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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman
and Members, Miami-Dade Board of County
Commissioners

DATE: January 23, 2026

FROM: The Honorable Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners

SUBJECT: 2026 Committee Structure and
Member Assignments

As part of my continuing commitment to effective governance, fiscal responsibility, and operational efficiency, I am announcing updates to the Board's committee structure to ensure it remains responsive to the County's evolving policy, intergovernmental, and economic environment. These adjustments are designed to strengthen oversight, improve coordination across related policy areas, and enhance transparency and accountability in how County resources are managed.

Effective immediately, an Intergovernmental and Economic Impact Committee is hereby established to provide focused oversight of the fiscal, intergovernmental, and economic impacts of governmental actions affecting Miami-Dade County's budget, services, and long-term financial health. This committee will evaluate the implications of state and federal legislation, regulatory changes, and policy initiatives on County operations, revenue, expenditures, and service delivery. In light of ongoing discussions at the state level regarding property tax policy, recent fiscal pressures, and the commencement of union contract negotiations that may introduce future recurring cost obligations, this committee will serve as a critical forum for comprehensive impact analysis and long-range planning. The Intergovernmental and Economic Impact Committee will complement the work of the Appropriations Committee, which will remain primarily focused on the budget, including budget preparation, review, and recommended allocations, ensuring that broader intergovernmental and economic considerations appropriately inform responsible and sustainable spending decisions.

Additionally, the Board's committee structure is being refined through the merger of existing committees to better align subject matter expertise and policy oversight. The creation of a consolidated Aviation and Seaport Committee will allow for focused and coordinated oversight of two of the County's most significant economic engines, ensuring integrated attention to operations, capital investments, and federal and state advocacy efforts. Separately, the establishment of a merged Recreation, Tourism, and Resiliency Committee will provide a cohesive forum to address quality of life assets, tourism driven economic activity, and resiliency strategies, recognizing the interrelationship between environmental sustainability, visitor impacts, and community well-being. This structure enhances clarity of jurisdiction, reduces overlap, and allows each committee to more effectively advance policy outcomes within its respective area.

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These changes will work in concert with the existing Government Efficiency and Transparency Ad Hoc Committee, which will continue to convene at my discretion to review County operations, identify redundancies and operational gaps, and ensure that services and processes are effective, accountable, and transparent. Together, this committee framework reinforces fiscal discipline and strengthens overall operational performance.

Attached, you will find the list of committees, assigned members, and schedule of committee meetings for the year. I appreciate your continued collaboration and dedication as we work together to improve service delivery and safeguard the fiscal health of Miami-Dade County for our residents and taxpayers.

Attachment

Cc: Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor
Honorable Juan Fernandez-Barquin, Clerk of the Court and Comptroller
Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
Jess McCarty, First Assistant County Attorney
Basia Pruna, Clerk of the Board
Eugene Love, Executive Director, Office of Agenda Coordinator

Committee Structure and Member Assignments

2026

Committee Schedule

Policy Council	Monday at 9:00 A.M.
Aviation and Seaport Committee	Monday at 10:30 A.M.
Safety & Health Committee	Monday at 12:30 P.M.
Transportation Committee	Tuesday at 9:00 A.M.
Recreation, Tourism, and Resiliency Committee	Tuesday at 10:30 A.M.
Housing Committee	Tuesday at 12:30 P.M.
Appropriations Committee	Wednesday at 9:00 A.M.
Intergovernmental and Economic Impact Committee	Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.
Infrastructure, Innovation, and Technology Committee	Wednesday at 12:30 P.M.
Government Efficiency and Transparency Ad Hoc Committee	At the call of the Chair of the Commission

Policy Council

Area of Responsibility: Considers the County's state and federal legislative priorities as well as specific topics and items of significance at the Chair's discretion, such as issues relating to the constitutional officers, and proposed amendments to the County's Home Rule Charter. It is essential that this Board prioritize the legislative issues of the County, establish mutually beneficial relationships with State and federal legislators, and aggressively pursue legislative priorities that are approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Coordinate/Liaise With:

- Constitutional Offices
 - Clerk of the Court and Comptroller
 - Property Appraiser
 - Sheriff
 - Supervisor of Elections
 - Tax Collector
- Charter Review Task Force
- Miami-Dade Federal and State Delegation
- Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau

Committee Membership:

- **Chairman Anthony Rodriguez** **Chair**
- Members to be designated by the Chair of the Commission

Aviation and Seaport Committee

Area of Responsibility: Provide adequate oversight and direction for Miami-Dade County's most important economic engines, Miami International Airport and Port of Miami, as well as international trade, foreign relations, and countywide economic development.

Committee Jurisdiction:

- Miami-Dade Aviation Department
- Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust
- Seaport Department

Coordinate/Liaise With:

- Beacon Council
- International Trade Consortium

Committee Membership:

- **Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins** **Chair**
- **Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez** **Vice Chair**
- Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III
- Commissioner Keon Hardemon
- Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis

Safety and Health Committee

Area of Responsibility: Ensure that the County provides essential life safety and health services to its residents. It oversees public health, protective services, and cybersecurity initiatives, with strict oversight of Jackson Health System and other critical health facilities.

Committee Jurisdiction:

- Communication, Information and Technology Department (cybersecurity)
- Department of Emergency Management
- Judicial Administration
- Juvenile Services Department
- Medical Examiner Department
- Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department
- Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department

Coordinate/ Liaise With:

- Children’s Trust
- Public Health Trust
- Sheriff

Committee Membership:

- **Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez** **Chair**
- **Senator René García** **Vice Chair**
- Commissioner Marleine Bastien
- Commissioner Keon Hardemon
- Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez

Transportation Committee

Area of Responsibility: Provide adequate oversight and direction for Miami-Dade County's transportation infrastructure, mobility, passenger transportation services, Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, and the People's Transportation Plan (PTP).

Committee Jurisdiction:

- Department of Transportation and Public Works

Coordinate / Liaise With:

- Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT)
- South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA)
- Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

Committee Membership:

- **Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III** **Chair**
- **Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado** **Vice Chair**
- Commissioner Marleine Bastien
- Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez
- Senator René García

Recreation, Tourism, and Resiliency Committee

Area of Responsibility: Oversee and ensure the effective management of the County's resources and programs related to animal services, libraries, parks, and the arts and cultural affairs community. The committee also provides oversight for major recreational and cultural capital projects. Provide adequate oversight and direction in the implementation of key environmental initiatives such as the Back Bay Study recommendations and monitoring the health of Biscayne Bay.

Committee Jurisdiction:

- Department of Cultural Affairs
- Department of Environmental Resources Management
- Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (Historic Preservation)
- Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department
- Miami-Dade Public Library System
- Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department
- Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources

Coordinate/Liaise With:

- Adrienne Arsht Center of the Performing Arts
- Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Tourist Development Council
- Vizcaya Trust
- Museums and other cultural facilities
- Professional Sports Facilities

Committee Membership:

- **Senator René García** **Chair**
- **Commissioner Micky Steinberg** **Vice Chair**
- Commissioner Marleine Bastien
- Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado
- Vice Chairman Kionne L. McGhee

Housing Committee

Area of Responsibility: Provide oversight and guidance to those departments and agencies that have been charged with the revitalization of this community to create an atmosphere that promotes public/private partnerships while retaining and attracting businesses to Miami-Dade County. Additionally, continue to provide direct services for residents in need of housing and other social services and assist them in becoming self-sufficient.

Committee Jurisdiction:

- Community Action and Human Services Department
- Department of Public Housing and Community Development
- Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust

Coordinate/ Liaise with:

- South Florida Work Force

Committee Membership:

- **Commissioner Marleine Bastien** **Chair**
- **Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez** **Vice Chair**
- Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado
- Vice Chairman Kionne L. McGhee
- Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez

Appropriations Committee

Area of Responsibility: Ensure the efficient and effective allocation and use of taxpayer funds and other County resources through oversight of the budget preparation, review, and recommend allocations. Committee shall focus on responsible and sustainable budgeting decisions, ensuring that fiscal policies and funding priorities support the delivery of services to the residents of Miami-Dade County.

Committee Jurisdiction:

- Office of Management and Budget

Coordinate/Liaise With:

- Clerk of the Court and Comptroller
- Community Redevelopment Agencies
- Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
- Office of the Commission Auditor
- Office of the Inspector General
- Office of Policy and Budget Analysis

Committee Membership:

- **Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado** **Chair**
- **Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins** **Vice Chair**
- Commissioner Micky Steinberg
- Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis
- Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez

Intergovernmental and Economic Impact Committee

Area of Responsibility: Provide focused oversight of the fiscal, intergovernmental, and economic impacts of governmental actions affecting Miami-Dade County's budget, services, and long-term financial health. The Committee shall evaluate state and federal legislation, regulatory changes, and policy initiatives for effects on County operations, revenues, expenditures, and service delivery. The Committee shall serve as a forum for impact analysis and long-range planning. The Committee shall also provide oversight of policies affecting Miami-Dade County employees and offer recommendations to support sound fiscal planning and informed intergovernmental policy positions.

Committee Jurisdiction:

- Internal Compliance Department
- Office of Management and Budget
- People and Internal Operations Department (Human Resources)
- Strategic Procurement

Coordinate/Liaise With:

- 30 x 30 Vision Board
- Clerk of the Court and Comptroller
- Office of the Commission Auditor
- Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
- Office of Policy and Budget Analysis
- Property Appraiser
- Tax Collector

Committee Membership:

- **Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez** **Co-Chair***
- **Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis** **Co-Chair***
- Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins
- Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez
- Senator René García

* Co-chairs will rotate as chair and vice chair for each committee meeting. Each chair will serve until the committee meeting adjourns, at which point the vice chair becomes the chair and vice-versa. Commissioner Milian-Orbis will serve as the first chair and Commissioner Lopez will serve as the first vice chair.

Infrastructure, Innovation and Technology Committee

Area of Responsibility: Ensure the efficient operation of government programs that support sustainable growth, the responsible delivery of services, and environmental protection. The committee also oversees initiatives related to innovation and technology, aiming to improve the county's infrastructure and service delivery.

Committee Jurisdiction:

- Communication, Information and Technology Department
- Department of Solid Waste Management
- Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department
- People and Internal Operations Department
- Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources

Coordinate/Liaise With:

- South Florida Regional Planning Council
- South Florida Water Management District

Committee Membership:

- **Commissioner Micky Steinberg** **Chair**
- **Commissioner Keon Hardemon** **Vice Chair**
- Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez
- Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins
- Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez

Government Efficiency and Transparency Ad Hoc Committee

Area of Responsibility: Review and identify areas in which Miami-Dade County can improve governmental operations. The direct focus will be on improving government operations efficiencies and enhancing accountability while centering on innovation and legislative reform.

Committee Membership:

- **Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez** **Chair**
- **Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis** **Vice Chair**
- Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III
- Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado
- Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins



2026 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION COMMITTEES

Policy Committee



Chair
Rodriguez

Aviation and Seaport Committee



Chair
Cohen Higgins



Vice Chair
Gonzalez

Gilbert • Hardemon • Milian Orbis

Safety & Health Committee



Chair
Gonzalez



Vice Chair
García

Bastien • Hardemon • Lopez

Transportation Committee



Chair
Gilbert



Vice Chair
Regalado

Bastien • Bermudez • García

Recreation, Tourism & Resiliency



Chair
García



Vice Chair
Steinberg

Bastien • Regalado • McGhee

Housing Committee



Chair
Bastien



Vice Chair
Lopez

Regalado • McGhee • Bermudez

Appropriations Committee



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Intergovernmental and Economic Impact Committee



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