

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

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

DATE: January 22, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to take all appropriate action to help bring the Organization of American States (OAS) headquarters to Miami-Dade County, including, if necessary, negotiating an agreement with the OAS for this Board's review and to provide a report

Resolution No. R-84-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.


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
Veto _____
Override _____

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1-22-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-84-25

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION TO HELP BRING THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) HEADQUARTERS TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, INCLUDING, IF NECESSARY, NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OAS FOR THIS BOARD'S REVIEW AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, the Organization of American States (OAS), a regional organization comprised of the independent countries of the Americas, was established in 1948 to advance peace, security, democracy, and human rights among its 35 member states; and

WHEREAS, the OAS plays a crucial role in fostering economic development, strengthening regional cooperation, and addressing pressing challenges such as migration, climate change, and inequality in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, currently, the organization is headquartered in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County (the County), with its strategic location as a gateway to the Americas, provides unparalleled access to the diverse cultures, economies, and leadership of the hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, the County's international transportation hubs would facilitate connectivity to OAS member states; and

WHEREAS, the County is home to people from all over the Americas; and

WHEREAS, these factors, as well as the County's commitment to global collaboration, align with the mission of the OAS, making the County an ideal location for the OAS's headquarters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to take all appropriate action to help bring the OAS headquarters to Miami-Dade County, including, if necessary, negotiating an agreement with the OAS for this Board's review. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a report to this Board within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution detailing its efforts with the OAS and shall place the completed report 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 Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** , 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of January, 2025. 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.

SMG

Sophia Guzzo