

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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

DATE: October 6, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for Miami-Dade Public
Library System capital projects

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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10-6-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC
LIBRARY SYSTEM CAPITAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Public Library System (“MDPLS”) is a department of the Miami-Dade County (“County”) government; and

WHEREAS, MDPLS is one of the nation’s premier library systems, serving a population of over 2.7 million residents across 50 branch locations; and

WHEREAS, MDPLS enriches the lives of County residents by delivering extraordinary services, spaces, programs, and experiences to meet the informational, educational, recreational, and technological needs of the Miami-Dade community; and

WHEREAS, by providing library services at dozens of locations across the County, MDPLS promotes literacy, lifelong learning, recreation, and technology access, among other societal benefits; and

WHEREAS, MDPLS and its staff have repeatedly been recognized for excellence in recent years, including 330 National Association of Counties achievement awards for delivering innovative programs and services to residents since 2017; and

WHEREAS, the service area of MDPLS is coextensive with the Miami-Dade Library Taxing District, which encompasses 1,921 square miles; and

WHEREAS, future changes to Florida law, including a ballot measure that voters will decide on this November, may have substantial impacts on funding for MDPLS; and

WHEREAS, MDPLS is currently pursuing and planning several key capital projects; and

WHEREAS, these projects include, among other initiatives: (i) design and construction of a 20,000-square-foot replacement Key Biscayne Branch Library, (ii) planning and design of a new 15,000-square-foot Little River replacement library, (iii) construction of a 6,860-square-foot library facility within the 20,600-square-foot multi-purpose community center at Chuck Pezoldt Park, (iv) interior and exterior renovations and a 5,000-square-foot addition to the Miami Lakes Library, (v) substantial renovations to the South Dade Regional Library, and (vi) repairs and replacements to HVAC systems at the Model City, North Dade Regional, and Palmetto Bay branches; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned projects are critical to the provision of services by MDPLS to residents throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires that the state fund these critical initiatives,

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 Miami-Dade Public Library System capital projects.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Florida House Speaker, and the Chair and remaining 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 include this item in the 2027 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

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:

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 6th day of October, 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.



Christian J. Fernandez-Andes