

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(21)

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

DATE: November 15, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing Tanisha
"Wakumi" Douglas to the board
of commissioners for the N.W.
79th Street Corridor Community
Redevelopment Agency; and
designating Aaron McKinney as
chair and Dr. Gilbert Saint Jean
Jr. as vice-chair of the N.W. 79th
Street Corridor Community
Redevelopment Agency

Resolution No. R-1133-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.



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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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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1133-22

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TANISHA “WAKUMI”
DOUGLAS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
N.W. 79TH STREET CORRIDOR COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; AND DESIGNATING AARON
MCKINNEY AS CHAIR AND DR. GILBERT SAINT JEAN JR.
AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE N.W. 79TH STREET CORRIDOR
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”), as the governing body, as that term is defined in section 163.340(3), Florida Statutes, is responsible for appointing the board of commissioners of the members of the N.W. 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency (“Agency”); and

WHEREAS, this Board adopted Ordinance No. 11-55, which created the Agency and appointed an initial board of commissioners (“Agency’s Board”) pursuant to section 163.356, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 163.356(2), Florida Statutes, each appointed commissioner other than those initially appointed shall serve a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, section 163.356(3)(b) states that: “[a]ny person may be appointed as commissioner if he or she resides or is engaged in business, which means owning a business, practicing a profession, or performing a service for compensation, or serving as an officer or director of a corporation or other business entity so engaged, within the area of operation of the agency, which shall be coterminous with the area of operation of the county... and is otherwise eligible for such appointment...;” and

WHEREAS, Tanisha “Wakumi” Douglas is a resident of Miami-Dade County and has applied to this Board to be appointed to the Agency’s Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed Tanisha “Wakumi” Douglas’ resume, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that based on Tanisha “Wakumi” Douglas’ resume, she has the requisite experience that is required to serve on the Agency’s Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes it is in the best interest of the Agency, and the residents living in and businesses located in the redevelopment area, to appoint Tanisha “Wakumi” Douglas to the Agency’s board; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, in accordance with section 163.356, Florida Statutes, and sections 2-2099 and 2-2094 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, this Board desires to appoint Tanisha “Wakumi” Douglas to the Agency’s Board for a four-year term; and

WHEREAS, this Board previously appointed Aaron McKinney and Dr. Gilbert Saint Jean Jr. to serve as commissioners on the Agency’s Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that Aaron McKinney and Dr. Gilbert Saint Jean Jr. should lead the Agency; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board, in accordance with section 163.356, Florida Statutes, desires to designate Aaron McKinney as chair and Dr. Gilbert Saint Jean Jr. as vice-chair of the Agency,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board appoints Tanisha “Wakumi” Douglas to the board of commissioners of the N.W. 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency in accordance with section 163.356, Florida Statutes, and section 2-2099 of the Code of Miami-Dade

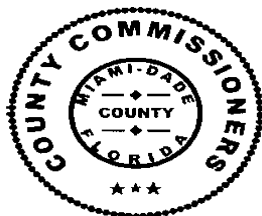
County, Florida. In accordance with section 163.356(2), Florida Statutes, and section 2-2094 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Tanisha “Wakumi” Douglas shall serve a term of four years.

Section 3. This Board, in accordance with section 163.356, Florida Statutes, hereby designates Aaron McKinney as chair and Dr. Gilbert Saint Jean Jr. as vice-chair of the Agency.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Jean Monestime**, 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	absent
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 15th day of November, 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.

Terrence A. Smith

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TANISHA “WAKUMI” DOUGLAS

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EDUCATION & HONORS

Soros Justice Fellowship, Open Society Foundation, February 2021 – present National

Move to End Violence Fellowship, NoVo Foundation, November 2017 – November 2019 National

In Our Own Backyard Hero Award, November 2015 New York, NY

Masters of Social Work, Columbia University School of Social Work, May 2011 New York, NY

- ☐ Concentration: Clinical Practice, Contemporary Social Issues
- ☐ African-Centered Social Work Independent Study

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, May 2007 Washington, DC

- ☐ Major: Culture and Politics, Concentration: Sub-Saharan Africa; Certificate: Justice and Peace
- ☐ Second Honors or Dean's List most semesters
- ☐ Additional Honors & Awards: Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society for History (2007), John Slevin Award for Peace and Justice (2007), Lena Landegger Community Service Award (2007), Frank Newman Leadership Award (2005)

Brown University-in-Tanzania/University of Dar-es-Salaam, July 2005-June 2006 Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania

Additional Training

- ☐ **Community Accountability & Transformative Justice**, Mariame Kaba, July 2018 Miami, FL
- ☐ **Restorative Justice Circle Keeper Train-the-Trainer Training**, Impact Justice, April 2016 Miami, FL
- ☐ **Restorative Justice Circle Keeper Training**, Impact Justice, December 2015 Miami, FL
- ☐ **Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI), Columbia University School of Social Work**, January 2014 New York, NY
- ☐ **Trauma-informed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Training Program**, St. Johns University, January 2012 New York, NY
- ☐ **Approved Mediator, Safe Horizon Mediation Training & Apprenticeship Program**, January 2011 New York, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Barry University, Adjunct Faculty, Winter 2014 (contract) Miami, FL

- ☐ Draft *Social Work & Spirituality* course syllabus and assignments; select required and recommended texts and other readings.
- ☐ Teach *Social Work & Spirituality* course in undergraduate program, grade assignments, provide mentorship and advisement to students.
- ☐ Perform community service and speaking engagements in the professional community and address students in seminar and workshop settings.

Columbia School of Social Work, Critical Awareness in Social Justice Paradigm Program, Teaching Assistant New York, NY
Summer 2010 (part-time)

- ☐ Wrote and implemented curriculum for two day-long workshop series for incoming social work graduate students on multi-level awareness of oppression.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

S.O.U.L. Sisters Collective, Co-founder/Executive Director, Aug 2014 – June 2020 (on sabbatical) New York, NY/Miami, FL

- ☐ Conceptualize & develop innovative programs & initiatives for systems-involved young women and non-binary youth.
- ☐ Raised ~\$5 million dollars through grants, government contracts and individual donations.
- ☐ Recruit Board of Directors members and volunteers; obtain professional paid and pro-bono services including legal, accounting and others.
- ☐ Manage programming and administration for Miami & NYC office including hiring and training staff, developing site partnerships, managing fiscal operations, event planning and developing curriculum, among other tasks.
- ☐ Supervise and manages the educational requirements for bachelors and masters social work interns.
- ☐ Develop and maintain community partnerships; represent organization on local and national coalitions.
- ☐ Develop website and other promotional materials.

- Supervising and implementing financial management systems including reimbursement, payroll, and budget reconciliation, among

others.

- ☐ Creating and implementing human resources systems including on-boarding processes, employee manual and health insurance, among others.
- ☐ Coordinating and implementing communications tasks including social media posts, press interviews, and coaching youth for press interviews, among others.
- ☐ Serve as lead trainer and consultant on consulting and training contracts with NYC Department of Youth & Community Development, CASES, AMI-Kids – Greater Ft. Lauderdale and United We Dream, among others.

Agape Family Ministries, *Clinical Therapist* (part-time)

Miami, FL

Jan 2015 – Apr 2016

- ☐ Conduct individual and family therapy sessions for clients with a range of issues including traumatic stress, depression, anxiety, antisocial behaviors, and grief/loss, among others.
- ☐ Update treatment plans according to documentation requirements.
- ☐ Maintain the appropriate sized caseload.
- ☐ Attend outpatient meetings for agency communication, clinical consultation, supervision, and training.

Sadie Nash Leadership Project, *Social Worker*, Jun 2014 – Oct 2014 (contract)

New York, NY

- Conduct individual, group counseling and family support meetings for program participants.
- Provide clinical assessment and make referrals as needed; accompany youth to referred agencies.
- Maintain case notes; draft letters and memos.
- Provide consultation to program staff on social-emotional learning and trauma sensitivity best practices on micro and mezzo levels of service provision.

Center for Community Alternatives, *Clinical Supervisor*, Sept 2011 – Dec 2013 (full-time)

New York, NY

- ☐ Developed, fundraised for and coordinated the S.O.U.L. Sisters Leadership project, the first-ever leadership development seminar for court-involved young women.
- ☐ Provided clinical work with families including sophisticated assessments of family dynamics and environmental and cultural influences.
- ☐ Developed Client Specific Plan suggestions based on review of referral documents provided by Court Advocacy Unit.
- ☐ Assisted case managers in developing goals with their clients to address clients' strengths and needs as well as encourage their completion of program requirements.
- ☐ Provided biweekly direct supervision, orientation, and training to project staff; facilitated weekly case conferences.
- ☐ Supervised and managed educational requirements for bachelor and masters social work interns as well as students in other programs.
- ☐ Reviewed all intakes, referral documents and proposed rejections.
- ☐ Coordinated family case conferences with senior case manager, clients, families, and case managers.
- ☐ Developed and oversaw health and sex education, drug prevention, life skills and other youth development curriculum.
- ☐ Developed and co-facilitated family support groups.
- ☐ Reviewed urinalysis results and assisted senior case manager and case managers in developing a success plan in cases of demonstrated drug use.
- ☐ Represented program in public as required.
- ☐ Developed policy and procedures for program success where necessary.
- ☐ Advocated and coordinate services in multiple systems including school, child welfare, residential treatment facilities, drug treatment facilities and mental health service providers.
- ☐ Provided as needed supportive counseling to youth and families.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

New York Women's Foundation, *Consultant & Facilitator*, June 2019 – January 2020

New York, NY

- ☐ Consulted foundation on and facilitated healing justice and community-building practices for their pilot Justice Advisory Committee of 14 directly impacted women informing grant-making strategy.

NoVo Foundation, *Co-Facilitator*, June 2017

New York, NY

- ☐ Prepped for and co-facilitated one-day convening, 2nd Annual Grantmakers for Girls of Color; developed small group discussion guide; consulted on how to meet social-emotional-spiritual needs of event attendees.

Center for Alternative Sentencing & Education Services (CASES), *Trainer*, Sept 2014, Sept 2015, Jun 2016

New York, NY

- ☐ Developed and delivered various professional development trainings for the alternative-to-detention program staff on trauma-

informed practice, supportive case management, self-care and restorative justice; conducted training evaluation.

Bedford Hills Women's Prison Teen Center, Hour Children, Curriculum & Program Consultant

Bedford Hills, NY

Oct 2014-Dec 2015

- Develop trauma-informed workshop curriculum for children with parents incarcerated at Bedford Hills as well as trauma-informed curriculum for parent residents of the prison.
- Developing train-the-trainers curricula for Hour Children program staff and prison resident workshop facilitators.
- Developing workshop and healing circles to facilitate at prison.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (Abridged listing)

- **Congressional Black Caucus, "PUSHOUT Film World Premiere", *Panelist***, Sept 2019 Washington, DC
- **Google, "Ending Girls Incarceration", *Panelist***, Oct 2018 New York, NY
- **Education Anew Conference, "An Intersectional Vision for Education and Youth Justice", *Plenary***, Oct 2018 San Juan, Puerto Rico
- **NEA Foundation Symposium, "Broken Hearts, Broken Promises: Fighting for the American Dream", *Interview***, Oct 2018 Washington, DC
- **YWCA-Greater Miami-Dade Empower HER Series, "What is Social Justice?", *Panelist***, Sept 2018 Miami, FL
- **Community for Just Schools Fund, "Reproductive Justice is Restorative Justice", *Panelist***, Mar 2018 Miami, FL
- **Columbia University, "Beyond the Bars: Ending the Incarceration of Women & Girls" *Plenary Presenter***, March 2018 New York, NY
- **National Associational of Community Restorative Justice National Conference, "Spirituality & Social Justice Activism", *Plenary Presenter***, June 2017 Oakland, CA
- **Columbia University, "Beyond the Bars: Transcending the Punishment Paradigm" *Plenary Presenter***, March 2017 New York, NY
- **John Jay College, "Children of the Prison Boom", *Panelist***, Sept 2014 New York, NY
- **Columbia School of Social Work, "Building Across Racial Difference", *Workshop Presenter***, Mar 2014 New York, NY
- **Columbia School of Social Work, "Self-Care in Social Work", *Guest Lecturer***, Feb 2014 New York, NY
- **Hunter College School of Social Work, "Internalized Oppression", *Workshop Presenter***, Feb 2014 New York, NY
- **National Association of Social Workers Undoing Racism Project, "Self-care in Social Work" *Workshop Presenter***, Apr 2013, Jan 2014 New York, NY
- **Long Island University, "Social Work Graduation Ceremony", *Keynote Speaker***, May 2013 Brooklyn, NY
- **Women on the Rise Telling Their Story Conference, "From Punishment to Wellness", *Panelist***, May 2013 New York, NY
- **Brecht Forum, "Women, Mass Incarceration and the Prison Industrial Complex", *Moderator***, March 2012 New York, NY
- **Hunter College School of Social Work, "Racism in the Criminal Justice System", *Panelist***, Nov 2011 New York, NY
- **RISE Social Work Collective, "African-centered Healing in Social Work", *Workshop Co-presenter***, Nov 2011 New York, NY
- **Teen College Dreams, "Graduation Ceremony", *Keynote Speaker***, June 2011 Brooklyn, NY
- **Youth Organizing to Save Our Streets, "Founding Action Event", *Speaker***, May 2011 Brooklyn, NY

MEDIA FEATURES (Abridged listing)

- **"PUSHOUT: Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools", *Documentary Film***, PBS/Women in the Room Production, Sept 2019
- **"Sing a Rhythm, Dance a Blues", *Book***, The New Press, Aug 2019
- **"Making Change: You Social Entrepreneurship as an Approach to Positive Youth and Community Development", *Book***. Oxford Press, Jan 2019

LANGUAGES: Working knowledge of Spanish and Swahili