

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez and Members, Board of County Commissioners	DATE:	Agenda Item No. 7(A) (Second Reading: 3-18-25) February 19, 2025
FROM:	Geri Bonzon-Keenan County Attorney	SUBJECT:	Ordinance relating to the Public Health Trust; approving staggered tenure expiration dates of certain trustees

Ordinance No. 25-24

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: March 18, 2025

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Fiscal Impact Statement for Ordinance Relating to PHT – Approving Staggered Tenure
Expiration Dates

The proposed Ordinance amends Section 25A-3(e) of the Code to allow for staggered tenure expirations for certain members of the Board of Trustees of the Public Health Trust. The approval of this Ordinance will not have a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County.

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Carladenise Edwards
Chief Administrative Officer

Memorandum



Date: March 18, 2025

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Social Equity Statement for Ordinance Relating to Stagger Trustee Expiration Dates to Ensure Continuity

This Ordinance seeks to stagger the tenure expiration dates of certain trustees of the Public Health Trust to ensure continuity in governance.

The implementation of this Ordinance could provide a social benefit to the residents of Miami-Dade County by ensuring there is an orderly succession of trustees whose term has come to an end as well as safeguarding the institutional knowledge and continuity of the Board of Trustees. Through these efforts the Trust would ensure effective governance is provided which could result in continued quality medical care to those served by Jackson Health System.

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Carladenise Edwards
Chief Administrative Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: March 18, 2025

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 7(A)

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 7(A)
3-18-25

ORDINANCE NO. 25-24

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST;
APPROVING STAGGERED TENURE EXPIRATION DATES
OF CERTAIN TRUSTEES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY,
EXCLUSION FROM THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 25A-3(e) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”), voting Trustees of the Board of Trustees of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County Florida (“Public Health Trust”) who are appointed by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners shall serve staggered terms of three years each, and shall be permitted to serve no more than two consecutive and complete terms; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2026, four such voting Trustees will reach their maximum years of service limitations under the Code, which will result in the simultaneous departure of a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. PHT-10/2024-053, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference (“Attachment 1”), directing the Chief Executive Officer of the Public Health Trust to seek approval of this item; and

WHEREAS, in order to establish an orderly succession plan and preserve the institutional memory of its Board of Trustees, the Public Health Trust desires that Trustees serve staggered terms in accordance with the requirements of section 25A-3(e) of the Code,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Notwithstanding the tenure limit requirements of section 25A-3(e) of the Code, this Board hereby approves the staggered tenure expirations set forth below as of the effective date of this ordinance. Except as set forth below, maximum years of service limitations shall continue to be governed by section 25A-3(e) of the Code.

Trustee	Tenure Termination Date
Amadeo Lopez Castro III	May 31, 2027
Carmen Sabater	May 31, 2028
Antonio L. Argiz	May 31, 2029

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall be excluded from the Code of Miami-Dade County.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

March 18, 2025

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:



Prepared by:



Christopher C. Kokoruda
Kevin Marker

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez

RESOLUTION NO. PHT 10/2024 - 053

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MODIFY
THE TERMS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS IN ORDER TO CREATE
STAGGERED BOARD MEMBER TERMS OF SERVICE**

*(Carlos A. Migoya, President and Chief Executive Officer,
Jackson Health System)*

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25A-3(e) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "Code"), voting members of the Board of Trustees of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County Florida ("Public Health Trust"), who are appointed by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, shall serve staggered terms of three years each, and shall be permitted to serve no more than two consecutive and complete terms; and

WHEREAS, in 2026 four such voting members will reach their maximum years of service permitted under the Code, resulting in the simultaneous departure of a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, in order to align with governance best practices and avoid unreasonable disruption to operations, the Public Health Trust desires that members serve staggered terms in accordance with the recommendations in the memorandum attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to direct staff to pursue all required approvals from the Board of County Commissioners to accomplish same,

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

Section 1. This Board hereby approves the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. This Board directs the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to seek all necessary approvals from the Board of County Commissioners, or to take any other necessary actions, to accomplish the purpose of this Resolution.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Mojdeh L. Khaghan and the motion was seconded by Senator Alexis Calatayud as follows:

Amadeo Lopez-Castro, III	Aye
Carmen M. Sabater	Aye
Antonio L. Argiz	Excused
Senator Alexis Calatayud	Aye
Laurie Weiss Nuell	Aye
Walter T. Richardson	Aye
Mojdeh Khaghan	Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution as duly passed and adopted this 30th, day of October 2024.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____



Laurie Weiss Nuell, Secretary

Approved by the ~~Miami-Dade County~~ Attorney's Office as to form
And legal sufficiency _____



TO: Amadeo Lopez-Castro III, Chairman
and Members, Public Health Trust Board of Trustees

FROM: Carlos A. Migoya
President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: October 30, 2024

RE: Recommending Staggered Expiration Dates for Board of Trustees Members

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees direct the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to seek approval from the Board of County Commissioners to modify the terms of three current Trust board members in order to achieve staggered expiration dates.

Scope

The proposed amendment would apply to three Public Health Trust Board of Trustees.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this change.

Background

In 2013, as part of the sunset of the Financial Recovery Board, the Trust Board was reestablished with seven members. Five members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), one by the Miami-Dade County Mayor, and one by the Miami-Dade Delegation. Initially, two board members were appointed to serve up to two three-year terms, and three members were to serve up to three two-year terms. In 2018, the bylaws were amended, requiring all five BCC-appointed members to serve up to two three-year terms.

Four current board members' terms will expire in 2026. This could result in the loss of critical institutional knowledge, as a significant portion of the board would transition at the same time. Governance best practices urge a more gradual turnover process during normal operations, allowing for a steady blend of historical experience and fresh perspective.

To address this concern, staff recommends staggering the terms of three current board members. This adjustment would help mitigate the risk of losing valuable expertise simultaneously and create a more sustainable long-term schedule. Based upon the experience of most board members fully serving their terms since 2013, this recommendation can be expected to stabilize the turnover for the foreseeable future.

Given the complexity of operating one of the largest public hospital systems in the nation, and the largest in the State of Florida, it often takes many months, if not years, for board members to fully grasp the intricacies of this organization. Therefore, we believe it is in the best interest of Jackson and the community to stagger the terms of three board members, ensuring a continuity of knowledge and leadership.

Trustee	Tenure Began	Current Tenure Termination Date	Proposed Tenure Termination Date
Amadeo Lopez-Castro, III	1/29/2019	5/31/2026	5/31/2027
Carmen Sabater	6/2/2020	5/31/2026	5/31/2028
Anthony Argiz	6/2/2020	5/31/2026	5/31/2029