

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM:	City Clerk Rafael E. Granado City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico
DATE:	June 26, 2024

TITLE: A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) MEETING WILL BE HELD DURING THE NOON RECESS OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024, IN THE CITY MANAGER'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, CITY HALL, TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2023-24 AD HOC ADVISORY CHARTER REVIEW AND REVISION BOARD.

ANALYSIS

In accordance with Section 8.01 of the Miami Beach City Charter, the Ad Hoc Advisory Charter Review and Revision Board (the "Board") has reviewed and transmitted recommendations for proposed Charter Amendments intended to enhance governance, transparency, and citizen engagement in Miami Beach. The recommendations presented represent the Board's best efforts to address key themes identified during its review process, including:

1. Enhanced Bill of Rights with improved mechanisms to protect residents' rights.
2. Enhanced protections for public land.
3. Enhanced transparency, ethics, electoral process, and compensation adjustment.
4. Enhanced opportunities for public input and engagement.
5. Clarifications and "clean up".

The Mayor and each member of the City Commission directly appointed Members of the Board. The term of the Board commenced on February 6, 2023, and expires on June 30, 2024. The Board's current members are:

- Jorge M. Gonzalez, Chair;
- Ronald Starkman, Vice Chair;
- Michael Band, Esquire;
- Julie Basner;
- Elizabeth Latone; and
- Samuel Rabin, Esquire.

Note: Brian Goldberg, who was originally appointed in 2023, served on the Board until November 16, 2023.

The Board held eighteen public meetings between February 6, 2023 and April 16, 2024. The Board ensured transparency and public participation by holding evening meetings, live-streaming sessions, and engaging with various stakeholders, including City officials, neighborhood-based organizations, and residents.

The recommendations were meticulously crafted and unanimously approved by the Board and are attached hereto as the Final Report and Recommendations of the 2023-24 Ad Hoc Advisory Charter Review and Revision Board. The Report is hereby submitted to the City Commission for review, discussion, and to provide direction.

Action Points:

1. Review and discuss the Board's recommended Charter Amendments.
2. Provide direction to the City Attorney on the proposed Amendments.
3. Consider giving direction regarding the drafting of Resolutions to place proposed Amendments on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

At its meeting on May 15, 2024, the City Commission held its initial Committee of the Whole discussion to review the Board’s recommendations. Specifically, the Board discussed proposed Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 4.

A second Committee of the Whole discussion has been scheduled for June 26, 2024, to allow the City Commission to discuss the remaining proposed Amendments.

Any Resolutions approving ballot questions must be approved no later than the regular City Commission meeting on July 24, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on N/A. See BIE at:
<https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Yes

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

City Clerk

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)