

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)

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


DATE: May 6, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing James
“Jim” Murley to the Miami-Dade
County Biscayne Bay Watershed
Management Advisory Board for
a four-year term

Resolution No. R-426-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Micky Steinberg.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Appointment to the Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board of
James “Jim” Murley

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners appoint James “Jim” Murley, to the Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board as board member representing the Miami River Commission.

Scope

The recommendations and actions of the Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board have countywide impact.

Delegation of Authority

The proposed resolution does not delegate authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact associated with appointing James “Jim” Murley to the Advisory Board. The primary cost of the Advisory Board is staff time by the County’s Office of Environmental Risk and Resilience and technical and professional staff throughout County departments, who also provide necessary support.

Track Record/Monitor

The Advisory Board is staffed by the Office of Environmental Risk and Resilience. Technical and professional staff from the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Division of Environmental Resources and Management (DERM), and Water and Sewer Department (WASD) provide technical information regarding projects aimed at reducing pollution and nutrients in the bay on a regular basis.

Background

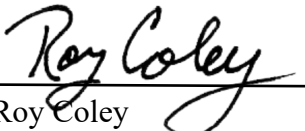
The Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board (Advisory Board) was created by the Board of County Commissioners, through Ordinance No. 21-72, as recommended by the Biscayne Bay Task Force. The Advisory Board was created by newly enacted Article CLXIV of Chapter 2, Sections 2-2420 to 2-2426 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code) as a permanent board established to advise the Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”) and the County Mayor on issues related to Biscayne Bay, including,

but not limited to, (1) the long-term management of Biscayne Bay, (2) health of the marine community, (3) run-off and other impacts to water quality, (4) marine debris, (5) education and outreach, (6) economic development and vitality related to Biscayne Bay, and (7) how conditions in Biscayne Bay may affect residents and property owners. These recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners will be used to update chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County to incorporate the findings of the Biscayne Bay Watershed Plan and prioritize projects to improve the water quality of Biscayne Bay. In addition, the advisory board provides a local perspective on Biscayne Bay problems, issues, and solutions.

The Miami River Commission

The Miami River Commission has recommended James “Jim” Murley for appointment. Correspondence from the Miami River Commission and the resume of the nominee are included in Attachment A.

Attachment

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Roy Coley
Chief Utilities and Regulatory Services Officer

Miami River Commission



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October 31, 2024

Re: Appointing Jim Murley to Volunteer as the Miami River Commission's Representative on Miami Dade County's Biscayne Bay Watershed Advisory Board

On behalf of the Miami River Commission (MRC), I appoint MRC Vice Chairman Jim Murley to volunteer as the Miami River Commission's representative on Miami Dade County's Biscayne Bay Watershed Advisory Board (BBWAB). As you recall Mr. Murley recently retired after years working as Miami Dade County's Director of Resilience, a critical position for our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank MRC Managing Director Brett Bibeau for honorably representing the MRC on the BBWAB from 2021- 2024. As Mr. Murley is recently retired he has more time to dedicate to the difficult task of improving Biscayne Bay, as MRC Director Bibeau's schedule is full focusing on improving the Miami River.

I appreciate your time and support for the Miami River District.

Sincerely,

Horacio Stuart Aguirre
Chairman,
Miami River Commission

Policy Committee:

Governor of State of Florida
Mr. Ron DeSantis
Designee: Ms. Patricia Harris

Chair of Miami-Dade Delegation

Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez
Designee: Senator Ileana Garcia

Chair of Governing Board of South Florida Water Management District

Mr. Chancey Goss
Designee: Mr. Scott Wagner

Miami-Dade State Attorney

Ms. Katherine Fernandez-Rundle
Designee: Mr. William Gonzalez

Mayor of Miami-Dade County

Mayor Daniella Levine Cava
Designee: Mr. Jim Murley

City of Miami Mayor

Mayor Francis Suarez
Designee: Ms. Megan Kelly

City of Miami Commissioner

Commissioner Miguel Angel Gabela
Designee: Ms. Betty Hermida

Miami-Dade County Commissioner

Commissioner Eileen Higgins
Designee: Mr. Eddie Marti Kring

Chair of Miami River Marine Group

Mr. Bruce Brown
Designee: Mr. Richard Dubin

Chair of Marine Council

Mr. Michael Karcher
Designee: Mr. Phil Everingham

Executive Director of Downtown Development Authority

Ms. Christina Crespi
Designee: Mr. Neal Schafers

Chair of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Alfred Sanchez
Designee: Mr. Agustin Barrera

Neighborhood Representative Appointed by City of Miami Commission

Ms. Eileen Broton

Neighborhood Representative Appointed by Miami-Dade Commission

Ms. Theodora Long
Designee: Mr. Barrett Long

Representative from Environmental or Civic Organization Appointed by the Governor

Mr. Horacio Stuart Aguirre

Member at Large Appointed by the Governor

Mr. Luis Garcia
Designee: Mr. John Michael Cornell

Member at Large Appointed by Miami-Dade Commission

Ms. Sara Babun
Designee: Mr. Alvaro Coradin

Member at Large Appointed by City of Miami Commission

Mr. T. Spencer Crowley III
Designee: Mr. Mike Simpson

Managing Director

Mr. Brett Bibeau

JAMES F. MURLEY

RESUME



SUMMARY

I have spent over four decades working on public policy issues important to Florida. He was the founding Executive Director of 1000 Friends of Florida, a statewide not-for-profit focused on sound community planning and protection of natural resources. I served as Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs under Governor Lawton Chiles working on comprehensive planning, economic development, energy and emergency management issues. I have served on various state commissions including the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Florida Communities Trust and served three years as the Chair of the Florida Energy and Climate Commission. I have spent over 10 years with Florida Atlantic University overseeing research on urban and environmental issues. I served as Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council and served as the Chief Resilience Officer for Miami-Dade County. I worked on the forefront of sustainability and climate change issues and has helped author sections of the 2014 National Climate Assessment. Graduate of Leadership Florida and a Fellow in the National Academy for Public Administration.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Appointed the Miami-Dade County's first Chief Resilience Officer in 2015. In that position coordinated with the County's thirty municipalities in Greater Miami and the Beaches partnership. The partnership launched the Resilient305 Strategy in May 2019. In June 2019 Miami-Dade County became a community partner with the new Adrienne Arsht Rockefeller Foundation Center for Resilience. In his capacity as County Chief Resilience Officer, Murley oversees work on adaptation to sea level rise and instituting action to improve energy efficiency and conservation.

In 2020, newly elected Mayor Daniella Levine Cava moved the Office of Resilience, so it reports directly to the Office of the Mayor. As a member of the Mayor's Cabinet, oversaw restoration efforts for Biscayne Bay, implementation of the Extreme Heat Strategic Action Plan, development of a Zero Waste Management Plan and County interactions with the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Served as the Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council, and formed the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, a collaborative regional planning activity funded by a three- year, \$4.25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Partnership is a collaboration of the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils in cooperation with over 200 public, private, not-for-profit and civic organizations covering a geographic area from Key West to Vero Beach and representing a population of over 6.2 million people. The final Regional Prosperity Plan (www.seven50report.org) identifies key urban and natural system priorities.

From 1999 to 2011, served in various positions at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). 2009, appointed Assistant Dean for External Relations for the College for Design and Social Inquiry at FAU. Responsibilities included working with the Dean, faculty and students to further their involvement in civic activities throughout the South Florida region and educating public and private leaders on the resources available at the College. In addition, served as Senior Advisor for Energy and Climate Change with the Florida Center for Environmental Studies, College of Science. In that capacity he assisted the University's interdisciplinary initiatives in climate change adaptation and offshore renewable energy.

In 1999 appointed as Director of the FAU's Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions (CUES). With the support of the National Commission on Energy Policy (NCEP) the Center produced a study entitled "Florida Resilient Coasts: A Statewide Policy Framework for Adapting to Climate Change." The Center completed a sequel study entitled "Southeast Florida's Resilient Water Resources: Adaptation to Sea Level Rise and other impacts from Climate Change." The Center also conducted a five-year program of applied regional research with support of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

1987, hired as Executive Director for 1000 Friends of Florida, a not-for-profit public interest group that works to promote sensible planning, economic development and environmental preservation.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS

Fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration. Served on several study panels for the Academy including reviews of the National Marine Sanctuary Program and a three-year study for the Environmental Protection Agency on how issues of environmental justice are addressed at the federal, state and local government levels. Recently, participated on an Academy panel requested by the United States Congress to review the proposed National Climate Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Department of Commerce.

Served on several organizations focused on finding solutions to climate change challenges facing Florida. In 2008 appointed by Governor Charlie Crist as the first Chair of the Florida Energy and Climate Commission. The Commission was charged with implementing over \$180 million in federal economic recovery funds from the United States Department of Energy. Serves as Mayor Cava's designee and Vice Chair of the Miami River Commission.

In 2001, received Florida Ocean Alliance's initial Ocean Champion award presented by Jean-Michael Cousteau of the Ocean Futures Society.

Member of the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) from 1983 – 1987. Appointed Secretary of DCA in 1995, by Governor Lawton Chiles, overseeing the Department's growth management functions, including the Key West and Florida Keys Areas of Critical State Concern. Directed the state emergency management operations during the landfall of four hurricanes in 1998. Directed the Department's housing and urban development programs and served on the Board of Directors for Florida Housing Finance Agency, Florida Communities Trust, the South Walton County Conservation and Development Trust, and the Conservation Land Advisory Committee.

Served as Chair of the national Board of Directors of the Coastal States Stewardship Foundation (CSSF). The CSSF partners with the Coastal States Organization to provide coastal states with opportunities to engage in public private partnerships and secure nontraditional sources of funding and expertise for their endeavors. Murley serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association, a partnership supporting coastal and ocean observing from North Carolina to Florida.

Received a Bronze Star for Service with the US Army in Vietnam.

PUBLICATIONS

As Member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Ocean Alliance (FOA), contributed to several FOA reports including a July 2009 report, "Moving Ahead: The Next Step in Ocean Management in Florida", calling for improved management of Florida's ocean and coastal resources. In 2011, the FOA released a follow up report at their annual Florida Oceans Day entitled, "Oceans of Opportunity: Managing the Uses of Florida's Ocean Spaces."

EDUCATION

Alumnus of Leadership Florida, Class IX and named to both the Achievement and Athletic Halls of Fame of Chagrin Falls, Ohio High School Alumni organization. Graduated with a BA degree in history from Denison

University in Ohio and a JD in land use and environmental law from
George Washington University in Washington, D.C.



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
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DATE: May 6, 2025

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)

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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5-6-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-426-25

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES “JIM” MURLEY TO THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BISCAYNE BAY WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR
TERM

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board appoints James “Jim” Murley, as recommended by the Miami River Commission, to the Miami-Dade County Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board to serve a four-year term beginning with the effective date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** 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
Sen. René García	aye	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
District 6 - Vacant			

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 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 "NJB", is written over a horizontal line.

Narinah P. Jean-Baptiste