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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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

DATE: November 7, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution reappointing
Ricardo Gonzalez to the
Miami-Dade County Fire
Prevention and Safety
Appeals Board for a four-
year term

Resolution No. R-1010-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: November 7, 2023

FROM: 
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County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)
11-7-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1010-23

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RICARDO GONZALEZ TO
THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION AND
SAFETY APPEALS BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM

WHEREAS, under section 14-35 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”), the Miami-Dade County Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board shall consist of thirteen members appointed by the County Commission; and

WHEREAS, in further accordance with that section, the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board shall be comprised of members with various enumerated specialties; and

WHEREAS, Ricardo Gonzalez has been serving as a member of the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board with the specialty of being a representative from the firefighting services; and

WHEREAS, this Board last reappointed Ricardo Gonzalez to the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board, for a three-year term, on December 2, 2014, via Resolution No. R-1073-14, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, section 14-35 provides that all members of the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board shall be appointed for a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to reappoint Ricardo Gonzalez to the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board for a four-year term,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board reappoints Ricardo Gonzalez to the Miami-Dade County Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board for a four-year term.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of November, 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

CJW

Christopher J. Wahl

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 2, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution waiving by a
two-thirds vote of members
present term limit restriction
for County board members;
and reappointing Ricardo
Gonzalez to the Fire
Prevention and Safety
Appeals Board
Resolution No. R-1073-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 2, 2014

FROM: 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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
- ☐ 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 ☒, 3/5's ☐, unanimous ☐) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)
12-2-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-1073-14

RESOLUTION WAIVING BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE
OF MEMBERS PRESENT TERM LIMIT RESTRICTION
FOR COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS; AND
REAPPOINTING RICARDO GONZALEZ TO THE FIRE
PREVENTION AND SAFETY APPEALS BOARD

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2010, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 10-06, amending Chapter 2, Section 2-11.38.2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida to permit the waiver of term limits for members of County boards; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-11.38.2 of the Code, no board member shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years on a board unless the Board of County Commissioners, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, votes to waive the eight (8) year term limit; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 14-46(B) of the Code, members on the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board serve for three (3) year terms; and

WHEREAS, Ricardo Gonzalez has served on the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board for more than eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to waive the applicable term limit and reappoint Ricardo Gonzalez to the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board for another three (3) year term; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Ricardo Gonzalez's resumé is attached,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, waives the restriction that a particular member of a board

may not serve more than eight (8) consecutive years on that board, and reappoints Ricardo Gonzalez to an additional three (3) year term as a member of the Fire Prevention and Safety Appeals Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman		aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye
Daniella Levine Cava	aye	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Audrey M. Edmonson	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Dennis C. Moss	absent	Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent
Xavier L. Suarez	aye	Juan C. Zapata	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK



By: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Daniel Frastai

Resume for Ricardo Gonzalez

8611 Dundee Terrace Miami Lakes, Florida 33016

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E-Mail: rgonza@comcast

Objective:

RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY APPEALS BOARD

Experience: (Fire Dept, Related)

2004 - PRESENT (2014) FIRE PLANS EXAMINER

MIAMI DADE COUNTY FIRE DEPT

Miami, FL

Fire Plans Processing of all Commercial Properties: Life Safety Review, Site Plan Review, and Fire Suppression Review.
Special Assignments - Office Work - Complete Computer Skills

1985 - 2004 FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR

HIALEAH FIRE DEPT

Hialeah, FL

Performed duties related to Fire Prevention and Life Safety such as:
Fire Plans Review ALF Inspections
Code Enforcement work Fire Investigations
Day Care & HRS Inspections Hazardous Materials Inspections
Public Education Life Safety Systems Inspections
Certificate of Occupancy Inspections Complaint Inspections
Apartment Building Inspections Occupational License Inspections
Special Assignments Job Interviews

1999 - 2004 1990 - 1997

HIALEAH FIRE DEPT

Hialeah, FL

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE HIALEAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Specialized in the field of Code Enforcement - Performed all Code Enforcement for the Fire Department - Sent out Notices of Violation and Citations - Followed up case until compliance and fine reduction - Presented cases before the Code Enforcement Board and before a Special Master.

1985 - 2004 FIRE PLANS EXAMINER

HIALEAH FIRE DEPT

Hialeah, FL

Reviewed Plans uninterruptedly during all this time - Reviewed plans for the construction of New Buildings, Alterations, Repairs, and Life Safety Systems - Reviewed Site Plans, Plot Plans, & Concurrency Reviews - Served as a Liaison between the City of Hialeah Fire Department, the Building Department, and the Business Community.

2002 - 2004 1997, 1995 - 1986

HIALEAH FIRE DEPT

Hialeah, FL

FIRE INVESTIGATOR

Specialized in this field and performed over 350 structure and vehicle fire investigations - Have testified twice in court as an expert witness and have had several depositions through the years.

Ricardo Gonzalez

Education (Fire Related)	<u>1985 - PRESENT (2014)</u> <u>SEMINARS ATTENDED</u> Florida Have attended numerous seminars through the years dealing with all aspects of Fire Prevention, Code Enforcement, Building Construction, Plans Review, and Arson Investigation in order to maintain my certifications up to date every 3 years. <u>2002</u> <u>FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, INC.</u> Orlando, Fl. Obtained required re-certification in Level II <u>2000</u> <u>FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, INC.</u> Orlando, Fl. Obtained Code Enforcement Level II Certification <u>1998</u> <u>FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, INC.</u> Orlando, Fl. Obtained Code Enforcement Level I Certification <u>1991 - 1993</u> <u>MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE</u> Miami, Fl. Obtained Associates Degree in Fire Science <u>1989</u> <u>ALCOHOL, TABACCO, & FIREARMS SCHOOL</u> Glyneo, Ga. Attended Arson for Profit Investigation classes provided by the U.S. Department Of the Treasury. <u>1985</u> <u>MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE</u> Miami, Fl. Obtained the Life Safety Inspector Certification
Education (Non Fire Related)	<u>1978</u> <u>STAN FRIEDMAN REAL ESTATE SCHOOL</u> North Miami, Fl. Obtained Florida Real Estate Broker's License - Presently active as a part time Broker Salesman <u>1977</u> <u>STAN FRIEDMAN REAL ESTATE SCHOOL</u> North Miami, Fl. Obtained Florida Real Estate Salesman's License - Currently active <u>1966 - 1969</u> <u>BURNSIDE-OTT FLIGHT TRAINING SCHOOL</u> Opalocka, Fl. Obtained Private and Commercial Single Engine Land Flying license - Performed some Instrument and Simulator Training <u>1966 - 1968</u> <u>MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE</u> Miami, Fl. Attended for 2 years - Aeronautical Studies
Committees (Fire Dept. Related)	<u>1999 - PRESENT (2014)</u> <u>MIAMI DADE COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY APPEALS BOARD</u> Co-Chair - Meets every other month to hear and resolve Life Safety issues throughout all of the municipalities in Miami Dade County. <u>1998 - 2004</u> <u>FIRE LIFE SAFETY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE</u> Committee member - met monthly to resolve Life Safety issues that deal with the construction of any structure within the envelope of the Metro Rail Transit System. <u>1996 - 1997</u> <u>SOUTH FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE REWRITE COMMITTEE</u> Co-Chair - Met weekly to revise the South Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Ricardo Gonzalez

Organizations (Fire Related)

1985 - PRESENT (2014)

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION - (NFFA)

Receive Literature on all up to date fire related issues and code interpretations. Provide annual on going seminars on Life Safety related issues in order to maintain current with the new codes.

2004 - PRESENT (2014)

FLORIDA FIRE MARSHAL'S AND INSPECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

Provide seminars on all fire related items

1998 - 2004

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, INC.

Receive literature on all up to date Code Enforcement related issues on cases throughout the State of Florida. Provide annual meetings and continuing education seminars. Have received 2 levels of certification.

1995 - 2004

FLORIDA FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Monthly meetings of Inspectors throughout the County -- Discussed current Life Safety and Code Enforcement issues throughout South Florida. Provided guest speakers on fire related issues.

2003 - 2004

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE INVESTIGATORS

Provide seminars dealing with fire investigations

1987 - 1991

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS

Was an active member of the organization. Attended several seminars and received annual fire investigation literature

Active Licenses & Certifications (Fire Related)

LIFE SAFETY INSPECTOR

Obtained State License in 1985 and have maintained active by way of attending seminars for re-certification renewals.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, INC

Have attained both Level I and Level II certifications

References

FIRE CHIEF HERMINIO LORENZO

Past Fire Chief of the following Cities and Counties: Miami Dade County, Broward County, City Of Hollywood Florida, and City of Hialeah, Florida.

CAPTAIN TONY TOLA

In charge of Fire Engineering in Miami Dade County

LT. DANIEL GAINES

Supervisor in the Fire Engineering Department in Miami Dade County

LT. RAY PEREZ

Current Fire Marshal for the City of Hialeah

LT. MARK RAMIREZ

Past Fire Marshal for the City of Hialeah

LT. BRUCE WARD

Past Fire Marshal for the City of Hialeah. Currently the Deputy Fire Chief & Fire Marshal for the City of Oakland Park, Florida

Ricardo Gonzalez

Civic Organizations

1998 - 2010

HIALEAH PAN AMERICAN LIONS CLUB

Charter member of the club. Have served in the following capacities: Zone Chairman, Director, President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. The goal of the organization is to provide assistance to those individuals less fortunate than ourselves, such as: The Blind, Diabetic Children, Hearing Impaired, Etc.