

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(C)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 19, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the
appointment of an at-large
member for a four-year term to
the Miami-Dade County Cultural
Affairs Council

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Cultural Affairs Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



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From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Proposed Candidates for At-Large Cultural Affairs Council Board Appointment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item is requesting that the Board select a candidate from the slate of three individuals as an At-Large Council Member to serve on the Cultural Affairs Council, the volunteer citizens advisory board for the Department of Cultural Affairs (CAC). The CAC is a 15-member board with 13 of its members selected by individual County Commissioners and two of its Councilors serving as At-Large Members. One of the At-Large positions is vacant. There is no fiscal impact associated with this appointment.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopt the attached resolution approving the appointment of one of the following nominees as an At-Large Council member to the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council (CAC) for FY 2021-2022, as recommended by the CAC: Kareem Brantley, Albert E. Dotson, Jr., and Larry Spring. Pursuant to Section 2-293 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), At-Large members of the CAC serve four-year terms, commencing upon appointment by the Board.

SCOPE

The recommendations and actions of the CAC have a countywide impact.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The proposed resolution does not delegate authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County.

TRACK RECORD/ MONITOR

Michael Spring, Director of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, monitors the CAC.

BACKGROUND

On April 20, 1976, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 76-34, establishing the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council (CAC), which has since been further amended and is codified in sections 2-291 through 2-299 of the County of Miami-Dade County, Florida (County Code). Section 2-293 of the County Code specifies that the CAC is a fifteen (15) member volunteer board that includes: thirteen (13)

members appointed by individual Commissioners and two (2) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, to a term of four (4) years. A list of current Council members and vacancies is attached.

Further, section 2-293 of the County Code provides that for any vacancies to be filled by the Board to the CAC, the Board shall select the replacement Council member from a list of three (3) candidates to be submitted by the remaining members of the Council. In the event that none of the three (3) candidates suggested meets Commission approval, the Council shall submit another and entirely different list for Commission consideration. This process shall continue until a suitable replacement has been found to fill the existing or anticipated vacancy.

Credentials of eligible candidates for the CAC were submitted and reviewed by the full CAC for consideration at their public meeting on April 20, 2022. Present at the CAC meeting were Council members: Alejandro Aguirre, Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez, Sandra Curbelo, Adolfo Henriques, Cheryl Rees, Janá Sigars-Malina, Rosa Sugrañes and Chair Brian May. Based on a thorough review of qualifications, the CAC unanimously voted to recommend the following candidates to the Board of County Commissioners to fill the At-large vacancy on the CAC: Kareem Brantley, Albert E. Dotson, Jr., and Larry Spring. Attached are the biographies summarizing the extensive experience of these nominees.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Morris Copeland", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Morris Copeland, CPM
Chief Community Service Officer

FY 2021-2022 Proposed At-Large Candidates - Cultural Affairs Council

Kareem Brantley
Albert E. Dotson, Jr.
Larry Spring

Kareem T. Brantley, CFA

Kareem T. Brantley is a 4th generation Floridian, born and raised in Miami Dade County. After graduating with an electrical engineering degree from the University of Florida, Mr. Brantley relocated to Miami after a brief stint as a software programmer. After working for FPL as a power distribution utility designer for commercial and residential developments throughout Central Miami-Dade, in 2002 Mr. Brantley began to transition into real estate development and money management. Subsequently, Mr. Brantley began working for a regional broker dealer and a local real estate brokerage firm. Completing graduate studies at FIU with a degree in finance, Mr. Brantley transitioned out of core engineering into finance and real estate development. Kareem attained a CFA Charter from the Chartered Financial Analysts Institute in 2011 (formerly the Association of Investment Management and Research). Initially beginning his real estate career building single family homes throughout South Florida in developed neighborhoods, also known as infill, he subsequently added development of multifamily properties and managing property for others to his company's capacity. Through development he forged relationships with local and out of state vendors and contractors to scale development and reduce per unit material costs, while managing labor rates. In 2009, Mr. Brantley began to form a group to acquire, renovate and operate multi-family properties in Florida and manage property for others. Mr. Brantley focused on distressed and under-performing properties in need of better management. These early experiences helped him build competencies that have added to a skill set of project implementation, project management, financial forecasting and modeling, site plan layout and design, and negotiation.

In 2015, Mr. Brantley was approached by a principal at Related Urban Development Group, a division of Related Group (www.relatedgroup.com), to co-develop Liberty Square, an existing 709-unit Miami-Dade public housing apartment complex in the Liberty City neighborhood of Miami, Florida, into a new 1,455 unit mixed income community. Mr. Brantley's past experience was sought to contribute to the development of the multifamily and single family aspects of the project. The project has many different community service centers and programs for residents, while providing much needed new housing options for long time and new residents of the Liberty City neighborhood in the City of Miami. Mr. Brantley was directly involved in making sure that great public art was incorporated into the project. In 2021, Mr. Brantley formed a partnership with The Integral Group (www.integral-online.com) to develop commercial real estate and community development real estate projects in Florida and the Caribbean. As of 2020, the JV is currently developing several projects in Miami-Dade and Florida. Mr. Brantley maintains other business operations that include retail, real estate brokerage, consumer innovations such as the CapBox (www.thecapbox.com) and investments/partnerships in retail tenants within his properties. In addition to his business interests, Kareem serves on boards of local community based organizations and municipal boards that contribute to enhancing the local community. As he continues to develop both his professional and personal relationships in Florida, he aims for opportunities that allow him to serve his community where he can contribute to strategies or actions that promote desired outcomes for the betterment of community members.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS: Florida Blue Key; Trustee, Miami Foundation; Chair, Kappa Leadership Institute (Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity); Miami Foundation Fellow (Class VIII); Chairman, City of Miami Beach Planning Board; Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Jackson Miracle-Building Bond Program.

Albert E. Dotson, Jr.

Al Dotson serves as Bilzin Sumberg's Managing Partner and in his role, he oversees the Firm's operations. By leveraging innovative technology and focusing on a multidisciplinary approach, Dotson leads the Firm's attorneys and professionals to provide a client experience that represents our pillars of trust, collaboration, preeminence, engagement, and community-mindedness. In addition to his role as Managing Partner, Dotson is nationally recognized for his work on public-private partnerships (P3). His experience includes rail and transit facilities, airports, marinas, sports stadiums, convention centers, healthcare/life sciences facilities, educational institutions, water and sewer facilities, and parking structures. Dotson was born in Detroit, Michigan, the oldest of four siblings. Values of self pride and community development were instilled in Dotson and his siblings at very early ages. Dotson's father, Albert E. Dotson, Sr., became the first African American store manager for Sears Roebuck & Company. Dotson graduated from Dartmouth University in 1984. He then received a full scholarship to attend Vanderbilt University's Law School in Nashville, Tennessee. During his academic tenure, Dotson was awarded the Bennett Douglas Bell Memorial Prize for academic achievement and high ethical standards. In 1987, Dotson completed his J.D. degree. He works in private practice as an equity partner with the Miami law firm of Bilzin Sumberg, specializing in land use and zoning, and federal and local government procurement contracts and compliance. In 1993, Dotson was the second African American to be voted on the Orange Bowl. Dotson's father was the first African American to serve in this capacity. Dotson served as Vice President of 100 Black Men of America in 1996, later becoming Chairman in 2004. In March 2006, Dotson was sworn in to serve as President of The Orange Bowl Committee for the 2006-2007 Orange Bowl Festival and FedEx Orange Bowl Game. Dotson also is involved in the work to establish a Black History Museum in Miami-Dade County. Dotson is known throughout Florida for his work representing local, national, and international clients in responding to government contract solicitations and defending against, or prosecuting quasi-judicial and judicial bid protests. In 2021, Dotson was selected to be a member of the newly formed CEO Ambassador program, which is part of Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava's RENEW305, an economic development plan intended to spark business investment and job growth across the County.

Larry Spring

Mr. Larry M. Spring is the Managing Director of Achievement Consulting Group, a consulting firm that specializes in real estate development, government relations and financial and tax consulting services. He has over 25 years of experience across several industries including commercial banking, municipal government, real estate development, economic development, property management and health care. Mr. Spring is a Miami native and has been an active member of the Miami-Dade County community for over 40 years. Reared in the Coconut Grove and Richmond Heights neighborhoods, Spring has always embodied a strong sense of community. Spring served as City Manager for the City of North Miami where he was instrumental in ensuring continued municipal support for the Museum of Contemporary of Art. Prior to that, he was Corporate Director of Budget and Productivity for Jackson Health Systems for three years and prior to that was an Assistant City Manager with the City of Miami for nine years, serving in the capacity of Chief Financial Officer and Director of Budget and Strategy. In that role he focused his attention on identifying opportunities to better leverage value out of City owned assets and ensuring that the City was positioned to remain fiscally sound. During his tenure he established the first multi-year strategic plan utilizing the Balanced Scorecard methodology, led the issuance of over \$500 million in municipal bonds, negotiated the City's obligations under the new Florida Marlins Stadium agreement, and managed the process to expand the Omni and Overtown Community Redevelopment Agencies boundaries, setting for the framework for funding several transformational projects like the Miami Port Tunnel and Museum Park in downtown Miami. Before transitioning to government, Mr. Spring had a successful career in the commercial banking industry, serving in many capacities including internal audit, financial reporting, budget and accounting, treasury and investment portfolio management, credit and deposit product pricing. A Miami Fellow (Class II), Mr. Spring is actively involved in the community and has served on the board of the Miami Foundation, the Universal Truth Community Development Corporation, the City of Miami Bond Oversight Board, City of Miami Housing and Commercial Loan Committee. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Miami Parking Authority. Mr. Spring received his Bachelor of Science in Management with a major in Accounting from the Tulane University, A.B. Freeman School of Business and is a licensed CPA.

2021-2022 Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council

Council Member	County Commissioner
Vacant	District 01: Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman
Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez	District 02: Jean Monestime
Justin Trieger	Appointed by Audrey Edmonson District 03: Keon Hardemon
Janá Sigars-Malina	District 04: Sally A. Heyman
Cheryl Rees	District 05: Eileen Higgins
Alejandro Aguirre	District 06: Rebeca Sosa
Jorge Plasencia	District 07: Raquel A. Regalado
Mitchell Bierman	District 08: Danielle Cohen Higgins
Vacant	District 09: Kionne L. McGhee
Adolfo Henriques	District 10: Sen. Javier D. Souto
Sandra Curbelo	District 11: Joe A. Martinez
Brian May	District 12: Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman
Monty Trainer	District 13: Sen. René García
Rosa Sugrañes	At-large
Vacant	At-large



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(Revised)

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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 ____, 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) ____, or 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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7-19-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AT-
LARGE MEMBER FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM TO THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board approves the appointment of the following At-Large member to the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council for a four-year term commencing on the effective date of this resolution:

Name to be determined at Board Meeting

The foregoing resolution 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:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of July, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

MRP

Monica Rizo Perez