



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
**December 8, 2020**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**RESOLUTION.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD FROM FIVE TO SEVEN AND REPEALING ALL LEGISLATION INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

On November 6, 1979, the City Commission changed the name of the Community Development Board to the Economic Development Board. Four years later, on June 28, 1983, the City Commission passed Ordinance No. 2470, which established both the Economic Development Department and the Economic Development Board with a revised description and purpose, and a 12-person membership. Ordinance No. 2816, adopted on October 11, 1988, increased the board membership from 12 to 14 by adding to ex-officio members, including the President of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. In 1989, in Ordinance No. 2862, the Board's composition was amended to consist of five members. Finally, Resolution 2005-125, set forth a policy of the City Commission that several of the City's advisory boards, including the Economic Development Board, should consist of five members instead of seven.

The Board is currently composed of five members who are appointed by the Commission.

During the October 7, 2020 Economic Development Board meeting, a motion was made to increase the number of board members to seven to include a representative of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and a City Manager appointment. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting minutes are attached.

At the November 10, 2020 Commission meeting, the Commission agreed with the motion made by the Board and asked staff to bring forth legislation expanding the Board's membership.

The Board and the Commission believe that increasing the membership of the Economic Development Board would show inclusiveness and broaden the representation from the business community.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- 1. Draft Resolution**
- 2. October 7, 2020 Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes**