

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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

DATE: July 21, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution renaming the
Arcola Lakes Branch Library
the "Dorrin D. Rolle Library"

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Marleine Bastien.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 5(A)
7-21-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE ARCOLA LAKES BRANCH
LIBRARY THE “DORRIN D. ROLLE LIBRARY”

WHEREAS, the Arcola Lakes Branch Library is a County-owned public library located at 8240 NW 7th Avenue in Miami, Florida, and in County Commission District 2, represented by Commissioner Bastien; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 1945, Dorrin Delano Rolle was born, the third of four children born to Samuel E., Sr. and Mae Pearl Rolle; and

WHEREAS, Dorrin D. Rolle (“Mr. Rolle”) was raised in Miami and attended Miami Northwestern Senior High, graduating in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolle received his Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Tallahassee’s Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University in 1967 and later earned his Master’s Degree in education from the University of Northern Colorado in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolle married Judith James in 1966, and they were blessed with three children, Yvette, Tangilar, and Damon; and

WHEREAS, as a public servant, Mr. Rolle worked at the James E. Scott Community Association as a Social Worker, and afterwards, he served as Director of the Ex-Offenders Services Program for Miami-Dade County, where he was responsible for the overall operation and management of three halfway houses for ex-offenders; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolle was also instrumental in the establishment of the Roving Leaders Alternative Education Center, an alternative school in the Liberty City area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolle later focused on the need for employment opportunities for inner-city youth, and his vision led to the establishment of an innovative program that offered training and employment to youth and that successfully motivated young people to stay in school and helped develop their self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolle was a leader in the Black Miami community, representing District 2 on the Miami-Dade County Commission, from his appointment by former Florida Governor Lawton Chiles in 1998, until 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolle diligently served as the chairman of the Miami-Dade County Economic Development and Housing Committee and was actively involved in social and civic organizations throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, he also served as a member of the Public Health Trust Selection and Advisory Screening Committees, the Family Christians of America Association, the Boy Scouts of America, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University Alumni Association, World Vision, Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (W.A.G.E.S.) Coalition, Greater Bethel Federal Credit Union, Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and as Chairman of the Board of the St. James A.M.E. Federal Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolle was the recipient of numerous prestigious awards including the Florida A&M Alumni Outstanding Service Award, Apostolic Revival Center Usher Board Community Service Recognition, World Vision Award and the National Women of Achievement Profiles of Prominence Award. Additionally, he received special recognition from the City of Miami, Gladeview Homeowners Association, and Opa-Locka and Arcola Lakes Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, while serving as commissioner, Mr. Rolle championed legislation that led to the creation of the Arcola Lakes Branch Library; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rolle passed away at age 75 on April 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to honor Mr. Rolle’s legacy and commitment to public service by renaming the Arcola Lakes Branch Library the “Dorrin D. Rolle Library”,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board, having considered this matter at a public hearing, renames the Arcola Lakes Branch Library the “Dorrin D. Rolle Library”.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Marleine Bastien. 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:

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 21st day of July, 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.

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Melanie J. Spencer