

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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

DATE: May 5, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust's Nominating Council's recommendations related to the reappointment of members of the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust board of trustees; and reappointing Hannibal Burton and Julio Piti as members of the board of trustees

Resolution No. R-403-26

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
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**
- _____ **Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) 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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5-5-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-403-26

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC
ADVOCACY TRUST'S NOMINATING COUNCIL'S
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE
REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE
ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES;
AND REAPPOINTING HANNIBAL BURTON AND JULIO PITI
AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, this Board established the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (the "Trust") to ensure for the equitable participation of Blacks in Miami-Dade County's economic growth through advocacy and monitoring of economic conditions and economic development initiatives in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Trust has a board of trustees, which is composed of 15 voting members; and

WHEREAS, this Board established a nominating council (the "Nominating Council") for the Trust, which is comprised of the chairperson of the Trust, the chairperson of the Board's committee with jurisdiction over economic development and three members appointed by the Board's chairperson; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-503 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida ("Code") and the Nominating Council's procedures, which this Board approved upon the adoption of Resolution No. R-1419-08, the Nominating Council solicited, screened and interviewed prospective applicants; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-503(b) of the Code states that the voting membership shall include, among others, representatives from the following areas of professional expertise, among others, (1) economic and business development; (2) criminal justice; (3) community based organizations; (4) educational organizations; (5) banking and finance; and (6) health organizations; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2026, the Nominating Council convened a meeting, interviewed applicants, and voted unanimously to recommend to this Board the reappointment of Hannibal Burton and Julio Piti, who have served as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Trust, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton's and Mr. Piti's resumes are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, for this Board's consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Nominating Council has determined that Mr. Burton and Mr. Piti meet and/or exceed the minimum qualifications set forth in Section 2-503(b) and (c), and Section 2-11.38 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the resumes of Mr. Burton and Mr. Piti and is satisfied that they meet and/or exceed the minimum qualifications to serve as trustees; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to approve the Nominating Council's recommendations, and reappoint Mr. Burton and Mr. Piti, who shall each serve terms of three years,

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

Section 1. The matters contained in the foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

Section 2. This Board approves the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust’s (“Trust”) Nominating Council’s recommendations related to the reappointment of Hannibal Burton and Julio Piti.

Section 3. This Board reappoints Mr. Burton and Mr. Piti to serve as members of the Trust’s board of trustees. Mr. Burton and Mr. Piti shall serve a term of three years.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Vicki L. Lopez** 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	absent	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Vicki L. Lopez	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2026. 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 read "TAS", is written over a horizontal line.

Terrence A. Smith

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 Miami, Florida 33189
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PROFILE

A high energy, self-motivated professional with extensive experience in administration/management, communication, sales & marketing, computers, accounting, and training.

SKILLS

- Leadership and Motivational skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills; outstanding communications skills.
- Strong administrative and organizational abilities.
- Proven Project Management & resource handling skills
- Extensive computer experience; adequate knowledge of most office and desktop publishing programs.
- Functions well independently and as a team member.
- Adapts easily to new concepts; can handle multiple responsibilities.
- Proven management/supervisory abilities; ability to deal equitably with all levels.
- Detail oriented; very analytical.

SOFTWARE

WORD	WORD PERFECT 10	QUICKEN	EXCEL	LOTUS
MONEY	PUBLISHER	NETSCAPE	TEXTBIDGE	ACCESS
ACROBAT	WINDOWS XP	OUTLOOK	PAINT	QUATTRO 9
POWERPOINT	ULEAD PHOTOSHOP	PRINSTHOP	MIRASCAN	FREEHAND
PRESENTATION	KODAK IMAGING	PHOTOSHOP	OPERA	NETSCAPE
INTERNET EXPLORER	PIDMS/DHRS	HTML	PCARD	ARIBA
STUDENT ENROLLMENT	VISUAL STUDIO.NET	DMAS	UNIX	C++
ONLINE PURCHASING	MS OFFICE PROJECT	ONENOTE	INFOPATH	GROOVE

EXPERIENCE

March 2012-Present

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE
Director – Auxiliary Services

MIAMI, FLORIDA

The Director for Auxiliary Services is responsible for all college auxiliary services/enterprises and related budgetary and business operational services of these operations. The auxiliary functions include the management of external enterprises and internal services including but not limited to: bookstores, cafeterias, vending services, wireless telecommunications, Quick Copy Centers, public copying and printing, public telephones, ATM machines and other revenue-generating business enterprises college-wide.

Specific duties and responsibilities include:

- Administers all aspects of contracts with external vendors for bookstores, foodservice, vending, and other revenue-generating activities of Auxiliary Services;
- Implements administrative procedures and systems to carry out departmental service-oriented objectives and College policies;
- Prepares and analyzes reports relative to the financial and operating performance of revenue operations;
- Participates in College and campus community relations by representing department at meetings and serving on committees as needed;
- Facilitates the communication of textbook issues between academic departments and the bookstores, and addresses customer service issues with all of the vendors providing auxiliary services to the College community;

- Coordinates facility upgrades and maintenance for all auxiliary services to ensure accessibility and service quality; and performs other duties as assigned.
- Liaison between faculty, administration, students, contractors and external entities regarding issues that stem from or pertain to services, vendors and or contracts and execution of progressive conflict resolution when necessary.
- Inspect existing Auxiliary areas at all campuses for contract compliance, sanitation, equipment maintenance, pricing and safety. Manage repair of equipment with service contactors and Plant Maintenance staff. Respond to customers and resolve product and service complaints. Initiate activities with Facilities Management and external Architects and Engineers to develop new or improve existing food service facilities.
- Coordinate new equipment installations, upgrades, repairs and service issues with vendors and contractors. ---
- Analyze potential service locations to determine present and future viability. Analyze vendor sales reports to verify sales by location and product.

January 2006-March 2012

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Operations Manager – Auxiliary Services

Administer and oversee the daily operations of Auxiliary Services, in the areas of contracted bookstores, cafeterias, vending services, wireless telecommunications, Quick Copy Centers, public copying and printing, public telephones, ATM machines, and other building and equipment maintenance and repair, throughout the college. Liaison between faculty, administration, students, contractors and external entities regarding issues that stem from or pertain to services, vendors and or contracts and execution of progressive conflict resolution when necessary.

Inspect existing cafeterias at all campuses for contract compliance regarding menu variety, food display, sanitation, equipment maintenance, pricing and safety. Manage repair of equipment with service contactors and Plant Maintenance staff. Respond to customers and resolve product and service complaints. Initiate activities with Facilities Management and external Architects and Engineers to develop new or improve existing food service facilities.

Manage the day-to-day food vending operations at all College locations. Receive customer calls and reports vending machine malfunctions to vending companies. Inspect vending facilities and equipment to insure compliance with College standards for reliability, stock levels, variety, cleanliness, safety and pricing. Coordinate new equipment installations, upgrades, repairs and service issues with vending contractors. Analyze potential service locations to determine present and future viability. Analyze vendor sales reports to verify sales by location and product.

Manage the wireless telecommunications and public telephone contract operation at all College locations. Initiate activities with Campus Facility Planners and District Telecommunications regarding public telephone service in new and renovated facilities, and maintain service ADA and TDD compliance standards. Inspect telephone equipment for continued maintenance of equipment physical condition and provision for customer information. Coordinate changes and upgrades in telecommunications service for the seven contracted bookstores, eight cafeterias, and vending office locations at all College locations.

Coordinate the public copier/printer contract operation at the College libraries, courtyards and labs with the service provider and the various College departments' staff.

Coordinate with automatic teller machine service provider to maintain the ATM facilities and service on seven campuses. Investigate reported automatic teller machine malfunctions and customer service problems.

Inspect College bookstores at all campuses to ensure contract compliance for various aspects of customer service, maintenance and safety standards. Coordinate business issues with bookstore managers and staff. Respond to English or Spanish speaking customers and resolve service complaints.

Investigate burglaries and acts of vandalism to contractor-owned equipment located on College property. Interact with external law enforcement agencies and Campus Security to obtain police reports for insurance claims, and coordinates with contractors to quickly restore service to students.

Use office computer skills to regularly submit finished inspection reports regarding Auxiliary operations for distribution to College administrators and contractor management.

Assist in maintaining accurate property control records. Assists College Property Control staff in identifying property items in Auxiliary operations on all campuses.

Perform off-campus or inter-campus transport of contract documents and other valuables as needed in personal vehicle.

Perform related tasks as assigned by the Director of Auxiliary Services.

July 2001-Present

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MIAMI, FLORIDA
Staff Associate/Manager – Geography & Regional Studies

Administer and oversee the daily operations of the Geography Department. Provide administrative support to the chairperson and faculty. Liaison between faculty, administration, students and the chairperson regarding matters within the department and those involving external entities. Responsible for the fiscal management of departmental and sponsored accounts. Hiring and coordinating of staffing and work-study. Assessing and administering of payroll (DHRS). Execute progressive discipline and conflict resolution when necessary. Management of physical assets.

January 2001-December 2001

MAJOR ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED MIAMI, FLORIDA
Vice President / COO

Administer and oversee the daily operations of a conglomerate corporation with branches in the contracting, restaurant, and entertainment industries. Specific functions include, but are not limited to, hiring and coordinating of staffing and sub-contractors, assessing and administering of payroll, accounting of daily operations, forecasting of budgets, formulation of contracts, and liaison between sub-contractors, clients, and vendor, conflict resolution.

March 2000-May 2001

BALLY TOTAL FITNESS MIAMI, FLORIDA
Certified Personal Fitness & Sports Nutritionist

Formulate and institute strength, fitness, and nutritional programs for clients. To educate clients, so that they may continue a healthy lifestyle after program completion. Perform sales of personal fitness programs and nutritional/supplemental products to prospective clients. Perform fitness & health evaluations. Assisting general clientele with questions and proper exercise technique.

March 1997-February 2000

CLASSC-1 PRODUCTIONS SUNRISE, FLORIDA
Vice President

Organize and promote special events for company and outside clients, including but not limited to, balls, charitable functions, concerts, parties, fashion shows, and tournaments. Hire and coordinate staffing. Assess and administer payroll. Perform accounting of daily operations and forecast and analyze budgets. Act as media and public relations liaison as well as liaison between clients and vendors. Conceptualize and create promotions through use of graphic arts and advertising media. Manage and promote careers of up-and-coming artist in the entertainment industry. Perform a myriad of functions in order to facilitate the diverse demands that may be placed on an entertainment/promotions organization.

May 1996-January 1997

SIRRAH'S RESTAURANT & NITE CLUB TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
Manager

Managed all aspects of business, including but not limited to inventory control, staffing and training, maintenance, marketing and promotions, bookkeeping, and ensuring that state and local regulations were enforced.

August 1993-October 1996

FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
Fitness Center Coordinator, Women's Strength Coach.

Administered and oversaw the daily operations of the university fitness center and its personnel. Hired and trained all staff. Created and implemented policies and procedures. Acquired and implemented operational resources by analyzing capital improvement needs and formulation of budgets. Implemented a multitude of diverse health and fitness oriented educational and recreational programs and events. Organized and facilitated charitable events. Designed, negotiated and implemented necessary improvements. Acted as a liaison between center, its personnel, clients and various professional health and fitness organizations. Formulated and instituted strength and fitness training for women's athletics' volleyball, softball,

cheerleading and track teams. Designed and implemented women's athletics strength training center.

May 1993-August 1993

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Accountant

Audited medical reimbursements. Reconciled reimbursement reports. Performed computer research in regards to financial reports.

January 1993-January 1994

CLUB DÉJÀ VU TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Assistant Manager

Administered budget, payroll, and personnel for club. Arranged special events. Tracked and maintained inventory of wine and spirits. Coordinated special events and promotions for club. Generated sales and expense reports.

May 1992-January 1993

INTERNATIONAL PAPER MOBILE, ALABAMA

EDI Coordinator

Coordinated and implemented electronic data interchange program. Acted as a liaison between internal and external clients and technical and purchasing departments. Researched and reconciled relevant data. Formulated and created progress reports. Maintained vendor data files and performed on-site visits/inspections, when necessary.

January 1989-May 1992

LEON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MIS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Computer Operator, Help Desk Technician

Administered local area network and mainframe system for school board system. Troubleshot software, hardware, and printing problems. Performed routine and scheduled maintenance of mainframe. Printed and processed reports for end-users.

EDUCATION

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY DAVIE, FLORIDA

Master of Science – Organizational Leadership

FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Bachelor of Science - Business Administration

Minor in Accounting

LANGUAGES

1) ENGLISH (FLUENT) 2) SPANISH

CERTIFICATIONS

CERTIFIED AUXILIARY SERVICES PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT/SUPERVISION
SPONSORED FUNDING SPSS LISTSERVE
DESKTOP SECURITY FIRST AID CPR PERSONAL TRAINER SPORTS NUTRITION
MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR

AFFILIATIONS

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
MIAMI DADE ECONOMIC ADVISORY TRUST (CHAIRMAN)
ECONOMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CHAIRMAN)
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEALTH EQUITY COMMITTEE (PAST CHAIRMAN)
MEN MOLDING MEN MENTORING
SOUTH DADE CONNECTIONS (BOARD ADVISOR)
NACAS (National Association of College Auxiliary Services)
NAACP
GOULDS COALITION OF MINISTERS AND LAYPEOPLE (Past)
FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS - North Miami (Past)
AMERICAN COED PAGEANTS (Past)
CUONG NHU ORIENTAL MARTIAL ARTS
NATIONAL PHYSIQUE COMMITTEE (Past)
INTERNATIONAL FITNESS PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION (Past)

Julio Piti - Professional Bio

Julio Piti serves as Vice President of Member Engagement & Development and leads the many initiatives at the Miami-Dade Beacon Council. With more than two decades of experience across Fortune 500 companies, nonprofits, and start-ups, he brings deep expertise in business development, marketing, fundraising, training, and community engagement.

Before returning to the Beacon Council, Julio was Director of Strategic Initiatives at Neighborhood Fuel, an on-demand fuel delivery service supporting major employers, fleet operators, and residential customers throughout Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. In this role, he expanded strategic partnerships and advanced initiatives that strengthened the company's position within the regional energy supply chain.

Julio previously served as Business Services Manager for CareerSource South Florida, the largest workforce board in the region, covering Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. He worked closely with employers to address workforce needs, deliver business incentives, and maintain strong connections across more than 15 service centers.

During his earlier tenure at the Beacon Council, Julio played a pivotal role in expanding membership and increasing private-sector engagement. He collaborated with executives across diverse industries, led investment pitches and proposals, and supported strategic communications, sponsorships, and member-focused programming.

His career also includes serving as Vice President of Education for Junior Achievement of Greater Miami, where he advanced economic education and youth development programs focused on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and career readiness.

Julio holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Florida International University and an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Miami Dade College. He currently serves on the Downtown Miami Charter School Board and previously the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust Board. His past civic involvement includes leadership roles with Hands On Miami, The 100 Black Men of South Florida, the Miami-Dade School Board Bond Advisory Committee, and the eMerge Americas Steering Committee.

A Miami native, Julio has dedicated more than 20 years to advancing economic opportunity in his hometown. He is passionate about showcasing Miami's cultural richness, strengthening its business ecosystem, and helping position the community as a global model for innovation and inclusive growth.