

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(1)

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

DATE: October 9, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

Resolution No. R-947-25

SUBJECT: Resolution reappointing Dr.
Martin Motes to the Agricultural
Practices Advisory Board

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



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

GBK/uw

Memorandum



Date: October 9, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
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From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Reappointment of One Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Member –
Dr. Martin Motes

Recommendation

The Redland Citizens Association, pursuant to Section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), recommends that Martin Motes be reappointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) as the citizens' association representative. Section 2-935 of the Code requires that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) fill vacancies occurring on the APAB. Pursuant to Section 2-934 of the Code, members of the APAB serve four-year terms commencing upon appointment by the Board.

Scope

The recommendations and actions of the APAB have a 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 to the County.

Track Record/Monitor

The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Planning Division, supports the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Background

The APAB consists of thirteen (13) members representing a variety of agricultural industries:

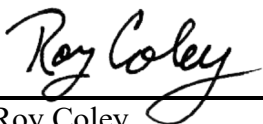
- Two (2) representatives from the Tropical Fruit Crops Industry of Miami-Dade County, one (1) recommended by the Florida Avocado Committee, and one (1) recommended by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc.;
- Two (2) representatives from the nursery industry, recommended by the Miami-Dade County Chapter of the Florida Nursery Growers & Landscape Association;
- Two (2) representatives from the vegetable industry, recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau;

- One (1) representative of the aquaculture industry, recommended by the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida;
- One (1) representative of a citizens' association supportive of agriculture, recommended by the Redland Citizens' Association;
- One (1) representative of allied agribusiness recommended by the Dade Agri Council;
- One (1) representative of agri-banking, agri-financial consulting, or agri-lending recommended by the (South Dade) Chamber of Commerce;
- One (1) representative of Farm Labor, recommended by Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organizations;
- One (1) representative of the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District, recommended by the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District; and
- One (1) at large representative recommended by the Miami-Dade Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Pursuant to Section 2-935 of the Code, each designated organization listed in Section 2-933 of the Code shall submit, for Board review, at least one nominee for their vacant position(s), including the nominee's resume and the minutes of the organization's meeting at which the nominee was selected. The required documentation for Mr. Motes is attached as Exhibit A.

Redland Citizens' Association Representative

Dr. Martin Motes is currently serving as the citizens' association representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and has been nominated by the Redland Citizens' Association to serve a fifth term on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. Dr. Motes is the founder and owner of Motes Orchids. Dr. Motes has undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Miami, a Ph.D. from Miami University and has several years of experience in horticulture. Dr. Motes has served as an editor, chairman, instructor, and international consultant, and has an extensive list of publications primarily regarding orchids. Dr. Motes' resume, nomination letter, and the minutes of the meeting at which he was selected are attached as Exhibit A.



Roy Coley
Chief Utilities and Regulatory Services Officer

Martin R. Motes
Curriculum Vitae

DOB December 23, 1944

Professional

1959	Founded Motes Orchids
1964	AS Miami-Dade Community College - Botany
1966	BA University of Miami - English
1968	MA
1972	PhD Miami University ..
1972-76	Assistant Professor of English, Wright State University
1975-76	Senior Fulbright Lecturer, University of Pristina, Kosovo
1977-79	Adjunct Professor, University of Miami
1977-79	.. Miami Dade Community College
1977-86	Director of Horticulture, Grant Center Hospital
1984	Certified Master of Horticultural Therapy - National Council on Therapy and Rehabilitation (NCTRH)
1985-86	National System Consultant on Horticulture - Hospital Corporation of America
1982-89	Director, South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS)
1984	News Letter Editor, South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS)
1985	Director of Education, SFOS
1986	Vice President SFOS
1989	Secretary, SFOS
1990-91	Chairman of Judging, SFOS
1992	Consultant on BENLATE claims Fla. Dept of Agriculture
	“ ” “ ” Mr. Jerry Eckert
	“ ” “ ” Mr. Chad Whetstone
	“ ” “ ” Jill Sidran
	“ ” “ ” Coqui Nursery
1994	Instructor- Introduction to Orchid Growing- Fairchild Tropical Gardens
1995-Present	Director, Secretary, Vice President, Redland Professional Orchid Grower
1996-97	Chairman Redland International Orchid Festival
1999	“ MIAMI BEACH Orchid Show
1998	Consultant, Palmer Orchids
1999-2001	.. Plants in Design, Orchid Nursery
2000	Chairman of Judging Caracas, Venezuela Orchid Show
2000	Consultant on Landscape Orchids University of Miami Dept. of Architecture
2000	Instructor- Orchid Short Course- Queen Elizabeth II Botanical Gardens Cayman Is.
2000	“Vanda Culture Course Fairchild Tropical Gardens
2000	“ ” “ ” - W. Palm Bch. Cooperative Extension Service

2001 Consultant on Orchids Mr. Jeffery De Mott Ag-Corp
 2002 Consultant on Orchid Damage Sharon Garrett's The Habitat
 2003 Consultant on Orchid Damage Insurance for Agriculture
 2003-Present Hacienda Loma Linda Orchids
 1983- Present Accredited Judge, American Orchid Society
 1977-Present President Motes Orchids Inc.

Publications

1977 Ecological Landscaping for South Florida - *Fairchild Garden Bulletin*
 1978 Landscape Orchids for South Florida " " "
 1979 Encyclia Hybrids - Florida *Orchidist*
 1980 Presentation to National Conference of National Conference Rehabilitation
 through Horticulture
 1981 'Seeing Red- Renanthera and its Hybrids' - *Florida Orchidist*
 1983 'New Vandas in South Florida' " "
 1988 Series of six articles on Vanda - *American Orchid Society Bulletin*
 1989 'Influence of Vanda Species on Modern Hybrids' - World Orchid
 Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
 1990 'Vanda Breeding' - Queensland (Australia) Orchid Short Course
 1991 Speaker," Influence of Vanda species on Modern Hybrids,' Moderator,
 Horticultural Sessions, Asian Pacific Orchid Conference, (APOC) Chaingmai,
 Thailand
 1992 New Vanda Breeding - APOC, Townsville, Queensland
 1993 New Directions in Vanda Breeding -Australian National Orchid
 Congress, Darwin, Australia
 1994 "The Making of Vanda Motes Goldflake" *Orchids*
 1996 "Cultivation of Terete Vandas" "
 1996 "New Directions in Vanda Breeding"- World Orchid Conference, Rio de
 Janeiro
 1997 BOOK: *Vandas: their History, Botany and Culture*, Timber Press
 1997 "The Sweet Smelling Vanda" *Orchid Digest*
 1998 'Low Light, Temperature Tolerant Vandas'- *Orchid Review*
 1999 'Vandas for English Growers'- Royal Horticultural Society lecture, London
 Orchid Show
 1999 'New Vandas'- *Orchid Digest*
 2000 'Judging Vandas' - American Orchid Society *Awards Quarterly*
 2001 Series of six articles 'Breeding with Lesser Known Vandas' - *Orchids*
 2002 Featured Speaker "Vanda Breeding in Florida",
 Moderator of Hybridist's Forum,
 Panel member Commercial Growers Forum,
 World Orchid Conference Shah Alam, Malaya

2002	Speaker "Commercial Production Of Vandas in Florida" Univ. of Florida Orchid Growers Short Course
2002	Featured Speaker Southern Louisiana Orchid Society Orchid Short Course and Show
2002	"The Perfect Parents" <i>Phalaenopsis</i> (Journal of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance)
2004	Speaker "Analysis of Production costs of Florida Grown and Imported Vandas" University of Florida Orchid Short Course
2005	Speaker "Temperature Tolerant Vandas" World Orchid Conference, Dijon
2010	Speaker "In the Footsteps of Rumphius" European Orchid Conference, London
2023	Speaker "A Modern View of the Genus <i>Vanda</i> " APOC, Singapore
2024	Keynote Speaker "New Directions in <i>Vanda</i> Breeding" WOC, Tainan
2025	Speaker Asia Pacific Orchid Conference Tainan
2003-present	Email News Letter <i>This Month In Your Orchid Collection</i>
2005-2018	Several articles AOS Magazine <i>Orchids</i>
2005- Present	" " <i>Orchid Review</i>
2005- Present	" " <i>Malayan Orchid Review</i>
2005-Present	" " <i>Orchid Digest</i>
2008	Book <i>Florida Orchid Growing</i>
2014	Book <i>Florida Vanda Growing</i>
2021	Book <i>The Genus Vanda</i> (Redland Press)

Redland Citizens Association, Inc.

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On March 14, 2025 the Board of Directors of the Redland Citizens Association, Inc. (RCA) met to conduct regular business and to confirm by way of unanimous vote to Miami-Dade County our affirmation for current Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) member, Mr. Martin Motes, to serve another term as our representative for the RCA.

A CV for Mr. Martin Motes has been provided to the county as requested.

Sincerely,

Mary K Waters, President
Redland Citizens Assoc., Inc.
18710 SW 288th Street
Homestead, FL 33030
305-801-9924
1fatcat@bellsouth.net

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April 2, 2025

Jerry Bell, AICP, Asst. Director for Planning

Miami-Dade County Dept. of Regulatory & Economic Resources

111 NW 1 Street, 12 Floor

Miami, Florida 33128-1902

Email: Jerry.Bell@miamidade.gov

Dear Mr. Bell;

The Board of Directors of the Redland Citizens Association has voted to re-appoint Dr. Martin Motes as its representative on the Miami Dade Agricultural Practice Board.

Kindly expedite his appointment.

Sincerely,

Mary Waters

President, RCA

Memorandum



Date:

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners

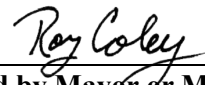
From: Lourdes M. Gomez, Director 
Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources

Subject: Request to Process Late Departmental Agenda Item

I am respectfully requesting that the resolution listed below be placed on a Board of County Commissioners' Committee meeting agenda during the week of September 2025, so the resolution may be in effect as soon as possible. The resolution reappoints Dr. Martin Motes to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB). It is important to reappoint Dr. Motes without delay so that representation from the Redland Citizens Association is maintained and so the APAB is as fully appointed as possible.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DR. MARTIN MOTES TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD

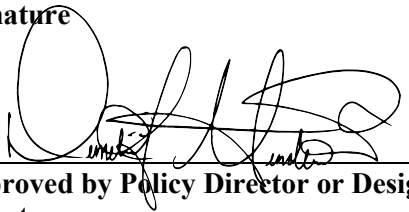
I am aware that this item is subject to approval for placement on an agenda by the Board Chairman, and review by the Office of the County Attorney.



Approved by Mayor or Mayor's Designee
Signature

Roy Coley

Print Name



Approved by Policy Director or Designee
Signature

Demetria Henderson

Print Name

c: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
CAOagenda@miamidade.gov



MEMORANDUM (Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
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DATE: October 9, 2025

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(1)

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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10-9-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-947-25

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DR. MARTIN MOTES TO THE
AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD

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 Dr. Martin Motes is hereby reappointed as the citizens' association representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to serve a four-year term beginning on the effective date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , 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		
Marlene 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
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of October, 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 dark ink, appearing to read "CMR", is written over a horizontal line.

Cristina M. Rabionet