



RESOLUTION # 2024-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA; RELATING TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS; CREATING THE WEST MIAMI YOUTH COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of West Miami understands the importance of investing in our youth and is committed to offering opportunity to all resident youth; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to create a West Miami Youth Commission, which will be an advisory board of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Youth Commission is to provide the youth of West Miami with an opportunity to learn about & participate in the process of government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of West Miami as follows:

THE ABOVE WHEREAS' ARE ADOPTED HEREIN AS PART OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Section 1: The West Miami Youth Commission is established.

Section 2: The Youth Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) Foster increased youth involvement in the affairs of West Miami government;
- b) Study problems and hold forums on issues, activities and concerns of youth in the City;
- c) Comment upon existing or proposed legislation, ordinances, resolutions and policies that impact the youth in West Miami;
- d) Recommend the implementation of community programs to improve the lives of youth;
- e) Monitor programs and policies that affect youth to ensure that they are achieving the intended results;
- f) Work with other youth organizations to develop new ideas for programs;
- g) Submit to the Mayor and City Commissioners an annual report for the activities of the Commission in the month of May prior to the end of the regular school year;
- h) Participate in a workshop which will introduce the Youth Commission members to a City Commission agenda process, a mock city commission meeting, the role of the officials involved in the agenda and commission meeting process and the City Attorney, at a minimum.

Section 3: Qualifications; Process for Nomination and Appointment; Rules & Procedures:

- a) The Youth Commission shall be composed of five (5) youth who reside in West Miami and who will serve as voting members of the Youth Commission .
- b) The Mayor and each City Commissioner shall appoint one member of the Youth Commission. The members of the Youth Commission shall be between the ages of fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) years old at the time of appointment and be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade. To be qualified for appointment, such student shall have a minimum of 2.5 grade point average (GPA) and shall demonstrate a sincere interest and the motivation to work for the community and have a background in community-based activity.
- c) All interested students for appointment to the Youth Commission shall submit an application and resume to the Office of the City Clerk. These applications will be forwarded to Commissioners, who with the Clerk, will interview with the student(s) of their choosing to determine if they will be selected for appointment.
- d) The term of office for each member shall be one (1) year. Members may be appointed for up to two subsequent one-year terms; provided, that no member shall serve more than three (3) years as a member of the Youth Commission.
- e) The Youth Commission hours of participation shall be eligible for Community Service Hours. The letter will be provided by the City Clerk and co-signed by the appointing Commissioner.
- f) The Youth Commission members shall annually elect a voting member as chairperson and other officers it deems necessary from its voting membership.
- g) The City Mayor shall designate staff support sufficient to carry out the purposes of this resolution and provide facilities for meetings and other activities, as necessary.

Section 4: Meetings:

The youth Commission, which is subject to the Government in the Sunshine and Public Records requirements, shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or at the request of the majority of the membership, but no less than quarterly. Three (3) voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A vote of the a majority of the voting members present shall be required to constitute action taken by the Youth Commission. in the case of an emergency, the Chairperson of the Youth Commission may convene a meeting in order to address such emergency. The meetings of the Youth Commission may be conducted in the Commission Chambers and if so conducted, shall be televised using the City usual form of broadcasting.

Section 5: The resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 17th day of July 2024.

APPROVED:



ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Milian Orbis who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>