

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 19, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution calling for an election to be held countywide in Miami-Dade County, Florida, at the request of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, during the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County the question of whether to authorize the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida to maintain a levy of an ad valorem tax exclusively for operating expenses for public schools in Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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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**
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) 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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5-19-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD COUNTYWIDE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT THE REQUEST OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DURING THE GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO MAINTAIN A LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX EXCLUSIVELY FOR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, section 1011.73, Florida Statutes, authorizes the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (“School Board”) to adopt a resolution seeking to place a ballot measure before the electors of Miami-Dade County asking voters to approve an ad valorem tax millage for a period not to exceed four years and to be used exclusively for operational expenses of all public schools in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, section 1011.73 Florida Statutes, also provides that such School Board resolution shall direct the Board of County Commissioners of the County to call an election at which the electors of Miami-Dade County may vote on such ballot measure during a general election as defined in section 97.021, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, section 1011.73, Florida Statutes, further provides that all expenses for the cost of the election shall be paid by the School Board; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2026, the School Board adopted a resolution placing an ad valorem tax millage question before the electors of Miami-Dade County and the School Board now requests that the County place the School Board measure before the voters at the November 2026 General Election; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to honor the School Board's request to place this measure on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot as required by section 1011.73(3), Florida Statutes,

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

Section 1. In accordance with section 1011.73(2), Florida Statutes, a countywide election is hereby called and shall be held in Miami-Dade County, Florida in conjunction with the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County the proposal approved by the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida seeking approval of a continuation of an ad valorem tax millage for operational expenses of all public schools in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Notice of such election shall be published in accordance with section 100.342, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. The result of such election shall be determined by a majority of the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County voting upon the proposal. The polls at such election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the day of such election. All qualified electors of Miami-Dade County, Florida shall be entitled to vote at said election. The County registration books shall remain open at the Office of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections until 29 days prior to the date of such election, at which time the registration books will close in accordance with the provisions of general election laws. The question shall appear on the ballot in substantially the following form:

REFERENDUM RENEWAL OF EXISTING AD VALOREM
LEVY FOR TEACHERS, INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL,
STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY

SHALL THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, MAINTAIN THE EXISTING ONE (1) MILL AD VALOREM TAX LEVY EXCLUSIVELY FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONAL PURPOSES AT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS, TO CONTINUE IMPROVING COMPENSATION FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL AND TO IMPROVE STUDENT SAFETY AND SCHOOL SECURITY WITH OVERSIGHT BY A CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2031?

YES

NO

Section 4. The form of the ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements of general election laws.

Section 5. Early voting shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of general election laws.

Section 6. Vote-by-mail paper ballots may be used by qualified electors of Miami-Dade County for voting on this question. The form of such vote-by-mail ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements prescribed by general election laws.

Section 7. A sample ballot showing the manner in which the question or proposal aforesaid will appear at this election shall be published and provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of general election laws.

Section 8. This election on the proposal aforesaid shall be held and conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the general laws relating to elections. The County

Mayor, or County Mayor's designee, and the Clerk of the Court and Comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this resolution. Election officials in connection with this election shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of general election laws.

Section 9. This election shall be canvassed by the County Canvassing Board, in accordance with the general election laws.

Section 10. This Resolution shall sunset and the election called herein shall be cancelled in the event that: (1) such resolution is reconsidered and repealed by the School Board; or (2) such resolution or election is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. 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:

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| Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman | |
| Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman | |
| Marleine Bastien | Juan Carlos Bermudez |
| Sen. René García | Oliver G. Gilbert, III |
| Roberto J. Gonzalez | Keon Hardemon |
| Danielle Cohen Higgins | Vicki L. Lopez |
| Natalie Milian Orbis | Raquel A. Regalado |
| Micky Steinberg | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of May, 2026. 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.

Handwritten signature of Michael B. Valdes in black ink, consisting of the letters 'MBV' in a stylized, cursive font, positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael B. Valdes