

CITY OF AVENTURA

**Aventura Government Center
19200 West Country Club Drive
Aventura, FL 33180**



CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

February 19, 2026

9:00 a.m.

**Aventura Government Center
5th Floor Executive Conference Room**

City Commission

**Mayor Howard S. Weinberg, Esq.
Vice Mayor Amit Bloom
Commissioner Clifford B. Ain
Commissioner Gustavo Blachman
Commissioner Rachel S. Friedland, Esq.
Commissioner Paul A. Kruss
Commissioner Cindy Orlinsky**

**City Manager Bryan Pegues
City Clerk Ellisa L. Horvath, MMC
City Attorney Robert Meyers**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****3. RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC INPUT:**

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO RESTORE THE ORIGINAL NAME OF THE SCHOOL CURRENTLY KNOWN AS AVENTURA WATERWAYS K-8 BY REMOVING THE WORD "AVENTURA" FROM THE SCHOOL'S NAME; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SUBMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE DON SOFFER AVENTURA HIGH SCHOOL BETWEEN THE CITY OF AVENTURA AND CHARTER SCHOOLS USA, AT AVENTURA, LLC; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE AVENTURA CITY OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL BETWEEN THE CITY OF AVENTURA AND CHARTER SCHOOLS USA, AT AVENTURA, LLC; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Office of the City Clerk, (305) 466-8901 or cityclerk@cityofaventura.com, not later than two days prior to such proceedings. One or more members of the City of Aventura Advisory Boards may participate in the meeting. Anyone wishing to appeal any decision made by the Aventura City Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Agenda items are available online at cityofaventura.com for viewing and printing, or may be requested through the Office of the City Clerk at (305) 466-8901 or cityclerk@cityofaventura.com.

CITY OF AVENTURA

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Commission

FROM: Bryan Pegues, City Manager *BP*

DATE: February 13, 2026

SUBJECT: **Resolution Urging Miami-Dade County School Board to Restore the Original Name of Waterways K-8 School**

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the attached resolution urging the Miami-Dade County School Board to restore the original name of the school currently known as *Aventura Waterways K-8* by removing the word “Aventura” from the school’s name.

BACKGROUND

The school currently operating under the name *Aventura Waterways K-8* is not located within the City of Aventura and is not operated or governed by the City. The addition of “Aventura” to the school’s name occurred without input or consent from the City and has resulted in ongoing confusion among parents, residents, and the general public regarding the City’s role and responsibility for the school.

The City of Aventura operates two municipal charter schools and frequently receives inquiries, concerns, and requests related to *Aventura Waterways K-8*, despite having no jurisdiction or administrative authority over that school. This misperception creates unnecessary administrative challenges and confusion for families seeking to engage with the appropriate school officials.

The proposed resolution formally requests that the Miami-Dade County School Board restore the school’s original name, *Waterways K-8*, which more accurately reflects its location and governance and eliminates confusion with the City’s charter school system.

CITY OF AVENTURA RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO RESTORE THE ORIGINAL NAME OF THE SCHOOL CURRENTLY KNOWN AS AVENTURA WATERWAYS K-8 BY REMOVING THE WORD “AVENTURA” FROM THE SCHOOL’S NAME; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SUBMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the school currently known as Aventura Waterways K-8 (“School”) is not located in the City of Aventura: and

WHEREAS, Aventura was added to the name of the School without input or consent of the City of Aventura; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aventura currently operates two municipal charter schools but has no jurisdiction over the Aventura Waterways K-8 school causing confusion to parents and others wishing to interact with school personnel in connection with school-related matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this Resolution to remove “Aventura” from the school’s name is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That the above stated recitals are hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. Reinstating the School’s Original Name. That the City Commission hereby requests the Miami-Dade County School Board to change the school name of the school currently known as Aventura Waterways K-8 to its original name “Waterways K-8.”

Section 3. Implementation. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to submit this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County School District to take all action necessary to implement this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Clifford B. Ain _____
Commissioner Gustavo Blachman _____
Commissioner Rachel S. Friedland _____
Commissioner Paul A. Kruss _____
Commissioner Cindy Orlinsky _____
Vice Mayor Amit Bloom _____
Mayor Howard S. Weinberg _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of February, 2026.

HOWARD S. WEINBERG, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELLISA L. HORVATH, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

ROBERT MEYERS
CITY ATTORNEY
WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE + BIERMAN, P.L.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Commission

FROM: Bryan Pegues, City Manager *BP*

DATE: February 13, 2026

SUBJECT: **Recommendation to Approve Amended Management Agreements for the Don Soffer Aventura High School (DSAHS) and the Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES)**

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RECOMMENDATION

I respectfully recommend that the City Commission adopt the attached Resolutions authorizing the execution of the Amended Management Agreements for the Don Soffer Aventura High School and the Aventura City of Excellence School.

BACKGROUND

The attached Resolutions authorize the City Manager to execute an Amended Management Agreement between the City of Aventura and Charter Schools USA, at Aventura, LLC (CSUSA) for the Don Soffer Aventura High School (DSAHS) and the Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES).

The City Commission previously approved the original Management Agreement pursuant to Resolution 2019-21 and has amended the agreement from time to time, most recently in June 2024.

The proposed amendment increases the Management Fee for a period not to exceed five (5) years in recognition of CSUSA's expanded responsibilities associated with facilities development and construction oversight for the new high school project.

As the City advances the next phase of the Don Soffer Aventura High School expansion, CSUSA's role has grown to include significant coordination related to site plan implementation, design review, and construction oversight. The temporary adjustment to the Management Fee reflects the additional administrative, operational, and project management services required during this critical development period.

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WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted Resolution 2019-21 approving a management agreement (“Management Agreement”) for the Don Soffer Aventura High School between the City of Aventura and Charter Schools USA, at Aventura, LLC (“CSUSA”) and has subsequently amended the Management Agreement most recently in June 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that amending the Management Agreement to increase the Management Fee for a period not to exceed five (5) years reflects CSUSA’s role in facilities development and construction oversight with respect to the construction of the new high school and is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Each of the above-stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the attached amended Management Agreement for the Don Soffer Aventura High School between the City of Aventura and Charter Schools USA, at Aventura, LLC.

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to do all things necessary to carry of the aims of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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