

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, MODIFYING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31776, WHICH AUTHORIZED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE BASS MUSEUM, INC. (THE "BASS") FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MIAMI BEACH SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, AND MATHEMATICS (STEAM) PLUS PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS; SAID AMENDMENT REASSIGNING THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STEAM PLUS PROGRAM TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATION; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS OR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STEAM PLUS PROGRAM WITH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FUNDING FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR, AND SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEARS, AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY AND SUBJECT TO FUNDING APPROPRIATION AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY COMMISSION DURING THE BUDGETARY PROCESS FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, in January 2008, the City of Miami Beach, Florida (the "City") entered into an Education Compact with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to enhance learning opportunities for youth; and

WHEREAS, the Education Compact reflects the desire of the Miami Beach community to support excellence in the City's public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Education Compact currently addresses and supports the following priority areas: Teacher Recruitment/ Retention; Communication, Parental Involvement/Family Support, Youth and Community Engagement, Health and Well-Being, Student Achievement, Safety and Technology; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2015 the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2015-28997, which directed the Administration to expand the Compact to address the following areas: Early Learning, Extracurricular/Choice Offerings and Afterschool Programming; and

WHEREAS, the City has entered into contracts with M-DCPS and other organizations for the following initiatives: Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK) at Miami Beach Fienberg Fisher K8 and Biscayne Beach Elementary, Dual Enrollment Expansion through partnerships with Florida International University and Miami-Dade College at Miami Beach Senior High School and Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School and an Afterschool Teen Program at Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics ("STEM") to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics ("STEAM") movement has been taking root over the past several years and is surging forward as a positive model of action to truly meet the needs of a 21st century economy; and

WHEREAS, STEM alone, without the Arts component, misses several key components that many employers, educators, and parents have voiced as critical for our children to thrive in the present and rapidly approaching future; and

WHEREAS, STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, the end results of the STEAM education approach are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experimental learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration and work through the creative process; and

WHEREAS, given the expanded approach offered by STEAM, the City of Miami Beach has explored options to help promote the deployment of a STEAM initiative in Miami Beach Public Schools and, as part of this effort, the City Manager and the Mayor of Miami Beach met with M-DCPS Superintendent, Alberto Carvalho, to explore the opportunity to deploy STEAM as part of the regular school curriculum in the 2018-19 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Bass Museum of Art reached out to the City with a coordinated approach that involves multiple cultural institutions in the City; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2019, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-30690, authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute a grant agreement with the Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc. (the "Bass") for the implementation of a beta test (the "Beta Test") for a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Plus program (the "STEAM Plus Program"), for the 2018-19 school year, with all six Miami Beach public schools (kindergarten – 12th grade) and six local cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, the participating institutions included the Bass Museum, The Jewish Museum, Miami Beach Botanical Gardens, Miami City Ballet, Miami New Drama, Moonlighter FabLab, the Wolfsonian and Young Musicians Unite; and

WHEREAS, the schools included Biscayne Beach Elementary, Miami Beach Fienberg Fisher K8, Miami Beach Nautilus Middle, North Beach Elementary, Miami Beach Senior High School and South Pointe Elementary; and

WHEREAS, the STEAM Plus Program is intended to inspire students to engage and prepare in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics to work with cultural anchors to infuse theatre, visual arts, dance, and music in traditional class offerings; and

WHEREAS, the "Plus" component of the STEAM Plus Program is the City's pilot program to promote career and college readiness; and

WHEREAS, the 2018-19 Beta Test provided survey data for continued STEAM programming with 82.9% of school administrator responses requesting that the program continue (41 responses total), and 95.0% of parent responses requesting that the program continues (61 responses total); and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2019, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-30906, authorizing the City Manager to execute a second grant agreement (the "Second Grant Agreement") with the Bass for the implementation of the STEAM Plus Program for the 2019-20 school year with all six Miami Beach public schools (kindergarten – 12th grade) and six local cultural institutions, for an initial one-year term, with two (2) one-year renewal terms, at the City's option, subject to funding approval during the City's annual budgetary process; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Second Grant Agreement provided for a partnership with the Town of North Bay Village to fund fifty (50) percent of the cost to implement the STEAM Plus Program at Treasure Island Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2020 the Mayor and City Commission amended Resolutions No. 2019-30906 and No. 2019-30955 to adjust the budget to include Hack Shack as a cultural provider and to allow for lesson plan development for Fiscal Year 2019-20, in the amount of \$2,013, and approved and authorized the City Manager to amend the Second Grant Agreement with the Bass to include this educational enhancement for the 2019-20 School Year; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2021, the Mayor and the Commission approved Resolution No. 2021-31776 authorizing a third grant agreement (the "Third Grant Agreement") with the Bass for the 2022-23 school year, extending the terms of the Second Grant Agreement for another year through September 30, 2023, in the total sum not to exceed \$372,000 annually, for an initial term of one (1) year with two (2) one-year renewal terms, at the option of the City and subject to funding appropriation and approval by the City Commission during the budgetary process for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2024, the City and the Bass entered into a fourth grant agreement (the "Current Grant Agreement") with the Bass for the STEAM Plus Program throughout the 2024-25 school year.

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024, the Mayor and Commission approved Resolution No. 2024-33294 reallocating \$50,000 from the outsourced management of the STEAM Plus Program by the Bass to enable the City to directly develop, implement and manage the Steam Plus Program; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2025 the City Manager issued a Letter of Termination to the Bass Museum, exercising Article II, Section 2(B) of the Current Grant Agreement, thereby terminating said agreement effective June 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends (i) modifying Resolution No. 2021-31776, which authorized an agreement with the Bass for the implementation of the Miami Beach STEAM Plus Program for public schools, to reassign the management responsibilities for the STEAM Plus Program to the City Administration, and (ii) authorizing the negotiation and execution of any agreements or documents related to the City's direct administration of the STEAM Plus Program for public schools (kindergarten – 12th grade) for the 2025-2026 school year, with previously approved funding, and for subsequent school years, at the option of the City and subject to funding appropriation and approval by the City Commission during the budgetary process for each fiscal year.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA that the Mayor and City Commission hereby modify Resolution No. 2021-31776, which authorized an agreement with the Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc. (the "Bass") for the implementation of the Miami Beach Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Plus Program for public schools; said amendment reassigning the management responsibilities for the STEAM Plus Program to the City Administration; and further authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute any agreements or documents related to the administration of the STEAM Plus Program with previously approved funding for the 2025-26 school year, and subsequent school years, at the option of the City and subject to funding appropriation and approval by the City Commission during the budgetary process for each fiscal year.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney *CR*

6/17/2025
Date