

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: February 1, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution reappointing Ronald
L. Book to the Miami-Dade
County Homeless Trust Board;
waiving by a two-thirds vote of
the full membership of the Board
of County Commissioners the
residency requirement of section
2-11.38 of the Code

Resolution No. R-133-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime and Co-Sponsor Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
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 _____

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2-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. R-133-22

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RONALD L. BOOK TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST BOARD; WAIVING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 2-11.38 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Book’s (“Mr. Book”) dedication, service and professional experience have significantly contributed to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Book has served as a dedicated member of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust (“Homeless Trust”) since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Book has successfully served as Chair of the Homeless Trust for over eight years; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his work in leading the Homeless Trust, homelessness in Miami-Dade County has been reduced from more than 8,000 persons on the streets to fewer than 900; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Book’s leadership, the Homeless Trust has created an emergency infrastructure to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus epidemic, and for the past 20 months has kept some of Miami-Dade’s most vulnerable persons safe in the wake of a highly infectious virus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Book has been instrumental in overseeing the recent approval of a non-binding straw ballot question in Miami Beach in which voters supported inclusion of Miami Beach into Miami-Dade’s food and beverage tax program; and

WHEREAS, critical work will now need to take place at the local and state levels to effectuate the changes to state law to allow for the collection of the food and beverage tax in Miami Beach and other currently exempted municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Book is uniquely suited to lead this effort; and

WHEREAS, section 2-752(b)(8) of the Miami-Dade County Code provides that one representative of the academic or professional sector, shall be selected by the Chair of the Committee of the Board of County Commissioners overseeing homeless issues to serve on the Homeless Trust; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Book is the member of the professional sector selected by the Chair of the committee of this Board that oversees homeless issues to serve on the Homeless Trust; and

WHEREAS, section 2-11.38 of the Miami-Dade County Code requires that all members of County boards be permanent residents of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Book has demonstrated a decades long commitment to the residents of Miami-Dade County as it relates to homeless issues he is not a permanent resident of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2-11.38 of the Miami-Dade County Code, this Board is authorized to waive by a two-thirds vote of its membership the residency requirement; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to waive the residency requirement in order to allow Mr. Book to continue to serve on the Homeless Trust,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board, (1) waives by a two-thirds vote of its full membership, pursuant to section 2-11.38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the residency requirement of the Code of Miami-Dade County, and (2) reappoints Ronald L. Book to the Homeless Trust Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime and the Co-Sponsor is Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** 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	absent	Rebeca Sosa	absent
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of February, 2022. 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.

Shannon D. Summerset-Williams