

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(23)

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

DATE: February 19, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for the Biscayne Bay
Water Quality Analytic Solution
Member Project

Resolution No. R-201-25

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



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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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2-19-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-201-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE BISCAYNE BAY WATER
QUALITY ANALYTIC SOLUTION MEMBER PROJECT

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay is a fundamental component of the environment, economy, and culture of Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay's water quality is a critical concern of this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board's efforts to protect Biscayne Bay include, among other things, the establishment of the Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has an extensive record of legislating in support of Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, for example, the Florida Legislature has supported the County's efforts to protect Biscayne Bay by establishing the Biscayne Bay Commission and appropriating funding for protection efforts through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Biscayne Bay Water Quality Improvement Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, one initiative that the County is currently pursuing to improve Biscayne Bay's water quality is the development of a new data analytics dashboard capable of integrating and analyzing various large water quality data sets (i.e., the Biscayne Bay Water Quality Analytic Solution); and

WHEREAS, Representative Demi Busatta Cabrera (R – Coral Gables) has submitted an Appropriations Project Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (the form number for which is pending), which requested \$1,000,000.00 for the Biscayne Bay Water Quality Analytic Solution; and

WHEREAS, this Board therefore wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to provide funding for the Biscayne Bay Water Quality Analytic Solution,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the Biscayne Bay Water Quality Analytic Solution member project.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2025 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "CJF", is written over a horizontal line.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes