

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)

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

DATE: October 3, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution amending Miami-Dade County Resolution No. R-1236-99 relating to intergovernmental activity by entities that represent Miami-Dade County at the state or federal level to authorize the Chairperson of the Board to approve County subcontractors for lobbying or representation at the state or federal level; delegating authority to the Chairperson of the Board subject to certain limitations to increase amounts of contracts for lobbying or representation at the state or federal level to account for the addition of subcontractor firms and authorizing the County Mayor to execute applicable contract amendments; directing the County Mayor to include any necessary language reflecting the policies set forth in this resolution in all future federal and state lobbying requests for qualification, other procurement documents as applicable, contracts, and renewals; and requiring a report

Resolution No. R-904-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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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RESOLUTION NO. **R-904-23**

RESOLUTION AMENDING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. R-1236-99 RELATING TO
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY BY ENTITIES THAT
REPRESENT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AT THE STATE OR
FEDERAL LEVEL TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE
COUNTY SUBCONTRACTORS FOR LOBBYING OR
REPRESENTATION AT THE STATE OR FEDERAL LEVEL;
DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUBJECT TO
CERTAIN LIMITATIONS TO INCREASE AMOUNTS OF
CONTRACTS FOR LOBBYING OR REPRESENTATION AT
THE STATE OR FEDERAL LEVEL TO ACCOUNT FOR THE
ADDITION OF SUBCONTRACTOR FIRMS AND
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE APPLICABLE
CONTRACT AMENDMENTS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY
MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INCLUDE
ANY NECESSARY LANGUAGE REFLECTING THE POLICIES
SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION IN ALL FUTURE
FEDERAL AND STATE LOBBYING REQUESTS FOR
QUALIFICATION, OTHER PROCUREMENT DOCUMENTS
AS APPLICABLE, CONTRACTS, AND RENEWALS; AND
REQUIRING A REPORT

WHEREAS, given the impact of state and federal legislation on our residents, this Board
finds it is critically important that the County have an adequate number of lobbyists representing
the County at the state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Resolution No. R-1236-99 requires, in relevant part,
that “[a]ll County contracts and subcontracts for lobbying or representation at the state or federal
level and/or all individuals and firms hired to represent the County on intergovernmental issues
shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners”; and

WHEREAS, in some instances, the County's contract lobbyists may require the specialized expertise of a subcontractor to best represent the County's interests at the state or federal level; and

WHEREAS, currently, the County's contract lobbyists are permitted to subcontract portions of services provided to the County provided that the contractor does not award any subcontract to a person, firm, or corporation disapproved by the County; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate the expeditious nature of intergovernmental issues, this Board desires to amend Resolution No. R-1236-99 to authorize the Chairperson of the Board, after consultation with the County Attorney, to approve County subcontractors as necessary and on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, additionally, to ensure that approved subcontractor firms added to lobbying contracts can begin working as quickly as possible on the County's priorities at the state and federal levels this Board desires to delegate authority to the Chairperson of the Board to increase the contract amount to account for the addition of approved subcontractor firms,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. This Board amends Miami-Dade County Resolution No. R-1236-99 relating to intergovernmental activity by entities that represent Miami-Dade County at the state or federal level to authorize the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners (the "Chairperson of the Board") after consultation with the County Attorney to approve County subcontractors for lobbying or representation at the state or federal level.

Section 3. This Board delegates authority to the Chairperson of the Board to increase the amounts of contracts for lobbying or representation at the state or federal level to account for the addition of subcontractor firms to lobbying contracts subject to sufficient legally available and allocated funding in the County budget to increase the contract amounts. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is authorized to execute applicable contract amendments. A report sponsored by the Chairperson shall be prepared for the Board's review following the addition of any subcontractor firms to lobbying contracts, and which details the amount the subcontractor firm will be paid, the name of the subcontractor firm, and which lobbying or representation entity hired the subcontractor firm.

Section 4. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to include any necessary language reflecting the policies set forth in this resolution in all future federal and state lobbying requests for qualification, other procurement documents as applicable, contracts, and renewals.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** , who moved its adoption. The motion as seconded by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** 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	absent
Roberto J. Gonzalez	nay	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	nay
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of October, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters "JMM" in a stylized, cursive font.

Jess M. McCarty
Javier Zapata
Eduardo W. Gonzalez