

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CREATING THE 2025 AD HOC HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE (THE "COMMITTEE"), TO CONSIST OF NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION, FOR THE SELECTION OF THE 2025 INDUCTEE TO THE MIAMI BEACH HALL OF FAME.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends the Mayor and City Commission adopt the resolution allowing the creation of a nine-member Commission-appointed Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On September 25, 2017, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2017-29987 accepting the recommendations of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") and approved the creation of a Miami Beach Hall of Fame to be located on the South Concourse Wall of the Miami Beach Convention Center, and the creation of a selection committee and selection process.

On November 14, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2018-30588 to accept the recommendations of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee to modify the criteria prospectively to preclude sitting elected or appointed public officials at the State or local level, self-nominated, and current Hall of Fame Selection Committee members from eligibility; to consider up to five (5) inductees for the inaugural year of the Hall of Fame; and, to create a family legacy award category in the nomination process.

Previous Hall of Fame Cycles

Since the creation of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame, the Administration has overseen three (3) nomination and selection cycles.

On November 14, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission approved Resolution No. 2018-30587 accepting the recommendation of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee and ratifying the induction of Norman Braman, Barbara Capitman, Gloria and Emilio Estefan, Morris Lapidus and Matti Herrera Bower as the inaugural members of the City of Miami Beach Hall of Fame.

On June 23, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission approved Resolution No. 2021-31748 accepting the recommendation of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee and ratifying the induction of Tony Goldman, Mitchell Wolfson, Jr., Dr. Solomon S. Lichter, and Jorge M. Gonzalez. At the same meeting, a second motion was passed by a 4/7th vote to consider the addition of two (2) nominees that tied with fifth (5th) place scores, and as such, Michael Aller and Stephen Muss were also inducted as members of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame.

On September 13, 2023, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2023-32774 accepting the recommendations of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and ratifying the induction of Judy Drucker, Seymour and Edith Gelber, Nancy Liebman, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Mark Samuelian. At the same meeting, the City Commission also approved Muhammad Ali, Jerry Libbin, and Russell Galbut as 2023 Miami Beach Hall of Fame inductees.

At the September 13, 2023, City Commission meeting, the Administration presented recommendations made by the 2023 Hall of Fame Selection Committee for future Hall of Fame cycles. The Commission referred the following process recommendations for review to the PSNQLC, subsequently approved on March 21, 2024:

- Delete criteria requiring at least one (1) posthumous honor.
- Submitters should be allowed to select multiple categories of expertise on the application form.
- Include additional criteria for ineligibility as follows: No family members of sitting elected or appointed public officials shall be eligible for nomination; a moratorium for a period of three (3) years after leaving office shall be placed on the nomination of family members of elected and appointed officials.
- Include a preliminary meeting prior to scoring to discuss the candidates being nominated to deem nominees as "Qualified" or "Not Qualified."
- Analyze scoring matrix to determine if the average score was fair if a member deemed the nominee as "Not Qualified."

At the February 21, 2024, City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission approved Resolution No. 2024-32915 directing that the Hall of Fame Selection Committee shall nominate and the City Commission shall approve only one (1) inductee every two (2) years.

The Administration presented the recommendations at the March 21, 2024, PSNQLC meeting for discussion and Committee members supported the recommendations made by the 2023 Hall of Fame Selection Committee and further recommended an amendment to the Hall of Fame nomination requirements to incorporate language specifying that nominations cannot be made on the day of the voting.

On July 24, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission approved Resolution No. 2024-33197 approving the revised Miami Beach Hall of Fame Nomination requirements to include amendments proposed by the 2023 Hall of Fame committee, and the following language, per the recommendation by the PSNQLC:

- Nominations will only be accepted during the designated nomination period. This rule shall apply to all persons, including members of the City Commission.
- At the meeting where the Hall of Fame Committee recommendations are considered, the Commission's actions shall be limited to approving or rejecting each specific candidate. For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission may not add new names during such meeting.

ANALYSIS

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee is established to review the applications, deliberate, and recommend an individual for the coveted recognition, as described in the guidelines.

1. Hall of Fame Selection Committee

A nine-member City Commission-appointed Selection Committee, including two (2) at-large members from the local community. The Mayor and Commission may each designate one (1) appointee, with two (2) members being nominated at-large.

Selection Committee Appointees could be knowledgeable in the following fields of expertise:

- Business
- Education
- Arts & Entertainment
- Philanthropy
- Sports
- Public Service
- Literature/History

2. Hall of Fame Eligibility

A person would be eligible for induction to the City of Miami Beach Hall of Fame if that person meets any or all of the following criteria:

- Had significant ties to the City including:
 - Born in Miami Beach
 - Made Miami Beach his/her place of residence or business
 - Made a positive and lasting impact on Miami Beach
- Must have made substantial contributions to their area as an Artist, Architect, Designer, Scientist, Athlete, Business Leader, Civic Leader, or Family Legacy.
- Must have a history of demonstrating strong character and integrity while acting as an ambassador for the City of Miami Beach.
- Must have had a direct and significant positive impact on the City of Miami Beach.
- Nominees must be in good standing in the community at the time of selection by the City Commission.

Ineligibility:

- No sitting elected or appointed public official shall be eligible for nomination. A moratorium, for a period of five (5) years after leaving office, shall be placed on the nomination of elected and appointed officials.
- No family members of sitting elected or appointed public officials shall be eligible for nomination; a moratorium for a period of three (3) years after leaving office shall be placed on the nomination of family members of elected and appointed officials.
- Members of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee may not submit nominees or be considered for nominations.
- Individuals cannot nominate themselves.
- Prior year nominees to the Hall of Fame may not be considered for nomination unless re-nominated to the current Hall of Fame year.

3. Nomination Process

Hall of Fame nomination applications will open on February 7, 2025. The deadline to submit nominations is May 2, 2025. Completed nominations must be submitted to halloffame@miamibeachfl.gov.

- Nomination forms must include the completed application form, a brief biography of the individual, achievements, awards, and two letters of recommendation (as described in the application).
- All sections of the nomination form must be completed. Please refrain from sending petitions, photographs, books, resumes, Curriculum Vitae (CV), etc. in lieu of completing the nomination form. Nominations should include complete citations of sources for the information used to write the nominations (reference books, periodicals, etc.)

- Nominations will only be accepted during the designated nomination period. This rule shall apply to all persons, including members of the City Commission.

4. Selection Process

Once the application is completed and submitted, the nomination package will be reviewed by the Tourism and Culture Department. Staff will serve as liaisons to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

- The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will first meet to review all completed applications to deem nominees as “Qualified” or “Not Qualified.”
- The Selection Committee will subsequently meet to select and recommend one (1) inductee based on the scoring matrix.
- The Miami Beach City Commission will consider approval of the inductee selected and recommended by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. The Commission’s actions shall be limited to approving or rejecting the specific candidate. For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission may not add new names during such meeting.

The Selection Committee and Hall of Fame nomination process timeline is as follows:

- February 7 – May 9, 2025 – Hall of Fame Nomination Period
- May 22, 2025 – First Review Meeting of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee
- June 5, 2025 – Second Review of the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee and Recommendation Meeting
- June 25, 2025 – Selection Committee Recommendation Presented to Miami Beach City Commission for consideration and approval
- October 2025 – Hall of Fame 2025 Inductee will be honored with a ceremony. The Hall of Fame is located on the South Concourse of the Miami Beach Convention Center.

These dates are tentative and subject to change.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends the creation of a nine-member Commission-appointed Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee, including two at-large members, from the local community.

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

No

**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

Tourism and Culture

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Authorize Creation of Hall of Fame Selection Committee for 2025. TC

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)