

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution waiving, by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board, the residency requirement of sections 2-11.38 and 2-222 of the Code for Pastor Donald Clarke, Jr., to serve as a member of the Miami-Dade County Interfaith Advisory Board; and appointing Pastor Donald Clarke, Jr., to the Miami-Dade County Interfaith Advisory Board

Resolution No. R-354-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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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
- ☒ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ☒, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ 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. 11(A)(2)
4-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. R-354-21

RESOLUTION WAIVING, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD, THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF SECTIONS 2-11.38 AND 2-222 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR PASTOR DONALD CLARKE, JR., TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INTERFAITH ADVISORY BOARD; AND APPOINTING PASTOR DONALD CLARKE, JR., TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INTERFAITH ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) adopted Ordinance No. 20-33, establishing the Miami-Dade County Interfaith Advisory Board (“Interfaith Advisory Board”), which is codified in article XXIVA of chapter 2 the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”); and

WHEREAS, among other responsibilities, the Interfaith Advisory Board is charged with advising the Board on issues and policy matters relevant to the faith-based, religious, and spiritual communities and serving as a liaison between the Board and said communities; and

WHEREAS, section 2-222 of the Code provides for each member of the Board to appoint two members and the Mayor to appoint one member to the Interfaith Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, sections 2-222 and 2-11.38 of the Code, respectively, require that members of the Interfaith Advisory Board and all members of County boards be permanent residents of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Donald Clarke, Jr., is the Senior Pastor/Teacher at Harvest Fire Church in Miami Gardens, Florida; and

WHEREAS, he has held this position since August 2016; and

WHEREAS, prior to that time, Pastor Clarke served the ministry in a different capacity as the Vice President of Harvest International Outreach Center where he was responsible for corporate relations, which included developing and maintaining corporate partnerships and funding; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Clarke has been affiliated with the church for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Pastor Clarke's resume is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, as the Senior Pastor/Teacher of a large and diverse congregation, Pastor Clarke will be able to provide the board with insight and perspective gained therefrom; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Clarke is a resident of Broward County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2-11.38, this Board is authorized to waive the residency requirement for individuals to serve on County advisory boards; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to waive the applicable residency requirement and appoint Pastor Donald Clarke, Jr., to serve as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Board,

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

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference.

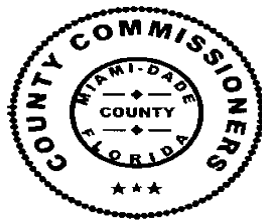
Section 2. By a two-thirds vote of its full membership, waives the residency requirements of sections 2-11.38 and 2-222 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for Pastor Donald Clarke, Jr., to serve as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Board.

Section 3. Appoints Pastor Donald Clarke, Jr., to serve as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Board for a four-year term commencing March, 2021 and ending March, 2025.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	absent
Sen. René García	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Joe A. Martinez	absent
Jean Monestime	aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of April, 2021. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Shanika A. Graves

Donald Clarke, Jr.

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OBJECTIVE

To acquire a position with a progressive company that will make use of my knowledge and experience to contribute to the goals and objectives of the organization while also providing opportunities and challenges to further my professional development.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Harvest Fire Church
Senior Pastor/Teacher
August 2016 – Present

Miami, FL

- Responsible for vision casting
- Leadership Development
- Oversight of a half of million revenue in-take
- Management and oversight of a staff of six
- Administration of the ministry enterprise
- Teacher

Harvest International Outreach Center
Vice President, Corporate Relations
Jan 2007 – August 2016

Miami, FL

- Responsible for developing and maintaining corporate partnership in benefit of the center
- Responsible for access corporate funds for the organization
- Ensure quarterly goals through different major fund-raising events
- Oversee financial ledger to ensure funds are used adequately
- Manage staff to ensure daily agenda is realized
- Assist President in developing new initiatives for the organization

Andrx Pharmaceutical
Sales Representative
May 2006 - Jan 2007

Weston, FL

- Inside sales to Pharmacist by establishing and maintaining a relationship with established clients
- Daily calls to Pharmacist and Doctors to inform of new product launches
- Responsible for consistent monthly sales quota and quarterly sales goals
- Responsible for continual knowledge of Generic and Brand drugs in up sell opportunities.

EDUCATION

South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary

Master of Biblical Studies

May 2012

Deerfield Beach, FL

American Intercontinental University

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

May 2004

Weston, FL

Broward Community College

Associate of Arts in Education

May 2002

Davie, FL

QUALIFICATIONS

- Obtained a Florida State License to Conduct Life, Health and Annuities.
- Certification of Leadership John Maxwell
- Former Chaplin of the Miami Gardens Police Department
- Author – "The Thankful Life."