of the form set forth herein in the place so provided and shall indicate with specificity the reason(s) for the veto. The form shall be as follows:

⁷ The following rules cannot be suspended: a) the "4-Day Rule" per Rule 5.05(c); b) Mayoral veto per Rule 8.01(h); and c) Mayoral appointment of directors of administrative departments per Rules 8.1.01(h) and 8.1.02(h).

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

VETO AND VETO MESSAGE

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members
Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida

From: [Signature of Mayor]
, Mayor
Miami-Dade County, Florida

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the provisions of Section 2.02(E) of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, I hereby veto:

{state ordinance, resolution, motion or budget line item}

Veto message:

- (c) The completed form shall be submitted to the clerk of the board on or before 4:30 p.m. on the tenth (10th) calendar day following final commission enactment or adoption thereof. The clerk's official date and time recorder stamp on the completed form shall conclusively determine compliance or non-compliance with the ten (10) day time frame.
- (d) The clerk shall place items vetoed by the mayor, together with the completed veto forms, on the next regularly scheduled commission agenda as the first substantive items for commission consideration.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other rule of the commission, items vetoed by the mayor shall (1) not be subject to the "4-day rule" as provided in Rule 5.05(c); (2) not be deferred to a future meeting; (3) not require committee review; (4) not be subject to a motion to reconsider, except at the same meeting; (5) not require first reading; (6) not require publication or additional public hearings; or (7) not be

amended if the item required special publication or a public hearing to be originally adopted or enacted.

- (f) A motion to override a mayoral veto shall be stated as follows:
 - (1) "I move that [the ordinance, resolution or motion] be adopted and become effective notwithstanding the veto of the mayor", or
 - (2) "I move that [the specific line item in the budget] be restored to the ordinance and become effective notwithstanding the veto of the mayor".
- (g) If two-thirds (2/3) of all commissioners present vote in favor of the motion as stated in subsection (f) above, the ordinance, resolution, motion or budget appropriation shall be deemed enacted or adopted and effective in accordance with its terms; otherwise, the mayor's veto shall be deemed sustained.
- (h) The provisions of this rule shall not be waived under Rule 7.01(o).

PART 8.1. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY, AND COMMISSION DISAPPROVAL

Rule 8.1.01. MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY, AND COMMISSION DISAPPROVAL.

The authority and powers provided to the Mayor and the Commission under Sections 2.02 C and D of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter regarding the appointment of department directors of administrative departments shall be exercised exclusively in accordance with the terms and conditions of this rule.

- (a) The Mayor shall utilize the form provided herein to appoint a department director of an administrative department of the County. The Mayor shall personally sign a copy of the form in the place so provided and shall indicate with specificity the position, name, and qualifications of the person appointed. The form shall be as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members
Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida

From: [Signature of Mayor]

_____, Mayor

Miami-Dade County, Florida

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the provisions of Sections 2.02 C and D of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, I hereby appoint:

[insert name of person appointed]

to the position of:

[insert position to which the person is appointed].

The person's qualifications for this position are as follows:

[insert person's qualifications]

A copy of the person's resumé shall be attached.

- (b) The completed form, together with the resumé, shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board on or before 4:30 p.m. on the date of appointment. The Clerk's official date and time recorder stamp on the completed form shall conclusively determine date and time of submission of the form to the Clerk.
- (c) The Clerk shall place appointments by the Mayor pursuant to Rule 8.1.01, together with the completed form and resumé on the next regularly scheduled Commission agenda under the mayoral reports section of the agenda for Commission consideration.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other rule of the Commission, appointments made by the Mayor pursuant to Rule 8.1.01 shall (1) not be subject to the "4-day rule" as provided in Rule 5.05(c); (2) not be deferred to a future meeting; (3) not require committee review; (4) not be subject to a motion to reconsider, except at the same meeting; or (5) not require publication or public hearing.
- (e) The Mayor shall make every effort to have the nominee attend the Commission meeting at which the appointment is presented. Commissioners may ask such questions as they deem appropriate at that time.
- (f) Any Commissioner may move to disapprove a mayoral appointment made subject to this rule. A motion to disapprove a mayoral appointment shall be stated as follows:

"I move that the Mayor's appointment of [insert name of person appointed by the Mayor] as [insert the position to which such person was appointed by the Mayor] be disapproved."

- (g) If a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those Commissioners then in office vote in favor of the motion as stated in subsection (f) above, the appointment shall be deemed disapproved; otherwise, the appointment shall be deemed effective.
- (h) The provisions of this rule shall not be waived under Rule 7.01(0).

Rule 8.1.02 MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM OR ACTING DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY, AND COMMISSION DISAPPROVAL.

Notwithstanding any other rule of the Commission, the authority and powers provided to the Mayor and the Commission under Section 2.02 D of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter regarding the appointment of interim or acting department directors shall be exercised exclusively in accordance with the terms and conditions of this rule. An "interim or acting department director" shall mean a person who has been appointed by the Mayor as a department director of an administrative department of the County for a term of six months or less.

- (a) The Mayor shall utilize the form provided herein to appoint an interim or acting department director of an administrative department of the County. The Mayor shall personally sign a copy of the form in the place so provided and shall indicate with specificity the position, name, and qualifications of the person appointed. The form shall be as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members Board of County
Commissioners Miami-Dade County, Florida

From: [Signature of Mayor]

_____, Mayor

Miami-Dade County, Florida

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the provisions of Sections 2.02 D of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, I hereby appoint:

[insert name of person appointed]

to the position of:

[insert position to which the person is appointed].

The person's qualifications for this position are as follows:

[insert person's qualifications]

This appointment shall serve until: [insert date].

A copy of the person's resumé shall be attached.

- (b) The completed form, together with the resumé, shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board on or before 4:30 p.m. on the date of appointment. The Clerk's official date and time recorder stamp on the completed form shall conclusively determine date and time of submission of the form to the Clerk.
- (c) The Chairperson of the County Commission may, at his or her discretion, place the appointment by the Mayor of an interim or acting department director, together with the completed form and resumé on the next regularly scheduled Commission agenda under the mayoral reports section of the agenda for Commission consideration.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other rule of the Commission, interim or acting appointments made by the Mayor shall (1) not be placed on a Commission agenda except as provided in Rule 8.1.02; (2) not be subject to the "4-day rule" as provided in Rule 5.05(c); (3) not be deferred to a future meeting; (4) not require committee review; (5) not be subject to a motion to reconsider, except at the same meeting; and (6) not require publication or public hearing.
- (e) In the event the Chairperson of the County Commission places an interim or acting appointment on the Commission agenda, the Mayor shall make every effort to have the nominee attend the Commission meeting at which the appointment is presented. Commissioners may ask such questions as they deem appropriate at that time.
- (f) Any Commissioner may move to disapprove a mayoral appointment made subject to this rule if said appointment is placed on the agenda by the Chairperson. In the event an interim or acting mayoral appointment of a department director is not placed on the Commission agenda by the Chairperson of the County Commission, any Commissioner may appeal the decision of the Chairperson upon a question of order, when, without debate, the presiding officer shall submit to the Commission the question: "Shall the decision of the Chairperson be sustained?" If the question to appeal the decision of the Chairperson is approved by a majority vote, a motion to disapprove the interim or acting mayoral appointment shall be in order. A motion to disapprove an interim or acting mayoral appointment shall be stated as follows:

"I move that the Mayor's appointment of [insert name of person appointed by the Mayor] as [insert the position to which such person was appointed by the Mayor] be disapproved."

- (g) If a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those Commissioners then in office vote in favor of the motion as stated in subsection (f) above, the appointment shall be deemed disapproved; otherwise, the appointment shall be deemed effective.
- (h) The provisions of this rule shall not be waived under Rule 7.01(o).
- (i) At the conclusion of the term of an interim or acting department director, any reappointment of the interim or acting director or of a new department director shall be subject to the requirements of Rule 8.1.01.

**PART 9. ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES
PRESCRIBING COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEDURE**

Rule 9.01. ANNUAL BUDGET.

The mayor shall prepare and deliver a budgetary address annually to the people of the county in March. Such address shall be prepared after consulting with the budget director and shall set forth the mayor's funding priorities for the county. By July 15, the mayor shall prepare and submit a proposed budget in a line item format pursuant to Section 2-1800 containing a complete financial plan, including capital and operating budgets, for the ensuing fiscal year. Other formats, such as narrative, pie charts and graphs may also be used to supplement the line item format. The budget prepared and recommended by the mayor shall be presented by the mayor or his or her designee to the commission in a line item format pursuant to Section 2-1800 on or before the board adopts tentative millage rates for the ensuing fiscal year. A summary of the budget shall be published and the board shall hold hearings on and adopt a budget on or before the dates required by law.

Rule 9.02. NAMING, RENAMING OR CODESIGNATION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ROADS, FACILITIES OR PROPERTY; APPROVAL OF STATE OR MUNICIPAL ROAD CODESIGNATIONS.

- (a) Resolutions regarding proposed naming, renaming or codesignation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities or property shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the property is located and shall be considered at public hearing.
- (b) Resolutions honoring outstanding individuals shall not be authorized for living individuals except as provided in subsection (d) hereof.
- (c) For every resolution honoring an individual without a personal and direct meaningful relationship to the Greater Miami area, the board of county commissioners shall, at the same time, honor an individual who has made a direct, significant contribution to this community.

- (d) This rule shall not prohibit the naming, renaming, or designation of a facility or property after a living individual who donates a significant portion of the cost of such facility or property. Further, this rule shall not prohibit the naming, renaming, or designation of a road, facility or property after a living individual who has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community provided: (i) the naming, renaming or designation is approved by three-fifths vote of the board members present; (ii) that the naming, renaming or designation is not for any elected municipal, county, state or federal official currently serving or having served in any elected office within the last five years; and (iii) that the naming, renaming or designation of a road, facility or property in a particular commission district is limited to two times during any calendar year.
- (e) Special provisions for employees who give their lives in the line of duty. The mayor shall present the board of county commissioners with a resolution proposing the naming of an appropriate public right of way or portion thereof in honor of any Miami-Dade County employee who gives his or her life in the line of duty. Such resolution shall be considered at public hearing and may be adopted by the board upon a favorable vote of a majority of the commissioners present.
- (f) The Commission Auditor shall complete background research, reviewing public records and other sources of information, in print, on the internet, or through other means of communication, that are publicly available, on any person, organization, place or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the codesignation of state or municipal roads, and shall prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered. The Clerk of the Board shall place the Commission Auditor's report on the commission agenda as a supplement to the related agenda item.

Rule 9.03. FEE REDUCTION AND WAIVER REQUESTS FOR THE USE OF VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS.

- (a) All requests for fee reductions and waivers for the use of Vizcaya Museum and Gardens must be submitted to the board for review at a public hearing before the full Commission. Following the public hearing any such fee reductions and waivers will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the board members present. This Rule does not apply when Vizcaya Museum and Gardens' budget is fully reimbursed from another County fund for such fee reduction or waiver. The following criteria shall govern the grant of a fee waiver or reduction:
 - i. Fee waivers and reductions shall be granted only to major cultural, diplomatic, international, military, or other events or conferences involving heads-of-state or other similar individuals that will enhance the visibility of the County as a place to live, work, visit, or invest.

- ii. No fee waivers or reductions shall be granted for events whose purpose is, in whole or in part, to raise funds.
 - iii. Fee waivers and reductions shall be granted only to not-for-profit or governmental organizations, and not to private individuals or for-profit organizations.
 - iv. Fee waivers and reductions may be granted at the discretion of the Board to an organization more than once every two years, but the Board recognizes that repeat events should generally not be based on recurrent complimentary use of this fragile facility.
 - v. Organizations that are offered fee waivers and reductions shall comply with all Vizcaya Museum and Gardens facility rental rules and regulations and shall sign and be bound by the facility rental agreement, except for the provisions regarding rental fee payment and deposit.
 - vi. All direct costs that result from the organization's event shall be payable by the organization directly to Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, including but not limited to tent or equipment rental, hire of police and cleanup crew, and costs of any damages or cleanup by County staff or outside vendors, unless the resolution granting the fee waiver and reduction states that the County will pay such costs to Vizcaya Museum and Gardens.
 - vii. Organizations requesting a fee waiver or reduction should first attempt to find other public or private ways to fund the Vizcaya fee.
- (b) Notwithstanding the previous paragraph (a), the mayor shall be permitted to:
- (1) Administratively reduce fees four (4) times during any calendar year and waive fees two (2) times during any calendar year for the use of Vizcaya Museum and Gardens for any non-fund raising events provided that those events are either diplomatic activities or events that benefit the entire citizenry of Miami-Dade County, and annually report the reductions and waiver to the commission; and
 - (2) Waive fees for events sponsored by organizations which provide volunteer services to Vizcaya Museum and Gardens or raise funds and provide support for the maintenance of, and improvements to, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens.

Rule 9.03.01. EXPENDITURE OF SEAPORT DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONAL FUNDS.

All proposed expenditures from seaport promotional funds over \$5,000, other than those adopted as part of the county's annual budget ordinance, shall require a written recommendation from the mayor together with a two thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the board.

Rule 9.03.02. ACTIONS WHICH DECREASE REVENUES OR INCREASE EXPENDITURES.

- (a) Whenever a commissioner proposes a resolution, ordinance or other action of the board that would result in a decrease in revenues, the proposal from the commissioner must specifically designate an equal or greater reduction in expenditures or identify a project or services of equal or greater costs to be eliminated.

Whenever a commissioner proposes an increase in expenditures above the adopted budget level, such commissioner must concurrently propose additional revenue appropriate to fund the increased expense or an expenditure reduction equal to or greater than the amount of proposed new expense.

No final action affecting the adopted budget shall be taken if any member of the county commission requests a recommendation from the mayor pertaining to a budget adjustment proposed by a county commissioner. The mayor's recommendation shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the county commission.

- (b) The provisions of this ordinance do not apply to actions taken at the annual budget hearings held pursuant to state law.

Rule 9.03.03. PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENTS.

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[T]he County Commission may not delete or materially change any County project listed on Exhibit 1 attached to the ordinance levying the surtax [Ordinance No. 02-116 codified in §§29-121 – 124 of the Code] nor add any project thereto except as provided in this subsection A proposed deletion, material change or addition of such a County project shall be initially reviewed by the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust ("Trust"), which shall forward a recommendation thereon to the County Commission. The County Commission may either accept or reject the Trust's recommendation. If the County Commission rejects the recommendation, the matter shall be referred back to the Trust for its reconsideration and issuance of a reconsidered recommendation to the County Commission. The County Commission may approve, change or reject the Trust's reconsidered recommendation. A two-thirds vote of the Commission membership shall be required to take action other than as contained in the reconsidered recommendation of the Trust. The foregoing notwithstanding, the list of County projects contained in said Exhibit 1 may be changed as a result of the MPO process as mandated by federal and state law.

Rule 9.03.04. HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

- (1) The County shall hold six public meetings regarding any resolution calling an election on a proposed Home Rule Charter amendment. The Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall schedule public meetings on any such resolution proposed by the Board following the Chairperson's assignment of the items to committee or following any waiver of the committee requirement. Such public meetings shall

be held prior to committee review or adoption of such resolution, if committee review is waived or not required.

- (2) If the Clerk of the Circuit Court approves an initiative petition to amend the Home Rule Charter as to form, the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee shall make County-owned public facilities such as public libraries or park facilities available to the initiative petition proposers, at no cost, so that six public meetings can be conducted regarding the proposed initiative. Such meetings shall be scheduled within 60 days after the date the Clerk approves the initiative as to form.
- (3) The public meetings required in this section shall be conducted by county staff and shall be for the purpose of soliciting community input about the proposed charter amendments. Members of the public, County officials, County staff, and initiative petition proposers, if any, may be heard at such meetings.
- (4) All public meetings required hereby shall be held at locations and times which are accessible and convenient to the majority of residents in Miami-Dade County and allow for maximum participation by geographic and ethnic communities within Miami-Dade County.
- (5) All public meetings shall be appropriately advertised, including use of print advertisements in newspapers of general circulation and community based periodicals,
- (6) The provisions of this section shall be construed as directory only and failure to comply with the provisions hereof shall not affect the validity of any resolution, action of the Board, the election scheduled on any proposed charter amendment, or the timing of any initiative petition.

Rule 9.03.05. COUNTY BALLOT QUESTIONS, INCLUDING HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND STRAW BALLOT QUESTIONS.

The Board shall place no more than three (3) County questions on any general election ballot that includes a presidential election. For purposes of this rule, "County questions" shall mean straw ballot questions, commissioner-sponsored proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter and any other questions related to the County that are proposed by the Board. This subsection shall not apply to amendments to the Home Rule Charter proposed by initiatory petition pursuant to section 9.07 of the Home Rule Charter. Once the Board has voted to place three (3) County questions on any general election ballot that includes a presidential election, each additional County question may be placed on such a ballot only with an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of those commissioners present.

Rule 9.03.06. PROCEDURES FOR OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

- (a) Prior to entering upon the duties of the office, each newly-elected or re-elected County Commissioner shall take the oath of office as set forth in Article II, Section 5(b) of the Florida Constitution or as otherwise required by law. Each Commissioner shall, at his or her option, either:
1. Verbally take the oath of office; or
 2. Execute a written oath of office as set forth in substantially the form attached to this ordinance or as otherwise required by law.
- (b) The oath of office under either paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) above shall be administered by a person authorized to administer the oath of office pursuant to Florida law. Such person shall sign an acknowledgement of administration of the oath of office as set forth in substantially the form attached to this ordinance.
- (c) The Clerk of the Board shall retain in the public records each executed written oath of office and each executed acknowledgement of administration of the oath of office.
- (d) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the Board of County Commissioners from holding an installation ceremony for County Commissioners. At the installation ceremony, Commissioners may take a ceremonial oath of office which shall be administered at each Commissioner's option, in one of the two following ways:
- a. The Clerk or other official administering the oath shall state the oath of office in its entirety as set forth in Article II, Section 5(b) of the Florida Constitution or as otherwise required by law, as follows:

Do you (Commissioner's name) solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that you are duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the state; and that you will well and faithfully perform the duties of County Commissioner on which you are now about to enter. So help you God

After the Clerk or other official has stated the oath in its entirety, the Commissioner shall then say "I do;" or

- b. The Commissioner shall repeat after the Clerk of other official administering the oath of office the oath as set forth in Article II, Section 5(b) of the Florida Constitution or as otherwise required by law.

Rule 9.04. REPRESENTATION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

Whenever the commission deems it necessary or desirable that the commission shall be represented at meetings, conferences or other occasions involving other governmental entities, agencies, officials or groups, or nongovernmental organizations, or departments, agencies or officials of the county government, the presiding officer may designate members of the commission to represent the commission at such meetings, conferences or other occasions, with the consent of the designee. A majority of the board then present may disapprove any such appointment. Such representatives shall have no power to act for or on behalf of the commission, or to make any commitment or binding obligation on behalf of the commission or the county. Such representatives shall report in writing to the commission with regard to such meeting, conference or other occasion.

Rule 9.05. NONCOMPLIANCE WITH PROCEDURAL RULES.

If a procedural rule of this board is not complied with by either the presiding officer or the parliamentarian, then the validity of the underlying substantive ordinance, resolution, motion or other action shall in no way be affected thereby, and the failure of compliance with said procedural rule shall not be the basis for any person or party to challenge any ordinance, resolution or other action of this board.