

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 7(B)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez and Members, Board of County Commissioners **DATE:** March 3, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney **SUBJECT:** Ordinance relating to the Office of Inspector General; amending section 2-1076 of the Code, relating to minimum qualifications, term of office, contract, and selection committee for the Inspector General

This item was amended at the February 2, 2026 Policy Council to change the composition of the Ad Hoc Inspector General Selection Committee by:

- a. Eliminating from the committee “a County Commissioner, appointed by the Chairperson,” and any other person who is also serving in a position that is directly subject to oversight by the Office of the Inspector General;**
- b. Adding to the committee: (1) the Public Defender of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for Miami-Dade County; (2) a faculty member appointed by the Dean of the St. Thomas University College of Law; (3) a faculty member appointed by the Dean of the Florida International University College of Law; and (4) a member of the South Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration; and**
- c. Replacing the “elected Miami-Dade County Sheriff” with “elected Miami-Dade County Sheriff or Sheriff’s designee.”**

Rule 5.06(h) of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that differences between an original item and an amended item should be uniquely identified in the amendment by double underlining and double strike-through, or where such approach would not clearly show the difference or is not practical, by providing footnotes or comments on the item. Pursuant to this rule, the preceding comprehensive description of the differences between the original item and the amended item is provided in lieu of double underlining and double strike-through.

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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 
Mayor

Subject: Fiscal Impact Statement for Ordinance Relating to The Office of Inspector General

It is not anticipated that the approval of this proposed Ordinance will have a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County. The proposed Ordinance, among other things, makes changes to the minimum qualifications for the Inspector General, adds term limits for the Office of Inspector General, and updates the members of the Ad Hoc Inspector General Selection Committee.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C Edwards", written over a horizontal line.

Carladenise Edwards
Chief Administrative Officer

Memorandum



Date: March 3, 2026

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
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From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Social Equity Statement – Ordinance amending Section 2-1076 of the Code related to the Office of Inspector General - 252448

The proposed Ordinance amends Section 2-1076 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, regarding the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). More specifically, the proposed legislation makes changes to the minimum qualifications for the Inspector General, adds conflict of interest contract requirements, clarifies term limits, and makes changes to the composition of the Ad Hoc Inspector General Selection Committee (“Selection Committee”).

Expansion of the eligibility criteria for the selection of the Inspector General could create a larger pool of qualified candidates for consideration.



Carladenise Edwards
Chief Administrative Officer



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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DATE: March 3, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 7(B)

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 7(B)
3-3-26

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL; AMENDING SECTION 2-1076 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, TERM OF OFFICE, CONTRACT, AND SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2005, this Board passed Ordinance No. 05-51 relating to, among other things, the minimum qualifications, term of office, contract, and selection process for the Miami-Dade County Inspector General, which has been codified in Section 2-1076 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, section 2-1076(b)(2) provides that a five-member Ad Hoc Inspector General Selection Committee (“Selection Committee”) shall appoint the Inspector General subject to approval by a majority of the whole number of members of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to amend section 2-1076 relating to the minimum qualifications, term of office, and contract for the Inspector General, and the composition of the Selection Committee,

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

Section 1. Section 2-1076 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Sec. 2-1076. – Office of the Inspector General.

(a) *Created and established.* There is hereby created and established the Office of Miami-Dade County Inspector General. The Inspector General shall head the Office. The organization and administration of the Office of the Inspector General shall be sufficiently independent to assure that no interference or influence external to the Office adversely affects the independence and objectivity of the Inspector General.

(b) *Minimum Qualifications, Appointment and Term of Office.*

(1) *Minimum qualifications.* The Inspector General shall be a person who:

(a) Has at least ten (10) years of experience in any one, or combination of, the following fields:

(i) as a Federal, State or local Law Enforcement Officer;

(ii) as a Federal or State court judge;

(iii) as a Federal, State or local government attorney>>or administrator<<;

>>(iv) as an inspector general, certified public accountant, or internal auditor;<<

[[~~(iv)~~]] >>(v)<< progressive supervisory experience in an investigative public agency similar to an inspector general's office >>, or another public agency<<;

(b) Has managed and completed complex investigations involving allegations of fraud, >>waste, abuse,<< theft, deception and conspiracy;

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.

(c) >>Has managed a multidisciplinary team of professionals;<<

[[~~(e)~~]] >>(d)<< Has demonstrated the ability to work with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and the judiciary; and

[[~~(d)~~]] >>(e)<< Has a four-year degree from an accredited institution of higher learning. >>A Master's in Public Administration ("MPA") or a Juris Doctor ("JD") is preferred. Such advanced degree will, if necessary, serve as credit for up to five years of the experience listed in subparagraph 2-1076(b)(1)(a) above.<<

(2) *Appointment.* The Inspector General shall be appointed by the Ad Hoc Inspector General Selection Committee ("Selection Committee"), except that before any appointment shall become effective, the appointment must be approved by a majority of the whole number of members of the Board of County Commissioners at the next regularly scheduled County Commission meeting after the appointment. In the event that the appointment is disapproved by the County Commission, the appointment shall become null and void, and the Selection Committee shall make a new appointment, which shall likewise be submitted for approval by the County Commission. The Selection Committee shall be composed of [[~~five~~]] >>ten<< members selected as follows:

(a) The State Attorney of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for Miami-Dade County;

(b) The Public Defender of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for Miami-Dade County;

(c) The Chairperson of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust;

(d) >>The Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. shall be requested to appoint one member who has held elective office at the local level prior to appointment<<[[~~The President of the Miami-Dade Police Chiefs Association~~]]; [[and]]

(e) ~~>>The elected Miami-Dade County Sheriff or Sheriff's designee;<<[[The Special Agent in charge of the Miami Field Office of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.]]~~

>>(f) A member of the Miami Chapter of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, appointed by the Chapter President;

(g) The Dean of the University of Miami School of Law shall be requested to appoint one faculty member from his or her law school who has taught a course in professional legal ethics or has published or performed services in the field of professional legal ethics;

(h) The Dean of the St. Thomas University College of Law shall be requested to appoint one faculty member from his or her law school who has taught a course in professional legal ethics or has published or performed services in the field of professional legal ethics;

(i) The Dean of the Florida International University College of Law shall be requested to appoint one faculty member from his or her law school who has taught a course in professional legal ethics or has published or performed services in the field of professional legal ethics; and

(j) A member of the South Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, appointed by the Chapter President.

No person listed above shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Selection Committee if he or she is also serving in a position that is directly subject to oversight by the Office of the Inspector General.<< The members of the Selection Committee shall elect a chairperson who shall serve as chairperson until the Inspector General is appointed. The Selection Committee shall select the Inspector General from a list of qualified candidates submitted by the Miami-Dade County [[Employee Relations]] >>People and Internal Operations<< Department >>, or its successor department<<.

(3) *Term.* The Inspector General shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. In case of a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, the Chairperson of the Board of

County Commissioners may appoint the deputy inspector general, assistant inspector general, or other Inspector General's office management personnel as interim Inspector General until such time as a successor Inspector General is appointed in the same manner as described in subsection (b)(2) above. The Commission may by majority vote of members present disapprove of the interim appointment made by the Chairperson at the next regularly scheduled County Commission meeting after the appointment. In the event such appointment shall be disapproved by the County Commission, the appointment shall become null and void and, prior to the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting, the Chairperson shall make a new appointment which shall likewise be subject to disapproval as provided in this subsection (3). Any successor appointment made by the Selection Committee as provided in subsection (b)(2) shall be for the full four-year term.

Upon expiration of the term, the Board of County Commissioners may by majority vote of members present reappoint the Inspector General to another term >>provided, however, that no person shall be appointed to serve as Inspector General for more than two consecutive four-year terms. Any time spent in a holdover status prior to reappointment shall be considered part of the two-term limit<<. In lieu of reappointment, the Board of County Commissioners may reconvene the Selection Committee to appoint the new Inspector General in the same manner as described in subsection (b)(2). The incumbent Inspector General may submit his or her name as a candidate to be considered for selection and >>re<<appointment >>to a second term<<.

- (4) *Staffing of Selection Committee* The Miami-Dade County [~~Employee Relations~~] >>People and Internal Operations<< Department >>, or its successor department<< shall provide staffing to the Selection Committee and as necessary will advertise the acceptance of resumes for the position of Inspector General and shall provide the Selection Committee with a list of qualified candidates. The County [~~Employee Relations~~] >>People and Internal Operations<< Department >>, or its successor department<< shall also be responsible for ensuring that background checks are conducted on the slate of candidates selected for

interview by the Selection Committee. The County ~~[[Employee Relations]]~~ >> People and Internal Operations<< Department >>, or its successor department<< may refer the background checks to another agency or department. The results of the background checks shall be provided to the Selection Committee prior to the interview of candidates.

- (c) *Contract.* The Director of the ~~[[Employee Relations]]~~ >> People and Internal Operations<< Department >>, or its successor department<< shall, in consultation with the County Attorney, negotiate a contract of employment with the Inspector General, except that before any contract shall become effective, the contract must be approved by a majority of Commissioners present at a regularly scheduled Commission meeting.>> Such contract must include an agreement that the Inspector General shall not qualify as a candidate for, run for, accept appointment to, or serve in any elected local, state, or federal office during his employment as the Inspector General, and for a period of two years following separation from such employment, regardless of whether such separation is voluntary or involuntary and the reason for the separation.<<

Section 3. 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 4. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. 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 5. 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:



Marlon D. Moffett

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III