

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(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 appointing Truman
Eugene "Gene" Duncan, Jr. to
the Miami-Dade County
Biscayne Bay Watershed
Management Advisory Board for
a four-year term

Resolution No. R-118-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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County Attorney

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To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Appointment to the Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners appoint Truman Eugene (Gene) Duncan, Jr., to the Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board as the representative for the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida.

Scope

The recommendations and actions of the Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board have countywide impact.

Delegation of Authority

The proposed resolution does not delegate authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact associated with appointing Truman Eugene (Gene) Duncan to the Advisory Board. The primary cost of creating the Advisory Board would be staff time by the County’s Chief Bay Officer and technical and professional staff throughout County departments, who will also provide support as necessary. Additional costs such as hosting summits and conferences for the purpose of developing the Watershed Recovery Plan. Those additional costs will be included in the Office of Resilience’s annual budget.

Track Record/Monitor

The Advisory Board will be staffed by the Chief Bay Officer and support staff from the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Division of Environmental Resources and Management (DERM). Technical and professional staff throughout County departments will provide support as necessary.

Background

The Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board (Advisory Board) was created by the Board of County Commissioners, through Ordinance No. 21-72, as recommended by the Biscayne Bay Task Force. The Advisory Board was created by newly enacted Article CLXIV of Chapter 2, Sections 2-2420 to 2-2426 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code) as a permanent board established to advise the Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”) and the County Mayor on issues related to Biscayne Bay, including, but not limited to, (1) the long-term management of Biscayne Bay, (2) health of the marine

community, (3) run-off and other impacts to water quality, (4) marine debris, (5) education and outreach, (6) economic development and vitality related to Biscayne Bay, and (7) how conditions in Biscayne Bay may affect residents and property owners. These recommendations to the Board of County could also be used to update chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County to incorporate a new management plan and prioritize projects for Biscayne Bay. In addition, the new board will provide a local perspective on Biscayne Bay problems, issues, and solutions.

The advisory board will consist of 21 members. Pursuant to Sec. 2-2421 of the Code, 14 of the members will be representatives from various entities and organizations, as recommended by the respective entities and organizations, as follows:

1. One representative from the Miami River Commission, recommended by the Miami River Commission;
2. Three representatives with scientific expertise from each of, and as recommended by, the following institutions: one from the Florida International University Institute of Environment, one from the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, and one from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
3. One representative from Biscayne National Park, as recommended by the Superintendent of Biscayne National Park;
4. One representative from the Greater Miami Visitors and Convention Bureau, as recommended by the Greater Miami Visitors and Convention Bureau;
5. One representative of the development industry, as recommended by the South Florida Builders Association;
6. One representative who is a coastal engineer working in Miami-Dade County, as recommended by the Florida Engineering Society;
7. One representative who works in banking and finance in Miami-Dade County, as recommended by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce;
8. One representative of the marine or boating industry, as recommended by the Miami Marine Council;
9. One representative of the agricultural industry, recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau;
10. One representative of the Miccosukee Tribe, as recommended by the Miccosukee Tribe; and
11. Two representatives from environmental groups, one recommended by the Nature Conservancy and one recommended by the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Coalition.

After the nominees are recommended for appointment pursuant to procedure in Ordinance No. 21-72, such nominees may be appointed to the Advisory Board by the Board of County Commissioners via resolution. The following nomination from the Miccosukee Tribe was submitted to the County and is recommended for appointment to the Advisory Board. The recommendation from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce has not been submitted as of the date that this resolution was prepared.

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

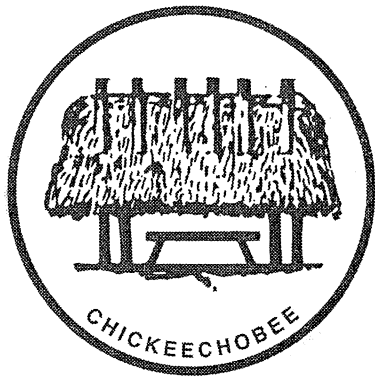
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Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida has recommended Truman Eugene "Gene" Duncan, Jr. for appointment. Correspondence from Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida and the resume of the nominee is attached as Attachment A.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer



Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

Business Council Members

Billy Cypress, Chairman

Lucas K. Osceola, Assistant Chairman

Kenneth H. Cypress, Treasurer

Talbert Cypress, Secretary

Petties Osceola Jr., Lawmaker

November 8, 2021

Mayor Daniella Levine Cava
111 N.W. First Street, 29th Floor
Miami, Florida 33128-1930

**RE: Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida Nomination to the Miami-Dade County's
Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board (BBWMAB)**

Dear Mayor Daniella Levine Cava:

I hereby recommend Truman Eugene (Gene) Duncan, Jr. for membership on the newly created Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board. Mr. Duncan is very knowledgeable regarding Everglades restoration matters and is the Director of Water Resources Department for the Miccosukee Tribe. Restoration of the Everglades Ecosystem is critical to the success of Biscayne Bay Restoration. Mr. Duncan's experience in environmental restoration projects will make a valuable addition to your advisory board. Mr. Duncan has over three decades experience in Everglades restoration activities and has previously served on dozens of technical and policy committees, including representation on the South Florida Water Management District's Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC), the Lake Okeechobee Advisory Committee, Governors Commission for Sustainable South Florida and the federal Everglades Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. I believe that the interests of the Miccosukee Tribe and the citizens of Miami-Dade County are served through Mr. Duncan's formal appointment to the Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board.

cc. Ms. Irela Bague, Chief Bay Officer

Sincerely yours,

Billy Cypress
Chairman

RESUME
of
TRUMAN EUGENE DUNCAN, JR.
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
Water Resources Department
P.O. Box 440021 Tamiami Station
Miami, Florida 33144

OBJECTIVE: To provide environmental protection and water resource management to the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. To provide assistance in water resource planning, management of water quality and water quantity, and surface water management resources and needs.

EDUCATION:

Aug 78 - May 80

Eastern Kentucky University. Master of Science in Geology. Concentration: Sedimentology, Invertebrate Paleontology, Paleocology, Petrology, Hydrology and Environments of Deposition.

Aug 74 - May 78

Morehead State University. Bachelor of Science in Geology. Minor in Military Science. Distinguished Military Graduate. Commissioned Second Lieutenant in US Army.

EMPLOYMENT:

Jun 88 - Present

Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. Water Resources Director responsible for determining the water resource needs of reservation lands; providing technical assistance to aid in negotiation of a Water Rights Compact with the State of Florida; planning, developing and maintaining a Surface Water Management System on reservation lands; serving as liaison between federal, state and local agencies in water related issues; and providing Tribal Administration (Chairman/Council) with adequate data and analysis of water resources and needs to enable them to adopt plans, codes, ordinances and budgets to improve the quantity and quality of water resources on reservation lands.

Sep 87 - Jun 88

United States Geological Survey. Hydrologic Technician responsible for making and computing streamflow measurements and recording stage and hydrologic conditions at gauging stations; collecting and recording water samples for chemical, biochemical and biological field tests; measuring water levels at ground water observation wells; writing manuscripts of data report pages for publication; construction and maintaining field installations and instrumentation used to record hydrographic data; and performing surveys

for elevation control at gauging stations.

May 86 - Aug 87

Human Intelligence Operations Officer. Assigned to Headquarters, 207th Military Intelligence Brigade (CEWI) in Ludwigsburg, Germany. Responsible for planning, employment and reporting of human intelligence assets with the purpose of countering hostile intelligence activities against the United States. Planned, developed and supervised the activation of the VII Corps newly formed Long Range Surveillance Company (LRRP). Conducted counter-intelligence and surveillance operations in Europe. Supervised the Personnel Security Investigations Program conducted on behalf of the Defense Investigative Service (DIS).

Jun 85 - May 86

Aviation Brigade Training Officer. Assigned to Headquarters, 11th Aviation Brigade (Combat) in Schwabisch Hall, Germany. Responsible for developing training guidance and objectives for a Combat Aviation Brigade, including 62 skill qualification programs. Managed all brigade level training programs, ammunition accounts, school quotas and officer/aviator professional development programs. Supervised the brigades Aviator Training Program. Commanded the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) for the VII Corps Combat Aviation Brigade during several NATO level exercises.

Jan 85 - Jun 85

Military Intelligence Officers Advanced Course. Assigned to US Army Intelligence Center and School, Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Attended the Advanced Counterintelligence & Human Intelligence Officer Training Course.

Feb 84 - Jan 85

Battalion Intelligence Officer (S-2). Assigned to 159th Aviation Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Responsible for personnel, document and physical security of a 500 million Combat Aviation Battalion. Developed security and counterintelligence operations in support of the 101st Airborne Division. Coordinated software support for aircraft maintenance, flight operations, logistics and administration.

Nov 81 - Feb 84

Flight Operations Officer. Assigned to 163rd Aviation Company of the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Served as Utility Platoon Leader (UH-1H "Huey" Helicopters) and Support Platoon Leader (OH-58 "Kiowa" Helicopters). Responsible for providing support to the Commanding General and Command Staff of the 101st Airborne Division. Qualified and demonstrated technical and tactical proficiency in three rotary winged aircraft with over 500 hours flight time and an additional 200 hours under instrument conditions. Maintained 20 aircraft at 87% operational readiness rate and supervised motor vehicle maintenance of over 40 tactical vehicles. Promoted to Captain.

Dec 80 - Nov 81

US Army Helicopter Flight School. Assigned to the US Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Earned the US Army Aviator Wings and was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant.

May 80 - Dec 80

Military Intelligence Officers Basic Course. Assigned to US Army Intelligence Center and School, Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Attended the Basic Counterintelligence & Human Intelligence Officer Training Course. Issued badge and credentials as a US Counterintelligence Officer.

Aug 78 - May 80

Kentucky Geological Survey. While working on my Master's Degree, I was employed as a Field Geologist responsible for measuring stratigraphic sequences of rock in abandoned coal mines, developing overburden isopach maps and selecting areas for strip mine reclamation by the State of Kentucky.



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(Revised)

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FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(5)

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 Daniella Lane Carr Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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2-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. R-118-22

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TRUMAN EUGENE "GENE"
DUNCAN, JR. TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BISCAYNE
BAY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM

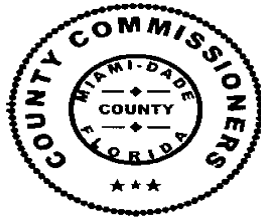
WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby appoints Truman Eugene "Gene" Duncan, Jr. to the Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board, as recommended by the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida to serve a four-year term beginning with the effective date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell