

Memorandum



Date: September 9, 2026

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Supplement No. 2 to
Agenda Item No. 1(G)2

Subject: Ordinance creating the Miami- Dade County Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board; creating article CLXXII of chapter 2 of the Code; providing for the composition and duties of the board and other related matters

In accordance with Section 2-11.37 of the Miami-Dade County Code, this report has been prepared for inclusion on the agenda and provides the required information regarding the establishment of the Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board.

1. Whether the establishment of the board will create sufficient betterment to the community to justify the Board of County Commissioners' delegation of a portion of its authority.

The creation of a permanent Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board ensures ongoing public representation for Biscayne Bay stakeholders, particularly recreational boaters, coastal communities, and visitors. By formalizing this body, the ordinance strengthens our ability to promote equitable access to boater safety education and deliver coordinated and consistent enforcement. This unified approach aims to significantly reduce preventable accidents and meaningfully enhance waterway safety for all communities.

2. Whether another board or agency, either public or private, which is already in existence could serve the same purpose.

There is no existing board or agency that serves this specific purpose. The Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board's composition includes maritime industry representatives, nonprofit leaders, local government officials, and experts responsible for guiding and coordinating efforts related to boater education, vessel safety enforcement, interagency collaboration, and accident reduction on local waterways.

3. The costs, both direct and indirect, of establishing and maintaining the board.

The proposed ordinance may have a fiscal impact on the County, as it will create a new Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board that will include assistance from staff designated by the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to maintain and keep records, prepare agendas, reports, minutes, documents, resolutions, or correspondences, and generally administer the business and affairs of the board. The dedicated staff's salary would likely be supported through Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) revenues, subject to available funding and future budgetary actions.

4. Whether the board is necessary to enable the County to obtain a State or federal grants or financing.

No. The creation of the Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board is not required to obtain State or federal grants or financing. However, the Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board's work in developing long-term strategies and recommendations may strengthen the County's position in pursuing future funding opportunities.

5. Whether the board should have bonding authority.

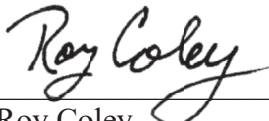
No. The Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board will not have bonding authority.

6. Whether board should have final authority to enter into contracts and spend County funds, or whether its contracts and expenditures must be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board will serve strictly in an advisory capacity. It will not have authority to enter into contracts, expend County funds, or take actions requiring ratification. Its role is limited to providing recommendations and reports to the Board of County Commissioners.

7. Whether the creation of the new board is the best method of achieving the benefit desired.

The creation of the Boater Safety and Bay Education Advisory Board represents an effective and appropriate method for achieving the desired outcomes. The advisory board may offer a structured forum for evaluating long-term solutions, incorporating technical expertise, and ensuring that policy decisions and educational programs are informed by comprehensive analysis and community considerations. The advisory board will provide ongoing stakeholder engagement, allowing expertise from industry, nonprofits, legal, and government to shape robust education and enforcement strategies. By creating a structured, stakeholder-driven advisory body, the ordinance best achieves the goal of sustained improvement in boater safety and public awareness on Biscayne Bay.



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Deputy Mayor