



# **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES**

## **Board of County Commissioners Committee of the Whole MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST (PHT) BOND REFERENDUM**

Stephen P. Clark Government Center  
Commission Chambers  
111 N.W. First Street  
Miami, Florida 33128

October 3, 2013  
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**CLERK'S SUMMARY AND OFFICIAL MINUTES  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST (PHT) BOND REFERENDUM  
OCTOBER 3, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners convened the Committee of the Whole on the Miami-Dade Public Health Trust (PHT) Bond Referendum in the County Commission Chambers, Second Floor, Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 N.W. First Street, Miami, Florida, at 9:45 a.m. on October 3, 2013. There being present upon roll call: Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Commissioners Lynda Bell, Esteban Bovo Jr., Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Audrey M. Edmonson, Sally A. Heyman, (Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro, Barbara J. Jordan, Jean Monestime, Dennis C. Moss, Javier D. Souto, and Juan C. Zapata, and Xavier L. Suarez were absent)

In addition to the members of the Board, there were also present PHT Board of Trustees Chairman Darryl Sharpton, Jackson Health System Chief Executive Officer Carlos Migoya, and Deputy Clerks Christopher Agrippa and Flora Real.

Chairwoman Sosa called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m., noting she had convened this meeting in order to provide information to the community on the proposed issuance of general obligation bonds. She invoked a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Sosa asked Commissioner Edmonson as the chair of the overseeing committee for Jackson Memorial Hospital (Jackson) to present her opening comments.

Commissioner Edmonson made an introductory statement to provide an overview on her findings from several town hall meetings she had attended throughout the Miami-Dade County community to address the question of the PHT bond referendum. She advised that it was encouraging to know Jackson was beloved and relied on by local and international communities. She advised an overwhelming support existed for both, the proposed bond referendum and the hospital, due to the world class medical healthcare services delivered by the hospital. However, in order for Jackson to survive in today's competitive healthcare market, the hospital must improve its ability to attract a full range of paying patients, which meant being able to offer world class healthcare and modernized facilities with the latest technologies.

Commissioner Edmonson advised she had sponsored legislation in July 2013 in order to place a ballot question before the Miami-Dade voters to allow them to decide whether the County should issue general obligation bonds because the perseverance of Jackson's mission was critical to the delivery of the highest quality healthcare services to every Miami-Dade County resident regardless of ability to pay. She advised that, if voters approved the ballot question, she would introduce legislation to establish an oversight board to ensure funds generated from the bond issuance were used as promised. She introduced Chairman Sharpton and asked him to speak.

PHT Chairman Darryl Sharpton made introductory remarks and introduced the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Joe Arriola, Secretary Irene Lipof, Treasurer Mojdeh Khaghan, Former Chairman Marcos Jose Lapciuc, and State Representative Michael Bileca, some of which were not present at today's (10/03) meeting. He

noted that he and his colleagues volunteered for this challenging and time consuming responsibility because they believed so strongly in the community they served, and he was honored to work along with them. He stated their presence at this meeting spoke loudly on their strong commitment to Jackson, their strong support for the bond proposal, and how seriously they took the work being done on behalf of this Board. He stated none of them took their stewardship responsibility lightly at all, and Jackson's transformation during the last two years was an attestation to that fact.

Chairman Sharpton assured the County Commission that they would not go before the voters for anything less than the most serious of issues, and the required investment in Jackson was very serious. He noted the Board had also been active participants in Jackson's transformation; and for all of the responsibility delegated to the PHT, it was abundantly clear that this Board had remained deeply engaged in understanding the vision shared, challenges, and the strategies developed to move our institution forward. He stated the bond proposal represented a critical pillar to Jackson's healthcare center strategy, and this proposed plan would catalyze Jackson's transformation. He said it was a required investment to maintain Jackson's clinical excellence, operational improvements, and most importantly, its mission of delivering the same high standard of quality care to every resident. He introduced CEO Migoya.

PHT CEO Carlos Migoya advised he was pleased to make today's (10/03) presentation to address questions on the bond referendum that the voters would consider next month (11/13) to support Jackson's Health System (Jackson) mission. He stated Jackson's mission statement was to build the community's health by providing a single, high standard of quality care for all residents. He also stated that Jackson's highest priority was to maximize its opportunities, and it was no longer in the survival mode since its goal of \$35 million surplus for this year had been surpassed. He presented the Power Point Presentation and provided an overview in the areas of increased competition, competitiveness, Jackson's future, proposed off-campus facilities and rehab hospital, alternatives, and creating a world class facility. He presented the projected cost and reduction in the rehab patient volume if the bond issue was not approved. He advised the proposed project would allow Jackson to achieve the following:

- a. to reach all residents in Miami-Dade County;
- b. to increase the type of services offered;
- c. to offer additional specialized services;
- d. to modernize patient areas;
- e. to renovate the facilities and improve its appearance;
- f. to upgrade information technology to implement systems such as electronic health records, network infrastructure, and bedside computer systems;
- g. to implement medical equipment improvements such as Cardiac Cath Labs, brain scanners, and oncology equipment; and
- h. to implement a paperless technological system to improve efficiency and the customer experience as required by management healthcare providers and federal regulators in order to measure quality and deliver payments.

Mr. Migoya advised project lists would be provided in each budget category, and the ballot language established how the bond funds could be utilized. He noted the funds could only be used by Jackson to modernize, improve, and purchase equipment for the facilities not to exceed \$835 million, and the funds could not be used to fund operational costs. He advised the ballot language also ensured oversight of the funds by creating a Citizens Oversight Board, and

Commissioner Edmonson had publicly committed to creating a Citizen Oversight Board, and the bond funds would be subject to additional oversight from Financial Auditors, law enforcement agencies at all levels, and other independent bodies. He noted Jackson absolutely endorsed creating the Citizens Oversight Board. He advised that he and his team would take personal and professional responsibility to make this community proud. He advised the Public Health Trust (PHT) would also work with Jackson to set and establish policy for these projects and ensure policies were carried out appropriately, and the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners would also be involved in the oversight aspect. He assured the bond funds would be managed with the same level of openness, honesty, and ethical conduct as they had prided themselves over the last two years.

Mr. Migoya made a closing statement, noting the bond issue was part of Jackson's strategic vision that would laid out the path into the future; and it was the only way to uphold Jackson's legendary excellence in the new world of competition, preserve its mission, and keep its door open to everyone without creating red ink tape. He stated that they committed to total transparency when spending taxpayers' dollars, and the legislation was designed to protect voters and provide transparency when adjustments were made as the industry changed over the next ten (10) years.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Migoya's presentation, Commissioner Edmonson opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Bovo advised he appreciated the direction taking by Jackson during the years, but he had passed out a proposed resolution under his sponsorship that would be considered in the future by the Board addressing the full financial disclosure of general obligation bonds to the taxpayers. He stated that the taxpayers were never advised on the total sum repaid to bondholders when the bonds reach maturity, and it was important for him to address that issue in the future relating to the total repayment sum of a bond issue. He advised his proposal would require that the County must disclose the estimated repayment terms in writing to the voters before any GOB referendum and must conduct at least two public hearings before any scheduled GOB referendum to include fully disclosing the costs associated with borrowing and the total repayment costs. He noted this proposed project had merits because we needed to ensure Jackson remained as competitive as possible, but the County should be totally transparent to the taxpayers. He said that Mr. Migoya was doing an excellent job and his team was doing an outstanding job, and he had not read anything discouraging in the last few months.

In response to Commissioner Bovo's inquiries, Mr. Migoya advised there had been no downgrading; and in terms of the four-year old investigation relating to improprieties and lack of process in 2009, Jackson's action during the last few years was sufficient to discontinue the investigation. He noted Jackson was applauded for the actions implemented in 2009.

Commissioner Edmonson advised that she liked Commissioner Bovo's proposed legislation, but there was already in existence a legislation requiring these workshops be held.

Commissioner Bovo advised that the intent of his proposed legislation was to address the repayment amount.

Commissioner Edmonson advised she would like the proposed legislation to require more than two workshops be held.

Commissioner Bovo clarified his intent was to require workshops at the Board level.

Following a brief discussion between Commissioners Edmonson and Bovo regarding the amount of workshops that should be held, Commissioner Edmonson asked to be added as a co-sponsor to Commissioner Bovo's proposed legislation.

Following a brief discussion regarding whether Commissioner Bovo's proposed legislation applied to the foregoing proposed general bond issue relating to Jackson, Assistant County Attorney Gerald Heffernan advised the proposed legislation was not applicable.

Commissioner Heyman asked to be added as a co-sponsor to Commissioner Bovo's proposed legislation. She noted private dollars were being pursued for this endeavor, and it would not all be done on bond funding.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry relating to the expansion of urgent and primary care facilities and target areas, Mr. Migoya advised that Jackson had already built many urgent care hospitals throughout the community; but these facilities had been predominantly built in affluent neighborhoods. He stated that Jackson needed to ensure services were provided to the lower middle income and middle income workers in areas such as Hialeah, Doral, Westchester, Miami Gardens, Kendall, South Dade, and along the western corridor. He noted Jackson did not wish to compete, but Jackson only wished to provide services in areas that currently needed urgent care services.

Commissioner Heyman stated that vision needed to be shared with others because Jackson did not wish to compete but rather wished to go where the patients were. She stated private facilities were already going where profits were, and Jacksons needed to go where the patients were.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry, Mr. Migoya advised he and the airport director were discussing opening a clinic and/or urgent care facility at MIA that would also provide Workers' Compensation services, which was definitely needed there.

Commissioner Heyman noted that facility would be in the category of paying patients.

Commissioner Heyman stated the Oversight Board should be comprised of experienced persons, who knew how to address bond issues.

Following a brief discussion between Commissioners Heyman and Edmonson regarding the campaign relating to the oversight aspect of the bond referendum, Commissioner Edmonson advised that the Board should ensure it was put in writing.

Mr. Migoya advised that he would follow up with the County Attorney's Office on that issue.

Commissioner Heyman stated that the voters should be assured as to what was being proposed. She commented on the excellence of the services provided by the hospital and on her satisfaction with the medical services provided by Jackson. She stated she would fully support this endeavor, and it was time the Board facilitated a better improvement for the patients and staff.

Mr. Migoya advised that an investment greater than \$830 million would be required for the improvements at Jackson, and the continued improvements would require an investment of an additional \$50 to \$100 million annually over and above the initial dollar amount. He noted it was critical to continue fundraising.

Commissioner Diaz spoke regarding the remarkable work performed by all practitioners and staff at Jackson. He thanked everyone for their outstanding services, but the facilities needed major improvements. He stated the County was blessed to have a hospital like Jackson, and it was incredible they were able to provide services under the hospital's existing circumstances. He stated he was totally supportive of this endeavor, but the marketing campaign should be very transparent.

Commissioner Jordan expressed her support for Commissioner Edmonson's endeavor to have the bond referendum approved, but it was time for all members of the Board to join her efforts within their county commission districts and send the message within their districts that the Board fully supported approval of the referendum. Therefore, each county commissioner needed to support her in this endeavor and educate their constituency on what Jackson did for the community. She suggested it could be done through a "PSA."

Commissioner Jordan commented on Commissioner Bovo's proposed resolution, noting that the issue of how to address with the community the repayment of this proposed bond issue should be carefully reviewed in order to avoid unintended consequences.

Vice Chair Bell advised that she believed Commissioner Bovo's proposed legislation only intended to provide the taxpayers information on the annual cost of a bond issue as opposed to the total 30-year life of the bond issue. She also stated that the members of the Board should also communicate to their constituents how strongly this Board supported this bond referendum and how it would help and affect the community. She also stated that the Board members should also explain to their constituents how the dollars would be spent and assure them that the funds would only be spent on Jackson's improvements.

In response to Chairwoman Sosa's question relating to what would the community receive in exchange for approving this bond referendum to address the hospital's improvements, Mr. Migoya advised that the constituents would own a healthcare facility that would be able to provide the best quality hospital care at every level for every resident and would have improved emergency room services, children ambulatory care, urgent care, and better electronic patient records to transmit information and medical diagnostics to healthcare providers much faster in order to expedite services.

Chairman Sharpton advised that Jackson also needed those improvements to attract top physicians, maintain competitiveness, and be able to maintain their strategic partners.

Mr. Migoya advised Medicaid reimbursements had dropped \$113 million annually; and within the next three years, the hospital would continue to experience further Medicaid reductions between \$100 to \$150 million annually due to the proposed reforms at the State level and the Affordable Care Act. He stated that Jackson needed to remain competitive and very attractive to the insured patients to avoid having to come before this Board to request funding. He noted Jackson needed to remain as a safety net hospital to attract all residents of Miami-Dade County.

Chairwoman Sosa advised Jackson needed to remain competitive, and Jackson's infrastructure needed to be improved in order to attract the paying patients.

Mr. Migoya advised Jackson was one the biggest transplant and third busiest transplant hospital in the country with some of the best outcomes in the country; and Jackson was about to become the second best in that industry. He also advised that Jackson's new surgery brain and spinal teams were also among the best in the world, and Jackson had great physicians available for everyone in the community. He stated Jackson was an elite academic hospital.

Chairwoman Sosa advised Jackson also attracted international patients, and she commented on the quality services provided by Jackson and quality of the doctors and nurses. She recommended to Mr. Migoya that he promote the success stories with persons helped by the hospital. She thanked Mr. Migoya for his presentation.

Commissioner Moss thanked the PHT Board, Mr. Migoya, the hospital's staff, and the County Commission for this endeavor, and he said that he hoped the public understood the real opportunity this proposed bond referendum provided. He stated that he would assist in the marketing campaign.

Commissioner Edmonson advised that Jackson was Miami-Dade County's hospital and should be marketed as such, and the marketing campaign should be stepped up. She advised that she would become very involved in this process because she believed it was something that needed to be promoted. She commented that she had already received several good recommendations.

Chairman Sharpton expressed his appreciation for the County Commission's support, and he stated that their concerns would be addressed in the short-term. He commended the members of the County Commission for specifically taking a course of action to improve Jackson's infrastructure because it took courage, vision, and a tremendous amount of stability; and no one had ever addressed Jackson's unmet infrastructure needs. He addressed the concerns expressed by each county commissioner, noting they would continue to be transparent as in the past two years and would improve it to the extent possible. He stated that he looked forward to returning periodically before this Board to keep them abreast.

Commissioner Souto spoke regarding what Jackson represented to this community, and he spoke on his past experiences as a patient as well as the positive experiences of his family members and friends. He stated that Jackson was the place where a patients' social status did not matter, medical services were of high quality, and medical practitioners and staff were dedicated. He also spoke about how important Jackson was to this community, therefore, this community needed to support this proposed bond issue. He stated that the County needed to ensure that Jackson would always be there for every resident in Miami-Dade County.

Commissioner Monestime advised on his positive experiences with Jackson while his father was a patient and other family members. He stated that it was important to note that Jackson was part of all the great landmarks of this great city and county; and we, as a community, should value all of the medical practitioners and staff at Jackson. He stated that he

began campaigning for this proposed bond issue as soon as knew about it, and we cannot allow ourselves to become a third world or second class community for not taking the responsibility of not taking care of the institution that makes this community what it is. He said that Jackson was a leading teaching hospital that had contributed to so many people's lives in this community, and he believed this community understood Jackson was one of our treasures and needed to be kept alive. He expressed his support for this proposed bond issue, which would be for the betterment of the community.

Upon conclusion of this presentation, Commissioner Edmonson opened the public hearing to the public.

Ms. Martha Baker, 1685 Cleveland Road, Miami Beach, Florida, appeared before the Board to speak on behalf of Jackson's employees to relay their support for this effort. She advised that this bond issue would make Jackson sustainable for the next decade and would help the next generation and the Jackson community. She also advised that she would be happy to continue to work together with this Board in the marketing campaign effort as in the past.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, the workshop adjourned at 1:40 p.m.



Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners



**Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
 Joint Committee of the Whole  
 Roll Call Sheet for 10/3/2013 (A)M**

MEMBER	PRESENT	LATE	ABSENT
Commissioner Barreiro			
Commissioner Bovo	✓		
Commissioner Diaz	✓		
Commissioner Edmonson	✓		
Commissioner Heyman	✓		
Commissioner Jordan	✓	9:49A	
Commissioner Monestime	✓	10:19	
Commissioner Moss	✓	10:48	
Commissioner Souto	✓	10:49	
Commissioner Suarez ✓	—	—	Memo Rec'd 10/3/2013
Commissioner Zapata ✓	✓	10:21A	Memo Rec'd 10/3/2013
Vice Chair Bell	✓		
Chairwoman Sosa	✓		

Attended Meeting

**NOTE:** 7 members constitute a quorum

1<sup>st</sup> Roll @ 9/30 a.m. 1 Member(x)    2<sup>nd</sup> Roll @ 9/34 a.m. 1 Member(x)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Roll @ 9/38 a.m. 3 Member(s)    4<sup>th</sup> Roll @ 9/41 a.m. 4 Member(s)

14 Members

— Quorum not Required —

**ROLL CALL VOTE SHEET**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND PHT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2013**

*Attendance*

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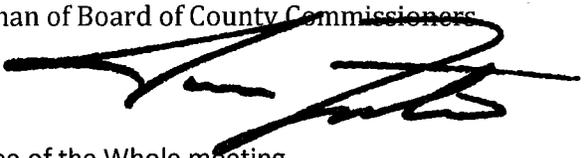
ROLL CALL	Aye	Nay	Absent
Comr. Barreiro			
Mr. Bileca			
Comr. Bovo	✓		
Comr. Diaz	✓		
Comr. Edmonson	✓		
Comr. Heyman	✓		
Comr. Jordan	✓		
Ms. Khaghan	✓		
Mr. Lapciuc	✓		
Ms. Lipof	✓		
Comr. Monestime	✓		
Comr. Moss	✓		
Comr. Souto	✓		
Comr. Suarez			
Comr. Zapata	✓		
Vice Chair Arriola			
Vice Chair Bell	✓		
PHT Chairman Sharpton	✓		
Chairwoman Sosa	✓		
TOTAL			

ROLL CALL	Aye	Nay	Absent
Mr. Bileca			
Comr. Bovo			
Comr. Diaz			
Comr. Edmonson			
Comr. Heyman			
Comr. Jordan			
Ms. Khaghan			
Mr. Lapciuc			
Ms. Lipof			
Comr. Monestime			
Comr. Moss			
Comr. Souto			
Comr. Suarez			
Comr. Zapata			
Comr. Barreiro			
Vice Chair Arriola			
Vice Chair Bell			
PHT Chairman Sharpton			
Chairwoman Sosa			
TOTAL			

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MEMORANDUM  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Commissioner Juan C. Zapata, District 11

DATE: October 3, 2013  
TO: The Honorable Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman of Board of County Commissioners  
FROM: Commissioner Juan C. Zapata   
RE: Absence from October 3, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting

Please excuse my absence from the October 3, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

CC: Members of the Board of County Commissioners  
Robert A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney  
Christopher Agrippa, Clerk of the Board

*Attended Meeting*

10:21 AM



MEMORANDUM  
COMMISSIONER XAVIER L. SUAREZ

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TO: Rebeca Sosa  
Chairwoman  
Date: October 1, 2013

CC: Members, BCC  
RE: October 3, 2013 –  
Committee of the Whole

FROM: Xavier L. Suarez  
Commissioner – District 7

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Please be advised that I will not be able to attend the Committee of the Whole scheduled for October 3, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "X. Suarez".

Xavier L. Suarez  
Commissioner – District 7



EXHIBIT  
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BCC - 10/03/13

## MEMORANDUM

From the Office of

**Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Jr.**  
**District 13**

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

**From:** Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Jr.

**Date:** October 3, 2013

**Re:** Proposed "Truth in Bonding" legislation

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Attached to this memorandum you will find a resolution being considered by the Finance Committee on October 8, 2013 under my sponsorship. I thought it important to share this proposal with the Board as we meet to discuss the Jackson Hospital general obligation bond referendum scheduled to take place this November. Unlike revenue bonds, general obligation bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of our county's taxpayers, and I believe that full financial disclosure to our taxpayers is essential before submitting a bond referendum for their consideration.

The item I have proposed establishes a Miami-Dade "Truth in Bonding" policy. Currently, residents are asked to approve and establish a borrowing ceiling when a general obligation bond question is posed by referendum. What the voters are never told, for reasons I do not fully understand, is the total sum repaid to bondholders when the bonds reach maturity. These days every major consumer credit transaction requires the borrower to give their informed consent before finalizing the transaction. We should do the same with our taxpayers.

My proposal is simple:

1. The County must disclose the estimated repayment terms in writing to the voters *before* any GOB referendum.
2. The County must conduct at least two public hearing before any scheduled GOB bond referendum, during which, the costs associated with borrowing and the estimated repayment costs are fully disclosed.

Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to review this memorandum. I look forward to your feedback.

# MEMORANDUM

FC  
Agenda Item No. 2(A)

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

**DATE:** October 8, 2013

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution establishing County policy requiring disclosure of certain financial information to electors in any printed materials and at public workshops prior to placement of any general obligation bond referendum on ballot

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

  
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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

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**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

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

**DATE:** November 5, 2013

**FROM:**   
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No.

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No.  
11-5-13

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY POLICY  
REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION TO ELECTORS IN ANY PRINTED  
MATERIALS AND AT PUBLIC WORKSHOPS PRIOR TO  
PLACEMENT OF ANY GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND  
REFERENDUM ON BALLOT

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, this Board finds it necessary and appropriate and in the best interest of the County and its citizens, to submit a bond referendum to the electors of Miami-Dade County to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds ("Bonds") payable from ad valorem taxes collected within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may issue such Bonds only after a majority of the County's qualified electors have voted in favor of the Bonds and this Board subsequently approves such issuance in accordance with State and local law; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the electorate that prior to voting on the Bonds, the voters be informed of the financial impact the Bonds, if approved, will have on the amount of ad valorem taxes they will pay annually; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to establish a policy that will facilitate the distribution of information related to the financial impact of the proposed Bonds,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

**Section 1.** This Board ratifies and adopts the matters set forth in the foregoing recitals.

**Section 2.** It shall be the policy of this Board, that prior to placing a Bond referendum on a ballot, the County shall (1) inform the electors in any printed materials used to

describe the bond referendum and at any public workshops of the total estimated principal and interest cost of the Bonds and the potential impact such cost would have on their annual ad valorem tax bill; and (2) conduct at least two public workshops at which such total cost and financial impact shall be discussed.

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

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman  
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Gerald T. Heffernan

**SAMEPLE GOB BOND BALLOT QUESTION  
CITY OF BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA**

Shall the City of Berkeley issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$30,000,000 for street improvements and integrated Green Infrastructure such as rain gardens, swales, bioretention cells and permeable paving, to improve roads, reduce flooding and improvewater quality in the creeks and Bay?

**Financial Implications:**

The average annual cost over the 30-year period the bonds are outstanding would be approximately \$38, \$81, and \$116, respectively, for homes with assessed valuations of \$330,500, \$700,000 and \$1,000,000.