

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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

DATE: March 4, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing the
Honorable Nushin Sayfie,
Gustavo Cruz, Claudio Perez,
William Delaney, Alfredo
Hernandez, Michelle Fernandez,
Susan Holtzman, Carolyn
Acosta, Dr. Joseph Poitier, and
Luis Espinosa to the Miami-Dade
County Behavioral Health
Advisory Board

Resolution No. R-254-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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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3-4-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-254-25

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE HONORABLE NUSHIN SAYFIE, GUSTAVO CRUZ, CLAUDIO PEREZ, WILLIAM DELANEY, ALFREDO HERNANDEZ, MICHELLE FERNANDEZ, SUSAN HOLTZMAN, CAROLYN ACOSTA, DR. JOSEPH POITIER, AND LUIS ESPINOSA TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, this Board authorized the creation of the Miami-Dade County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (“BHAB”) on February 6, 2024, through approval of Ordinance No. 24-8, which is codified in Article XLV of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the BHAB was established, in part, as a mechanism to expand, facilitate and streamline the provision of behavioral health services throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, when fully appointed, there will be 23 members on the BHAB; and

WHEREAS, said membership includes representatives from the public and private sector whose personal or professional experiences with behavioral health disorders give them a perspective that will help inform the decisions of the BHAB; and

WHEREAS, although a majority of BHAB members who represent public agencies have been appointed, the representatives who must be appointed by this Board are still pending; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to make its appointments to the BHAB so that the BHAB may begin to address the arduous and laudable goal of helping to create a coordinated system of care and ensure that quality behavioral health services are available in the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board waives the requirements of Resolution No. R-636-14 as it applies to the appointment of Miami-Dade County employee Gustavo Cruz and appoints the individuals identified below to serve on the Miami-Dade County Behavioral Health Advisory Board in the membership categories specified in section 2-427 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and provided herein for four-year terms:

- (a) Honorable Nushin Sayfie, Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, as the representative from the judicial system;
- (b) Gustavo Cruz as the representative involved with veteran services;
- (c) Claudio Perez and William Delaney as representatives from two different behavioral health service providers licensed in Florida and representing the field of psychiatry, behavioral health or medical health;
- (d) Alfredo Hernandez and Michelle Fernandez as representatives who are diagnosed with or suffering from a behavioral health disorder;
- (e) Susan Holtzman and Carolyn Acosta as representatives who are family members of people diagnosed with or suffering from a behavioral health disorder;
- (f) Dr. Joseph Poitier as the representative who is a subject matter expert in the field of behavioral health sciences; and
- (g) Luis Espinosa as the representative who has expertise in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. It was offered by
Commissioner **Sen. René García** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by
Commissioner **Micky Steinberg** 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	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	absent	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	absent	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of March, 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 black ink, appearing to be "SG", is written over a horizontal line.

Shanika A. Graves