

ARTICLE LXXIX. - MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ASIAN-AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD



Sec. 2-1086. - Created.

There is hereby created the Miami-Dade County Asian-American Advisory Board.

(Ord. No. 97-128, § 1, 7-22-97)

Sec. 2-1087. - Composition.

The Miami-Dade County Asian-American Advisory Board ("board") shall be composed of twenty-six (26) members who shall be permanent residents and electors of the County in accordance with Section 211.38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County as may be amended and who shall have a knowledge of and interest in the county's Asian community. Each County Commissioner shall appoint two (2) members of the board. Board members shall serve four-year terms, and no member may serve more than eight (8) consecutive years in accordance with Section 2-11.38.2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County as may be amended. This section shall apply to all board members, except that current board members shall be allowed to complete their current terms.

(Ord. No. 97-128, § 2, 7-22-97; Ord. No. 14-112, § 1, 11-5-14)

Sec. 2-1088. - Membership; officers; meetings.

The members of the board shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and such other additional offices as the Asian-American Advisory Board shall deem necessary. All officers shall serve one-year terms at the will of the board. No member shall remain in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years. After one (1) year of not holding the office, a member may be elected to the same office that was previously held for up to two (2) consecutive years. Officer elections shall take place each November, with newly elected officers installed the following January.

A majority of members duly appointed to the board shall constitute a quorum necessary to hold a meeting and take any action. Members shall serve without compensation. The chairperson or vice-chairperson may call meetings of the board. Meetings may also be called by written notice and signed by fourteen (14) members. The board at any duly noticed public meeting may fix and call a meeting on a future date. All meetings shall be public.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code of Miami-Dade County, a board member shall be automatically removed if, in a given County fiscal year; the member is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse or the member is absent from three (3) of the board's meetings without an acceptable excuse. An 'acceptable excuse' is defined as an absence for medical reasons, business reasons, personal reasons, or any other reason which the board, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its membership, deems appropriate. If a member is absent with an acceptable excuse from three (3) or more meetings, the board may vote to remove the member from the board.

A member shall be considered absent from a meeting if the member is not physically present for at least seventy-five (75) percent of the meeting's duration. A member shall also be considered absent from a meeting if the member refrains from voting on any matter for which voting is conducted at the meeting, unless the member is prevented from voting by a conflict of interest. The provisions of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, as may be amended, are applicable to this board.

(Ord. No. 97-128, § 3, 7-22-97; Ord. No. 14-112, § 2, 11-5-14)

Sec. 2-1089. - Duties; powers; responsibilities.

The board shall have the following duties, powers and responsibilities:

- (1) To serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission, the County administration, the community, and all agencies and persons in Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to matters pertaining to the Asian community of Miami-Dade County.
- (2) To formulate and recommend policies, plans, programs and services and to coordinate the activities of governmental entities and nongovernmental agencies pertaining to the Asian community.
- (3) It is the express purpose of this board to serve as a medium for responsible persons to utilize and consult with in attempting to understand and address the various complex problems affecting the Asian community in Miami-Dade County and to make findings and recommendations to the County Commission and the County administration regarding such matters.
- (4) To recommend solutions to the social, economic, cultural and political problems in the Asian community, as well as to serve as liaison between the Asian community and the Miami-Dade County community at large.
- (5) To promote active participation of Asian-Americans in civic, cultural, commercial and community affairs.
- (6) To encourage and attract Asian businesses to Miami-Dade County, to assist Asian businesses located in Miami-Dade County, and to promote economic development, especially job creation in Miami-Dade County.
- (7) To foster relationships with public officials and maintain formal channels of communication so that Asian concerns are effectively transmitted and heard.
- (8) To promote positive images and concepts of Asian and Asian-Americans as well as promote their many contributions to our society.
- (9) To build coalitions with various community groups to address issues of common concern, such as advocating positive legislation regarding immigration and advocating legislation to strengthen the penalties for racially motivated crimes.
- (10) To promote the cultural heritage of Asian-Americans.
- (11) To encourage and assist in citizenship registration and voter registration.
- (12) To eliminate ignorance and bigotry towards Asian-Americans.
- (13) To conduct studies through fact-finding and analysis of problems encountered by Asian community members.
- (14) The board shall report at least annually to the Commission as to its activities, accomplishments, priorities, findings and recommendations.
- (15) To perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to it by resolution of the County Commission.

(Ord. No. 97-128, § 4, 7-22-97; Ord. No. 14-112, § 3, 11-5-14)

Sec. 2-1090. - Supervision and Support.

The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners ("Clerk of the Board") shall maintain a current roster of the Asian-American Advisory Board's ("the board") members and maintain minutes of the board's meetings.

The Office of the Chairperson of the County Commission, County Attorney and Clerk of the Board shall provide appropriate support for the Asian-American Advisory Board. The Chairperson of the County Commission shall have the power to appoint, employ, remove and supervise such assistants, employees, and personnel as deemed necessary to provide appropriate support to the Asian-American Advisory Board, and such assistants, employees, and personnel, including an executive director, collectively herein referred to as the Office of Community Advocacy, shall serve at the will of the Chairperson of the County Commission.

The Office of Community Advocacy's duties shall include working with the Clerk of the Board to ensure the board's membership roster is current and posting minutes from the board's meetings online. In addition, the executive director of the Office of Community Advocacy shall provide a report on the board every twelve months to the Board of County Commissioners.

(Ord. No. 97-128, § 5, 7-22-97; Ord. No. 10-45, § 6, 7-8-10; Ord. No. 14-112, § 4, 11-5-14)

Secs. 2-1091—2-1100. - Reserved.