

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 2, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing David
Geller to the Miami-Dade
County Film and Entertainment
Advisory Board

Resolution No. R-435-23

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


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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5-2-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-435-23

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID GELLER TO THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT
ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1991, the Board of County Commissioners (the “County Commission”) adopted Ordinance No. 91-108, establishing the Miami-Dade County Film, Print and Broadcast Advisory Board, now called the Film and Entertainment Advisory Board (the “Film Board”), codified in section 2-11.14.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”); and

WHEREAS, the Film Board advises and makes recommendations to this County Commission and the County Mayor on all matters related to the film and entertainment industry and advances the interests and resources of the film and entertainment industry for the purposes of economic and professional development, education and national and international awareness of the County; and

WHEREAS, section 2-11.14.1(c)(1) of the Code provides that the Film Board shall consist of 17 members, one of which shall be appointed by a majority vote of the entire County Commission; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 2-11.38 of the Code, all members of County boards shall be permanent residents and electors of Miami-Dade County unless waived by a two-thirds vote of the County Commission; and

WHEREAS, David Geller, resident of Miami-Dade County, is an attorney with the firm Wahid Vizcaino Geller, LLP; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geller's practice of over 15 years has included all areas of business transactions, entertainment law, intellectual property law, and civil litigation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his legal practice, Mr. Geller has extensive experience in government at the federal, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geller has served as Legislative Counsel in Tallahassee, and most recently as Chief of Staff to former Broward County Mayor Steve Geller, with whom he has no familial relation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geller has been an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at Florida International University, and is an active member of B'nai B'rith International and has served on the B'nai B'rith International Executive Committee and Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Mr. Geller's resume is attached hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes Mr. Geller's accomplishments and believes his experience in entertainment law provides him substantial knowledge and personal involvement in the film and entertainment industries as required by section 2-11.14.1(c)(2) and wishes to appoint Mr. Geller to serve on the Film Board,

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

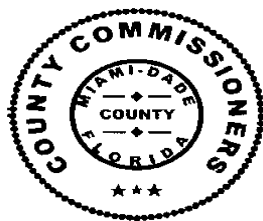
Section 1. Ratifies and adopts the matters set forth in the foregoing recitals.

Section 2. Appoints David Geller to serve as a member of the Film and Entertainment Advisory Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of May, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Professional Experience

Wahid Vizcaino Geller, LLP, Miami / Hollywood, FL Aug. 2021 – Current
Attorney at Law, Partner

- Legal representation and experience include entertainment law, banking regulations / complex corporate / business transactions; civil litigation; implementation of regulations and compliance programs; outside general counsel for small businesses.

Broward County, Fort Lauderdale Jan 2021-Aug. 2021
Mayor Steve Geller (no relation)
Chief of Staff

- Responsible for advising, drafting, and implementing Mayor's legislative agenda. Representing Mayor in meetings with County staff, constituents, organizations, and others. Other duties as prescribed by Mayor.

Florida International University, Miami-Dade, Florida Aug. 2018 – Dec 2020
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Adjunct Professor (Dual Enrollment)

- Taught FIU Criminology/Criminal Justice courses to Dual Enrollment High School Students. Upon successful completion of courses, the high school students receive FIU College credit.

Geller Legal, PLLC., Hollywood, FL Oct. 2015 – Jan. 2017
Attorney at Law

- Legal representation and experience include entertainment law, banking regulations / complex corporate / business transactions; civil litigation; implementation of regulations and compliance programs; outside general counsel for small businesses.

The Geller Law Group, P.A., Miami Lakes/ Hollywood, FL Jun. 2008 – Apr. 2015
Attorney at Law

- Legal representation and experience include entertainment law, banking regulations / complex corporate / business transactions; civil litigation; implementation of regulations and compliance programs; outside general counsel for small businesses.

Education

Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL

Juris Doctor, May 2006

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Bachelors of Science, Environmental Science & Policy, August 2003