MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 1(G)1

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

DATE: November 12, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance relating to the Rules of Procedure of the Board; amending section 2-1 of the Code; revising requirements relating to sponsorship of County approvals of state or municipal namings, renamings or codesignations of roads, facilities or property; clarifying background research requirements for County approvals of state or municipal namings, renamings or codesignations of roads, facilities or property

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis and Co-Sponsors Senator René García and Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.

For
Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: October 20, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 4(C)

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. 4(C)
10-20-26

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 2-1 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REVISING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SPONSORSHIP OF COUNTY APPROVALS OF STATE OR MUNICIPAL NAMINGS, RENAMINGS OR CODESIGNATIONS OF ROADS, FACILITIES OR PROPERTY; CLARIFYING BACKGROUND RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY APPROVALS OF STATE OR MUNICIPAL NAMINGS, RENAMINGS OR CODESIGNATIONS OF ROADS, FACILITIES OR PROPERTY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, this Board's Rules of Procedure ("Rules") are codified in section 2-1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 9.02(a) of the Rules, resolutions naming, renaming or codesignating a County road, facility or property shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the road, facility or property is located; and

WHEREAS, the Rules currently do not require that resolutions approving the naming, renaming or codesignation of state or municipal roads, facilities or property be sponsored by the district commissioner where the road, facility or property is located; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to amend Rule 9.02(a) to require that resolutions approving the naming, renaming or codesignation of state or municipal roads, facilities or property be sponsored by the district commissioner where the road, facility or property is located; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 9.02(g) of the Rules, the Commission Auditor shall complete background research on any person, organization, place or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the codesignation of state or municipal roads, and shall prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered; and

WHEREAS, this Board further wishes to amend Rule 9.02(g) to clarify that the Commission Auditor's background research requirement also applies to resolutions approving the naming, renaming or codesignation of state or municipal roads, facilities or property,

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

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

Sec. 2-1. Rules of Procedure of County Commission.

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PART 9. ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES PRESCRIBING COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEDURE

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Rule 9.02 Naming, renaming or codesignation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities or property; approval of state or municipal [[~~road~~]] >>namings, renamings or<< codesignations >>of roads, facilities or property<<; exception for Public Health Trust designated facilities.

(a) Resolutions regarding proposed naming, renaming or codesignation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities or property >>or approving the naming, renaming or codesignation of state or municipal roads, facilities or

[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.

property<< shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the >>road, facility or<< property is located[[~~and~~]]>>. In addition, resolutions regarding proposed naming, renaming or codesignation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities or property<< shall be considered at public hearing.

(b) Resolutions honoring outstanding individuals shall not be authorized for living individuals except as provided in subsection (d) hereof.

(c) For every resolution honoring an individual without a personal and direct meaningful relationship to the Greater Miami area, the board of county commissioners shall, at the same time, honor an individual who has made a direct, significant contribution to this community.

(d) This rule shall not prohibit the naming, renaming, or designation of a facility or property after a living individual who donates a significant portion of the cost of such facility or property. Further, this rule shall not prohibit the naming, renaming, or designation of a road, facility or property after a living individual who has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community provided: (i) the naming, renaming or designation is approved by three-fifths vote of the board members present; (ii) that the naming, renaming or designation is not for any elected municipal, county, state or federal official currently serving or having served in any elected office within the last five years; and (iii) that the naming, renaming or designation of a road, facility or property in a particular commission district is limited to two times during any calendar year.

(e) Resolutions recommending the sale of naming rights to a County-owned facility or property shall be supported by a due diligence investigation of the third party purchasing the naming rights. The due diligence shall include an investigation and identification of the entity's ownership structure, officers, management and principals, its financial wherewithal, the length of time the entity has been in existence, any significant prior litigation, governmental investigations or administrative proceedings and any other information that is informative as to whether the entity is a responsible contracting party. The County Mayor's memorandum accompanying the resolution shall disclose a description and the results of the due diligence investigation.

(f) Special provisions for employees who give their lives in the line of duty. The mayor shall present the board of county commissioners with a resolution proposing the naming of an appropriate public right of way or portion thereof in honor of any Miami-Dade County employee who gives his or her life in the line of duty. Such resolution shall be considered at public hearing and may be adopted by the board upon a favorable vote of a majority of the commissioners present.

(g) The Commission Auditor shall complete background research, reviewing public records and other sources of information, in print, on the internet, or through other means of communication, that are publicly available, on any person, organization, place or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the >>naming, renaming or<< codesignation of state or municipal roads, >>facilities or property,<< and shall prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered. In addition, for any item >>naming, renaming or<< codesignating any Miami-Dade County road, facility or property, or approving any state or municipal [[~~road~~]]>>naming, renaming or<< codesignation >>of roads, facilities or property<<, the report shall also indicate:

(1) whether the person to be honored is living or deceased;

(2) whether the subject road, facility or property has been the subject of any prior >>namings, renamings or<< codesignations and, if so, the location or terminus points of each>>;<<[[~~.~~]] and

(3) whether there are any other roads, facilities, or properties located in Miami-Dade County that already bear the same name as the proposed new >>naming, renaming or<< codesignation and, if so, the location or terminus points of each.

If there are no prior >>namings, renamings or<< codesignations, then the report shall so state. The Clerk of the Board shall place the Commission Auditor's report on the commission agenda as a supplement to the related agenda item.

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Section 2. 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 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance 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 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the County 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: JMM FBL

Prepared by: NPT

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Co-Sponsors: Senator René García
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