

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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

DATE: October 6, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution ratifying the
Chairperson's selection of Maria
Dreyfus-Ulvert as Executive
Director of the Jay Malina
International Trade Consortium

Resolution No. R-967-22

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



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County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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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10-6-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-967-22

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CHAIRPERSON'S
SELECTION OF MARIA DREYFUS-ULVERT AS EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE
CONSORTIUM

WHEREAS, in 2002, this Board created and established the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium of Miami-Dade County ("ITC") with the identified purpose of institutionalizing Miami-Dade County's international trade and commerce activities; and

WHEREAS, as an advisory board to this Board, the ITC is empowered to, among other duties, represent the County's international trade interests and be an advocate for international trade at the local, state and federal level; expand and increase Miami International Airport's airline and air service and the Port of Miami's trade; promote the County as the gateway to the Americas; expand trade and commerce with markets in Latin America, Europe, Africa and Asia; and employ personnel to carry out the responsibilities and budget of the ITC; and

WHEREAS, to better effectuate the ITC's stated purpose and duties, Miami-Dade County's Code of Ordinances (the "Code") contemplates an Executive Director position which reports to both this Board and the ITC, and has authority to "administer the ITC's activities" and "hire and terminate employees of the ITC"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2-1501 of the Code, the Executive Director of the ITC is also responsible for monitoring ITC expenditures, disbursements, and deposits, and recommending to this Board for approval contracts with agencies, corporations, persons, or other entities in amounts within the ITC's approved budget to better facilitate the ITC's purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Code also details the open and competitive process required to be completed before appointing and ratifying an ITC Executive Director, which includes:

- Establishment of an Ad Hoc Executive Director Screening Committee appointed by the Chairperson of this Board to screen and interview candidates;
- Advertisement of the position by the County's Human Resources Department and the creation of a list of qualified applicants;
- Recommendation of three top candidates for the Chairperson of this Board's consideration;
- Interview and selection of the ITC Executive Director from the slate proposed by the Ad Hoc Screening Committee subject to ratification by a majority vote of this Board; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in the memorandum attached to this resolution, and after a thorough process undertaken pursuant to section 2-1503(e) of the Code, the Chairperson of this Board has selected the current Interim Director of the ITC, Maria Dreyfus-Ulvert, to serve as the Executive Director of the ITC, subject to ratification by a majority vote of members present by this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to ratify the Chairperson's appointment of Maria Dreyfus-Ulvert as Executive Director of the ITC,

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

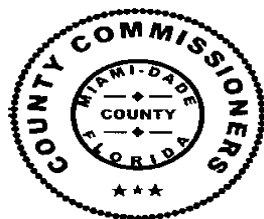
Section 1. The foregoing recital clauses are approved and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. This Board, by a majority vote of the Board members present, ratifies the Chairperson's selection of Maria Dreyfus-Ulvert as Executive Director of the ITC.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Keon Hardemon** 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	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	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 6th day of October, 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: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Javier Zapata



**OFFICE OF THE CHAIR
CHAIRMAN JOSE "PEPE" DIAZ**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Vice Chairman Oliver Gilbert, III
And Members, Board of County Commissioners

Date: September 29, 2022

FROM: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Board of County Commissioners

RE: Appointment of the Jay Malina
International Trade Consortium
Director

Section 2-1784 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida provides that the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint the Director of the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium (ITC) subject to ratification by a majority vote of the Board members present at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting after the selection.

The Ad Hoc Director Screening Committee comprised of five members of the Board appointed by the Chair has evaluated applicants for the position of Director, including Maria Dreyfus-Ulvert, who is currently serving as the interim director of the ITC.

After reviewing the candidates, I am recommending appointment of Maria Dreyfus-Ulvert as the Director of the ITC.

Maria Dreyfus-Ulvert has years of experience, serving as the Minister Counselor for the Consulate of Nicaragua and as the Programme Specialist for the United Nations Development Programme before coming to Miami-Dade County.

Ms. Dreyfus-Ulvert has served Miami-Dade County under the ITC since 2007 as a Senior Trade Development Specialist for Latin America, Europe, and the middle East. Ms. Dreyfus-Ulvert went on to serve as the ITC Assistant Director for Latin American Trade.

In her time working as the interim Director Ms. Dreyfus-Ulvert has overseen the signing of several Sister City Agreements, organized Trade Mission to Italy along with the Miami-Dade County Conference of Mayors. Ms. Maria Dreyfus-Ulvert has clearly demonstrated her ability to take on the full responsibilities of Director.

Thank you.

c: Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor
Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
Gerald Sanchez, First Assistant County Attorney
Jess McCarty, Executive Assistant County Attorney
Basia Pruna, Director, Clerk of the Board
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Jennifer Moon, Chief Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs
Yinka Majekodunmi, Commission Auditor