

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: (Second Reading: 3-3-26)
December 2, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance relating to the
Building Better Communities
Citizens' Advisory Committee
("Bond Committee"); amending
sections 2-1801, 2-1802, 2-1803,
and 2-1805 of the Code;
removing language referencing
the County Manager and
updating language pertaining to
Committee member attendance

The accompanying ordinance was prepared by the Office of Management and Budget Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Appropriations Committee.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: March 3, 2026

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Ordinance Amending Building Better Communities Citizens' Advisory Committee
Establishing Ordinance

Executive Summary

The purpose of this item is to provide the necessary structural changes to the Code of Miami-Dade County (County Code) relating to the Building Better Communities Citizens' Advisory Committee (Bond Committee) to adhere to current government structure and allow for good governance. In addition, this ordinance provides updates relating to member attendance for the Bond Committee which are in accordance with established County Code attendance requirements for County Boards.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached ordinance which amend Sections 2-1801, 2-1802, 2-1803, and 2-1805 of the County Code relating to the Bond Committee, removing language referencing the County Manager and updating language pertaining to committee member attendance.

Scope

The scope of this item is countywide.

Delegation of Authority

This item does not delegate authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The approval of this ordinance will have no fiscal impact on Miami-Dade County as it will not change staffing needs or future operational costs.

Social Equity

The approval of this ordinance will not have any measurable social equity benefit or burden. The purpose of the Bond Committee remains to provide the residents of Miami-Dade County with a means to participate in the implementation of the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (BBC-GOB) Program and to advise County officials on the progress of projects and use of surplus funding.

Track Record/Monitor

David Galvez from the Office of Management and Budget is the BBC-GOB Program Coordinator responsible for the management of the Bond Committee.

Background

On November 2, 2004, the voters of Miami-Dade County approved, through eight referendum questions, the issuance of \$2.9 billion for the BBC-GOB. In 2005, the Board established, pursuant to Ordinance No. 05-70 (as amended by Ordinances 18-133 and 23-92), the Bond Committee for the purpose of advising the County Mayor and the Board regarding the BBC-GOB Program. The establishing Ordinance outlined specific attendance requirements for the

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Bond Committee members under Section 2-1803: any member shall be automatically removed if in a given calendar year, they are (i) absent from three consecutive meetings or (ii) absent from more than 50% of all committee meetings held during a year. Subsequently, Ordinance 18-133 modified the required meeting schedule for the Bond Committee to hold regular meetings as deemed necessary, instead of, at least four times a year.

On January 23, 2007, the Miami-Dade County Charter was amended to create a strong mayor form of government, eliminating the position of County Manager and transferring its administrative powers and responsibilities to the County Mayor.

The Bond Committee will remain active providing the residents of Miami-Dade County with a means to participate in the implementation of the BBC-GOB Program and to advise County officials on the progress of projects and use of surplus funding.

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Carladenise Edwards
Chief Administrative Officer



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
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DATE: March 3, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 7(A)

Please note any items checked.

- _____ **“3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- _____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- _____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- _____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- _____ **Budget required**
- _____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**
- _____ **Statement of social equity required**
- _____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- _____ **No committee review**
- _____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____)** to approve
- _____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ("BOND COMMITTEE"); AMENDING SECTIONS 2-1801, 2-1802, 2-1803, AND 2-1805 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; REMOVING LANGUAGE REFERENCING THE COUNTY MANAGER AND UPDATING LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2004, the voters of Miami-Dade County approved, through eight referendum questions, the issuance of \$2.9 billion for the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program ("Bond Program") to allow the County to issue long-term bonds to fund more than 300 neighborhood and regional capital projects; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, in 2005, this Board of County Commissioners ("Board") established, pursuant to Ordinance No. 05-70 (as amended by Ordinances 18-133 and 23-92), the Building Better Communities Citizens' Advisory Committee ("Bond Committee") for the purpose of advising the Mayor and the Board on the status of the Bond Program and use of surplus funding; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2007, the Miami-Dade County Charter was amended to create a Strong Mayor form of government, transferring administrative powers and responsibilities from the County Manager to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to amend the language referencing the County Manager and update language pertaining to Bond Committee member attendance,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Sections 2-1801, 2-1802, 2-1803, and 2-1805 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (County Code), are hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Sec. 2-1801. – Authority and Purpose.

There is created and established pursuant to the Home Rule Amendment and Charter of Miami-Dade County, as amended, an advisory committee of Miami-Dade County to be known as the Building Better Communities Citizens' Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee"). The Advisory Committee is established solely for the purpose of advising the Mayor >>and<< the Board of County Commissioners ("Commission") ~~[[and the County Manager]]~~ regarding the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program ("Bond Program"). The Advisory Committee may exercise only those duties specifically granted in this Article or necessary in the exercise of the duties enumerated in this Article.

Sec. 2-1802. – Advisory Committee.

- (1) *Membership and Appointment.* The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of twenty-one (21) members. >>The Mayor shall appoint eight (8) members and each Commissioner shall appoint one member.<< ~~[[The Mayor shall appoint three (3) members, each Commissioner shall appoint one member and the remaining five (5) at-large members shall be selected by the County Manager.]]~~
- (2) *Qualifications.* Each member shall be a resident of Miami-Dade County; shall possess an outstanding reputation for civic pride, integrity, responsibility and business or professional ability; and shall have no financial interest, direct or indirect, in any of the programs or projects that are part of the Bond Program. The membership of the Advisory Committee should generally reflect the geographic, ethnic, racial and gender make-up of the County.
- (3) *Term.* ~~[[Mayoral appointed and District members]]~~ >>Members<< of the Advisory Committee shall serve until the respective appointing authority, Mayor or Commissioner, leaves office, or until resignation, whichever occurs first. All such

¹ Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

members may be re- appointed or may continue to serve until resignation or their successors have been appointed.

~~[[The five (5) at large members selected by the County Manager shall hold office for a term of five (5) years, or until resignation, whichever comes first and may be re-appointed for up to two (2) additional five (5) year terms.]]~~

- (4) *Vacancies.* The Mayor and each Commissioner shall appoint or re-appoint a member within forty-five (45) days of taking office or in the event of their appointee's resignation. ~~[[All at large member vacancies shall be filled by the County Manager within forty five (45) days of the resignation of the member.]]~~
- (5) *Modified applicability of Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.* The Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance (the "Conflict of Interest Ordinance"), Section 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, shall be applicable to the members of the Advisory Committee only in the manner and to the extent provided in the next sentence. It is declared to be the intent of the Commission, as expressed in this subsection, to provide that the Conflict of Interest Ordinance shall not operate to preclude individuals from serving as Advisory Committee members on the basis of interests relating to Miami-Dade County when such interests do not conflict, directly or indirectly, with the Bond Program.
- (6) *Organization and Procedure.* The members shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson and both shall serve a term of two (2) years. The members shall also elect other officers as the members determine to be necessary and such officers shall also serve a term of two (2) years.

The Advisory Committee shall hold meetings as it deems necessary. A majority of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum. All meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be public and the Advisory Committee shall maintain written minutes of all proceedings that shall be promptly prepared and recorded. Copies of all minutes and resolutions of the Advisory Committee shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to any meeting of the Advisory Committee.

- (7) *Compensation.* Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 2-1803. – Duties of the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities, and functions.

- (1) To review and monitor performance and program achievements related to the Bond Program.
- (2) To periodically advise the Mayor and the County Commission and assist in informing the community regarding the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program's accomplishments on projects as approved by the electorate on November 2, 2004.
- (3) To assist in the preparation of quarterly reports to the Mayor and the County Commission, and annual written report to the community describing the progress of the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program. The Advisory Committee may also periodically provide advice, by either a written resolution or oral presentation, as may be requested by the County Commission, at regularly scheduled Commission meetings in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance.
- (4) Unless waived by two-thirds vote of the County Commissioners then present, to advise on the use of any surplus bond project funds or unspent allocations derived from those projects specifically identified in Resolution Numbers R-912-04, R-913-04, R-914-04, R-915-04, R-916-04, R-917-04, R-918-04, and R-919-04, and set forth in informational pamphlets and media releases distributed by the County to the public prior to said election.
- (5) To participate, along with County staff, in citizen outreach efforts relating to the Bond Program.
- (6) To promulgate rules consistent with this Ordinance for the conduct of its meetings and the discharge of its responsibilities.
- (7) To comply with all laws and regulations of the United States, the State of Florida, and Miami-Dade County, including, but not limited to, the laws relating to the keeping of records including the preservation of all audit rights.
- (8) >>Attendance shall be in accordance with section 2-11.39 of this Code.<< ~~[[Any member shall be automatically removed if, in a given calendar year; (i) he/she is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings or, (ii) he/she is absent from more than 50% of all the committee meetings held during a year. A member shall be deemed absent when he/she is not present at the meeting for at least 75% of its duration.]]~~

Sec. 2-1805. – Staff and Counsel.

The >>Mayor<< [~~County Manager~~] and the County Attorney shall provide such staff support to the Advisory Committee as may be necessary to accomplish its purpose. The Advisory Committee shall be provided meeting facilities and pre-approved expense reimbursement as the Commission or the >>Mayor<< [~~County Manager~~] may deem necessary to accomplish the Committee's purposes.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Commission, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the County Code. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

Prepared by:

Monica Rizo Perez



J. L. Taylor
MRP