

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(32)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** December 12, 2023

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature to appropriate  
funding for the establishment of  
(1) the Miami-Dade County  
Talent Attraction and Retention  
Pilot Program and (2) the South  
Florida Institute for Economic  
Research

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.

  
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County Attorney

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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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12-12-23

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF (1) THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TALENT ATTRACTION AND RETENTION PILOT PROGRAM AND (2) THE SOUTH FLORIDA INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Beacon Council (the “Council”), a public-private partnership, is the official economic development organization for Miami-Dade County (the “County”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Council was founded in 1985 as an outgrowth of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to focus on business recruitment, expansion, and retention; and

**WHEREAS**, today the Council facilitates business growth and expansion locally, nationally, and internationally; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has experienced significant industry growth and is becoming a leader in cyber-security, artificial intelligence, financial services and technology, aviation, and corporate operations (the “targeted industry sectors”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County has an unemployment rate of 1.6 percent, which is almost a third of the national rate of 3.9 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, for the County to continue its economic and business growth, expansion, and retention, the Council is pursuing funding to create (1) the Miami-Dade County Talent Attraction and Retention Pilot Program and (2) the South Florida Institute for Economic Research (“SFIER”); and

**WHEREAS**, the retention of college and graduate students who are already in the County, and targeted attraction of people with skills that are in demand, will reduce workforce shortages, reduce the loss of talent from leading universities in the County, and position the County as a leader in the targeted industry sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the pilot program, the Council will engage industry-leading companies in the fields of the targeted industry sectors to learn the necessary skills, certifications, and degrees they need and anticipate needing in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, the pilot program will deepen collaboration among the universities in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the SFIER will serve as an appendage to the Council, providing updated and accurate data, research, and analysis on current trends impacting the South Florida economy, as well as annual economic forecasts, for the public, private, and nonprofit sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, with this data and information, the SFIER will be paramount in creating informed solutions to the economic challenges facing the County and South Florida, such as job creation and workforce training, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board wishes to pursue all available funding for the establishment of (1) the Miami-Dade County Talent Attraction and Retention Pilot Program and (2) the South Florida Institute for Economic Research,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the establishment of (1) the Miami-Dade County Talent Attraction and Retention Pilot Program and (2) the South Florida Institute for Economic Research.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. 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:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

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

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin