

# Memorandum



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Agenda Item No. 1(K)(1)  
April 20, 2021

**To:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Laura Morilla, Executive Director  
Office of Community Advocacy

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**Subject:** Status Report on the Independent Civilian Panel

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On August 31, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") approved Ordinance No. 20-80, which, among other things, amended article IC of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida and changed the name of the Independent Review Panel to the Independent Civilian Panel ("Panel"). Thereafter, on October 6, 2020, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-1045-20, which approved Implementing Order 2-14 and directed the executive director of the Office of Community Advocacy ("OCA") to establish procedures relating to the Panel's initial nominating committee ("nominating committee") and to provide reports. Specifically, Resolution No. R-1045-20 directs OCA to provide a report to this Board within 15 days of the effective date of the resolution and every 30 days thereafter until the initial Panel is appointed. This report is made accordingly.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 20-80 and Resolution No. R-1045-20, the nominating committee shall consist of one member from the Asian American Advisory Board, Black Affairs Advisory Board, Commission for Women, Community Relations Board, Elder Affairs Advisory Board, Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board, Interfaith Advisory Board, LGBTQ Advisory Board, and Military Affairs Advisory Board. To date, only the Asian American Advisory Board, Black Affairs Advisory Board, Commission for Women, Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board, and Military Affairs Advisory Board have designated members to serve on the nominating committee. As such, member designations from the Community Relations Board, Elder Affairs Advisory Board, Interfaith Advisory Board, and LGBTQ Advisory Board are still outstanding. It should also be noted that several of the above-mentioned boards are currently pending member appointments, which may have caused or contributed to the delayed designations.

Resolution No. R-1045-20 directs OCA to designate members to serve on the nominating committee, in limited circumstances. Specifically, the resolution provides, in pertinent part:

Section 3. In the event one or more of the advisory boards listed in section 1 has not appointed a member to the Panel within 45 days of the effective date of this resolution, directs OCA to utilize a random selection process to choose one member of each advisory board to serve on the nominating committee.

The 45-day period provided in Resolution No. R-1045-20 expired on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. In an effort to afford Board members with sufficient time to appoint individuals to advisory boards and notwithstanding its authority, OCA will not designate members to serve on the nominating committee until after January 31, 2021. Additionally, prior to designating any member, OCA will communicate with each Commissioner to advise him or her of all the advisory boards that fall under OCA's jurisdiction and whether he or she has any pending appointments to said boards.

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Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, this report will be placed on the next available agenda of the Board.

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