

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(5)

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

DATE: October 19, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing Ernest R.
Thomas to the Citizens'
Independent Transportation Trust

Resolution No. R-1007-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



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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 _____

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10-19-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1007-21

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERNEST R. THOMAS TO THE
CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

WHEREAS, section 2-1421(d) of the Code of Miami-Dade, Florida (the "Code"), provides that vacancies on the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust ("CITT") shall be filled directly by appointment of the Commissioner for the district in which a vacancy has occurred; and

WHEREAS, such appointments shall be made from a slate of candidates provided to the Commissioner by the CITT nominating committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 2-1421(d) and 2-11.38.3 of the Code, this Board may fill a vacancy on the CITT if that vacancy is subject to individual Commissioner appointment and that seat remains unfilled for more than 30 days from the date on which the nominating committee submits the required slate of candidates; and

WHEREAS, section 2-1421(d) of the Code provides that members of the CITT serve for a term of four years, and that in the case of a Commissioner appointed member, the term for that member shall be subject to automatic expiration as provided in section 2-11.38.2(c) of the Code, except that said member may continue to serve until the succeeding district Commissioner makes a new appointment; and

WHEREAS, section 2-11.38.2(c) of the Code provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Code or of any resolution, the term of every board member nominated by a Commissioner shall automatically expire when (1) the nominating Commissioner leaves office, or (2) the nominating Commissioner's term of office expires; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 days have passed since the nominating committee submitted the required slate of candidates to fill the Commission District 10 vacancy on the CITT; and

WHEREAS, Ernest R. Thomas resides in Commission District 10; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Ernest R. Thomas's resume is attached; and

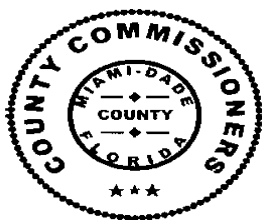
WHEREAS, this Board wishes to appoint Ernest R. Thomas to the CITT,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board appoints Ernest R. Thomas to the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, 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	aye	
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of October, 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

By: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "AP", is written over a horizontal line.

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Ernest R. Thomas
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ethomas@blueoceanbio.com
786-368-4217

Overview

- Senior Executive, Entrepreneur, High Net Growth Individual, MBA
- Diverse expertise includes Mergers & Acquisitions, contract management, regulated environments, life science, clinical diagnostics and intellectual property, real estate development and management.
- Global work experience in Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Education

Florida International University, Bachelor of Business Administration, 1997

Nova Southeastern University, Master of Business Administration, 2000

Experience

Co-Founder, REMY Labs

A Biomedical Research company founded in 2019 that is developing cutting edge life science and diagnostic technologies.

Founder, Thomas Capital Partners

A private family investment group focused on real estate and technology investments.

Director, Biomedical Research Business Center

Danaher Corporation (Beckman Coulter) / 2012-2015

Area of responsibilities:

- Member of the Presidents Staff with responsibilities in Strategic Planning, Policy Deployment, Product Planning, and Risk Management. (1800 employees worldwide)
- Business unit leader with full P&L responsibilities, with duties in R&D, Strategy, Product Development, Intellectual Property, Contract Management
- Legal and site responsibilities for a subsidiary corporation "Beckman Coulter Biomedical"
- Implemented Danaher Business Systems (a form of lean management) methodology within the business unit designed to drive results through visual management and accountability
- Integration leader (Post Acquisition)
- Responsible for key Clinical R&D programs
- Business development of FDA products and Technology scouting
- Executive Lead-WHO registration process for Automated CD4 instrument

President, Co-Founder & Managing Member

Blue Ocean Biomedical, LLC / since December 2009

Area of responsibilities:

- 25 employees
- Lead negotiator during acquisition by Danaher
- Responsible for creating shareholder value of ~85M by way of licenses and M&A in 3 yrs.
- General manager with duties in R&D, strategy, sales and marketing, HR, Finance, production, service, supply chain and real estate, Intellectual Property
- Legal responsibilities for site, and sales internationally
- Responsible for vision and mission setting, due diligence, strategic and portfolio planning, business development.

Executive Vice President / Co-Founder

NPE Systems, Inc. / since Feb 2000

Area of responsibilities:

- 12 employees, full North America P&L accountability
- Strategic deployment of sales & service organization, development of distribution channels & partnerships / "Go-to-market"
- Negotiated technology and product license deals with SONY and Beckman Coulter
- Due diligence, acquisition and management of integration
- Development of field marketing programs, successful product launch
- Profitable growth

Service/Boards

- JENS Grove Development, Director/Owner (Property Holding)
- Horse Country Miami Association – President and Board Member
- KNA Bio, Inc Board Member
- LNA Bio, LLC Board Member
- 2014 Inaugural South Florida Cytometry Workshop at FIU -Organizing committee member
- FIU- Mini-icorps Entrepreneurial Mentor
- FIU Alumni Circle - Former Member with service of 2 years
- Centrum Plaza Pembroke Pines -Formerly Vice President with service of 5 years

Professional Licenses

- Florida Realtor, 12 years
- Passed Florida General Contractor License Exams. (License Pending)

Patents

- Diagnostic Instrument And Flow Process (US20130143309)

Languages

- English and Spanish, Fluent