

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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

DATE: February 19, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution waiving, by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board of County Commissioners, the resident-elector requirement of section 2-11.38 of the Code and appointing Brian Rappaport to the Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) for a three-year term

Resolution No. R-184-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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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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2-19-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-184-25

RESOLUTION WAIVING, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE RESIDENT-ELECTOR REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 2-11.38 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND APPOINTING BRIAN RAPPAPORT TO THE BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS (BORA) FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM

WHEREAS, the Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) is the Miami-Dade County construction regulation board entrusted with overseeing the uniform enforcement of the Building Code and maintaining the proper standard of construction throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, section 8-4 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”), provides that the 19 members of BORA represent various disciplines, trades, professions, and interest groups related to the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, under section 8-4 of the Code, the members of BORA are nominated and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, with each district commissioner selecting one member of BORA and the remaining six members to be nominated and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Code provides that one of the members of BORA shall be a representative of the South Florida Building Trades Council; and

WHEREAS, the BORA seat to be held by a representative of the South Florida Building Trades Council is currently vacant, and the South Florida Building Trades Council has, by letter attached hereto as exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, recommended Brian Rappaport for appointment to that seat; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that Brian Rappaport, whose resume is attached hereto as exhibit 2 and incorporated herein by reference, meets the qualifications set forth in section 8-4 of the Code to serve as a member of BORA as a representative of the South Florida Building Trades Council; and

WHEREAS, section 2-11.38 of the Code provides that “[a]ll members of County boards shall be permanent residents and electors of Miami-Dade County unless the Board of County Commissioners, by a two-thirds vote of its membership, waives this requirement”; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding his residency in Broward County, Brian Rappaport would be an asset to BORA; and

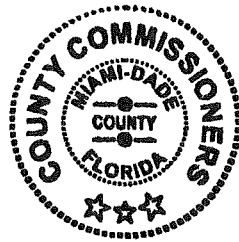
WHEREAS, this Board therefore desires to waive the resident-elect requirement of section 2-11.38 to allow this Board to appoint Brian Rappaport for a three-year term as one of the six members of BORA appointed by the Board as a whole and as a representative of the South Florida Building Trades Council,

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 its membership, hereby waives the resident-elect requirement of section 2-11.38 of the Code and appoints Brian Rappaport to the Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) for a three-year term as one of the six members of BORA appointed by the Board as a whole and as a representative of the South Florida Building Trades Council.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. It was offered by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** 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 19th day of February, 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.

CJW

Christopher J. Wahl

Exhibit 1



South Florida Building & Construction Trades Council
North America's Building Trades Unions

Mark Schaunaman
IUOE Local 487

Kenneth Scott
UA Local 725

Danniel Villarruel, Rec.
Sec. Tres.
SMW Local 32

Greg Levenson, Trustee
IUEC Local 71

John Sherman
Teamster Local 769

Miguel Aragon, Trustees
LIUNA Local 1652

Jeffery Penniston,
Sergeant of Arms
UA Local 519

January 6, 2025

Miami Dade County
Rules and Appeals (BORA)
11805 S.W. 26th St. Rm. 230
Miami, FL 33175

Re: Brian Rappaport

Dear Chairperson Crow and Board Members,

It is my pleasure and honor to recommend the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) member Brian Rappaport to the BORA Board. Mr. Rappaport has over three decades of experience in the construction industry.

He is a long-time member of the South Florida Building & Construction Trades Council, and his leadership, knowledge and ethics is highly valued. I believe his experience, demeanor, would make him an excellent addition to BORA.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Schaunaman
President

Value on Display. EVERY DAY.

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Brian Rappaport

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09/19/2024

Board of Rules and Appeals Miami Dade County,

Please accept this letter as my notice of interest in appointment to the Board of Rules and Appeals.

As a native to Miami Dade County I wish to continue to serve the community sharing my experience and knowledge as an electrical professional. My experience as a County Inspector as well as a Qualifier and Contractor gives me a unique opportunity to see issues from both sides. I hope I can be of service to the board. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,
Brian Rappaport

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Rappaport', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

BRIAN RAPPAPORT

RESUME

954-410-5870
GATORRAPP@HOTMAIL.COM

OBJECTIVE

Continue to serve the construction industry as an electrical professional sharing my knowledge and experience gained locally since 1984.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Electrical Contractor EC13011084 (inactive)

Certified Electrical Inspector BN1300

Miami-Dade Master Electrician

EXPERIENCE

1999-2024	Electrical Qualifier: Miami Dade Water & Sewer Department Supervised and oversaw electrical operations at Miami Dade Water & Sewer Department. Headed SCADA Department
1995-1999	Plant Electrician Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department Worked on Water & Sewer Facilities throughout the County.
1993-1995	Electrical Inspector: Miami Dade County Inspected commercial and residential buildings for compliance with National and local applicable codes.
1984-1993	Journeyman electrician for various contractors throughout Dade County Worked on commercial and hospital construction
2002-2016	FIU: Labor Studies including labor management and dispute resolution and Leadership Development
January 2010	University of Miami : Leadership Institute
August 1999	University of Tennessee NECA- IBEW National Instructor Training Institute Comprehensive 5 semester program training construction professionals varied and accepted methods of instructing and teaching
1984-1987	Miami Joint Electrical Apprenticeship and Training Committee Federally recognized apprenticeship program from NECA and the IBEW

ORGANIZATIONS

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers : Treasurer and President during past 40 years
MJEATC Instructor for 15 years on electrical studies and continuing education seminars.