

## **MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** December 3, 2024

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County Mayor to conduct a study and provide a report to this Board regarding the feasibility of creating a new airport capable of accommodating cargo, commercial passenger, and general aviation operations within the County's airport system

Resolution No. R-1096-24

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.

  
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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 \_\_\_\_, majority plus one \_\_\_\_, 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) \_\_\_\_, 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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

12-3-24

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-1096-24

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THIS BOARD REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A NEW AIRPORT CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING CARGO, COMMERCIAL PASSENGER, AND GENERAL AVIATION OPERATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY’S AIRPORT SYSTEM

**WHEREAS**, Miami International Airport (“MIA”) is the leading economic engine for Miami-Dade County, generating an economic impact of billions of dollars and supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs annually in our community, and the County’s General Aviation Airports are also significant economic engines; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial passenger and cargo operations in the County, and particularly, at MIA, have experienced explosive growth over the past several years, and are projected to continue to grow in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that the County be proactive in planning to capture the economic opportunities brought by such continued expected growth; and

**WHEREAS**, a new airport capable of accommodating cargo, commercial passenger, and general aviation operations would help the County stay future-ready to facilitate the continued expected growth of its aviation industry and the economic opportunities that would result from such growth; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board accordingly desires to explore the feasibility of the County creating a new airport capable of supporting cargo, commercial passenger, and general aviation operations,

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

**Section 1.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s Designee to conduct a study and provide a report to this Board regarding the feasibility of creating a new airport capable of accommodating cargo, commercial passenger, and general aviation operations within the County’s Airport System. Such report shall include, at a minimum, the following information: (i) the identification of land where such airport could be created, including but not limited to current General Aviation Airports in the County’s Airport system; (ii) potential funding sources for such airport; (iii) the potential economic impact, including job creation, that the creation of such airport would have on the County’s economy; and (iv) any potential impediments to the creation of such new airport.

**Section 2.** Such report shall be prepared within 90 days from the effective date of this Resolution and placed on an agenda of the full Board, without committee review, pursuant to Rule 5.06(j) of the Board’s Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. It was offered by Commissioner **Kevin Marino Cabrera** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Juan Carlos Bermudez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2024. 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, appearing to read "RCZ".

Ryan C. Zagare