RESOLUTION NO. 26-2207

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RE-ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD; SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-1993; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (MORERA)

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") is dedicated to providing the Town's youth the opportunity to have their voices heard in government; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial for Town youths to keep themselves abreast of issues which will involve Town Council decisions and may have an impact on their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to helping students become civically engaged and to participate in more civic-minded activities; and

WHEREAS, many local governments throughout Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida have constituted youth advisory councils to provide local government elected officials with perspective on the impact of legislation on the youth; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council would benefit from a Youth Advisory Board that could provide reports on the impact of legislation on Town youth; and

WHEREAS, in April 2024, the Town Council adopted Resolution No. 24-1993, which created a Youth Advisory Board for the Town; however, no Board members were ever appointed and the Board was never formed or convened; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to re-establish the Youth Advisory Board under revised terms and to supersede Resolution No. 24-1993; and

WHEREAS, the re-establishment of a Town Youth Advisory Board would be in the best interest of the residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Supersession. Resolution No. 24-1993 is hereby superseded and replaced in its entirety by this Resolution.

SECTION 3. Establishment of Board. The Town Mayor of Miami Lakes, pursuant to Town Charter Section 2.2(a)(ii), establishes a Youth Advisory Board (the "Board") for the purpose of advising the Town Council on matters affecting the youth of the Town.

SECTION 4. Composition and Terms of Service. The Board will consist of seven (7) members, who will serve for a one (1) year term. To qualify, prospective Board members must: (1) be a resident of Miami Lakes or be enrolled at one of the following schools: Miami Lakes K-8 Center, Bob Graham Education Center, Miami Lakes Middle School, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Barbara Goleman Senior High School, or Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School; (2) have an unweighted GPA of at least 2.5; and (43) submit a completed Youth Advisory Board application directly to the Town. Please note that a parent or legal guardian must sign the application as well as the applicant. While residency in the Town of Miami Lakes shall not be a requirement for membership, preference shall be given to applicants who are residents of the Town of Miami Lakes.

SECTION 5. Meetings & Records. The Board shall meet monthly, or at the call of the chair. The Board shall establish the date, time, and place of its meetings. The presence of four (4) Board members shall constitute a quorum for the meetings. The Board shall not create any subcommittees or call any special meetings without the prior authorization of the Town Council.

SECTION 6. Committee Rules, Regulations and Procedures. The Board shall be subject to and abide by the uniform Committee Rules, Regulations and Procedures.

SECTION 7. Board Liaison. The Town Manager shall appoint a staff liaison who will facilitate the business of the Board.

SECTION 8. Duties. The enumerated powers and duties of the Board shall be to: (1) advise the Town Council on significant and pertinent matters relating to young people within the Town; (2) inform the members of the Town Council of the opinions and perspectives of the Town's youth on matters before the Town Council; (3) provide Board members with opportunities to shadow members of the Town Council; (4) aid members of the Town Council in incorporating the perspectives of the Town's youth into legislative and policy decisions; and (5) submit a written report to the Town Council through the Board's staff liaison at least one (1) business day prior to any regular or special called meeting of the Town Council. ~~The Town Clerk shall place a copy of any such report on the seat of the Mayor and each Councilmember on the dais prior to the start of the meeting.~~ The Town Clerk or the Board's staff liaison shall deliver a copy of any such report to the Mayor and each Councilmember via email prior to the start of the meeting. Reports submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be limited to significant and pertinent matters relating to young people within the Town. The Mayor, Councilmembers, and Town Staff may, but are under no obligation to read all or any portion of such reports during Council Meetings.

SECTION 9. Budget and Events. The Board shall have no budget and shall not be allocated any Town funds. The Board shall not host, sponsor, or organize any events.

SECTION ~~9~~10. Sunset. The Board shall sunset two (2) years from the effective date of this Resolution.

SECTION ~~10~~11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon execution.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Morera who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Joshua Dieguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Bryan Morera	Yes
Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Ray Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Steven Herzberg	Yes
Councilmember Alex Sanchez	Yes

Passed and adopted this 15th day of September 2026.

Joshua Dieguez
Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo
Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Lorenzo Cobiella
Gastesi, Lopez Mestre and Cobiella, PLLC
Deputy Town Attorney