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To: The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
The Honorable Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General

Date: December 18, 2025

Subject: OIG Successfully Completes Peer Review by the Association of Inspectors General

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The Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is pleased to announce the successful completion of a comprehensive peer review conducted by the Association of Inspectors General (AIG). The Peer Review Team unanimously concluded that the OIG's Investigations, Audit, and Contract Oversight Units fully comply with all applicable AIG Quality Standards for Offices of Inspector General.

The AIG is a respected non-profit membership organization dedicated to advancing integrity, accountability, and excellence within the inspector general community. Its mission includes the development and promotion of professional standards across the various disciplines within offices of inspector general.

The peer review process is a cornerstone of the AIG's commitment to supporting offices of inspector general nationwide. By inviting external experts to evaluate our operations, the Miami-Dade OIG reaffirms its dedication to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement. The review assessed the effectiveness of our internal controls and confirmed that our policies and procedures are appropriately designed and consistently implemented.

The review was conducted by a four-member Peer Review Team from December 8 to December 11, 2025, and covered the Office's activities for fiscal years ending September 30, 2023, 2024, and 2025. Attached is the official letter from the AIG, which documents our compliance with established standards and commends the Office for its professionalism and commitment to excellence.

## Attachment

cc: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney  
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Felix Jimenez  
Inspector General  
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Dear Inspector General Jimenez,

The Association of Inspectors General (AIG) performed a Peer Review of the Miami-Dade County Office of Inspector General's (MD-OIG) Audit Division (AD), Investigations Division (ID), and Contract Oversight Division (COD) at your request. The Peer Review Team (Team) evaluated the work of these three Divisions covering the last three years (Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2023, 2024, and 2025). The Team performed the review from December 8, 2025 through December 11, 2025, which took place at your offices at 601 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Court, Miami, Florida 33136. The Team assessed the work of the ID and the COD for compliance with the *Association of Inspectors General (AIG) Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General*, and the AD for compliance with the *United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) Government Auditing Standards*. These standards are consistent with the qualitative standards under which your office's Divisions have operated throughout the peer review period.

The four person Peer Review Team consisted of the following individuals:

Team Leader	Erica Smith Jefferson Parish (LA) Office of Inspector General Deputy Inspector General Audit and Evaluations
ID Review	Cynthia Bryant City of Chicago (IL) Office of Inspector General Chief Investigator

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AD Review                      Darwyn Jones  
   City of Chicago (IL) Office of Inspector General  
   Deputy Inspector General for Audit

COD Review                    Robert "Bob" Cerasoli  
   South Shore Workforce Development Board  
   Executive Director

On behalf of the Team, I am pleased to advise that we found no reportable instances of failure to meet these standards. There are no limitations or qualifications on our opinion. It is the unanimous conclusion of the Team that ID, AD, and COD met all relevant AIG and GAO standards for the period under review.

The remainder of this letter sets forth the purpose, scope, and methodology of the Peer Review.

### **Purpose**

The Team conducted an independent, qualitative review of the operations of the Investigations, Audit, and Contract Oversight Divisions of the MD-OIG focusing on compliance with agreed-upon standards.

### **Scope**

The Peer Review covered ID, AD, and COD operations, resulting work products, and related file materials chosen from closed investigations, completed audits, and issued COD reports for Fiscal Years ending September 30, 2023, 2024, and 2025. The Peer Review's scope also covered the Divisions' compliance with their relevant policy and process manuals and procedural guides; staff qualifications; and professional training requirements. Lastly, the Peer Review assessed supervisory review and quality control over the work product, reporting of results, and the MD-OIG relationship and communications with outside agencies. For this last step, the Team met with external stakeholders with whom the MD-OIG frequently work, or who are the recipients of the MD-OIG work products.

### **Methodology**

The Team generally followed the Peer Review/Qualitative Assessment Review Checklists. These Checklists are based on AIG and GAO Quality Standards. The Team also called upon their own professional experience as senior managers of various Offices of Inspector General and their knowledge of and familiarity with best practices within the Inspector General community.

Prior to the actual on-site review, the Team requested information from all divisions, including but not limited to policy and procedures manuals, closed case logs, a list of issued reports, and a list of external stakeholders. The Team used this information to select the work products and related case materials that were ultimately reviewed.

On December 8, 2025, the Team held an entrance conference with you and your executive leadership, during which time we explained the Peer Review scope, methodology, limitations, and proposed schedule. During that morning, we also delivered our request for sample review materials. During the week, the Peer Reviewers conducted their fieldwork through examination of the selected files and related work product.

The Team also reviewed the personnel files of current ID, AD, and COD employees and reviewed their Training and Continuing Education files. The Team also reviewed all relevant policy and process manuals and procedural guides. All file requests were met fully and timely.

Peer Reviewers also interviewed staff from the ID, AD, and COD. Interviewees for all divisions included directors, managers, and staff (e.g. auditors, investigators). Team members also met with you and with members of your executive leadership to gauge their involvement and interaction with all divisions. This included:

- Hector Ortiz, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations;
- Marie Perikles, General Counsel;
- James Schlotzhauer, Director of Data Analytics; and
- Arleen Stanek, Audit Manager

The Team conducted all interviews in confidence and without any limitation on scope or time. Reviewers requested follow-up interviews and explanations, as well as any supplemental documentation, and MD-OIG staff graciously accommodated the Team.

The Team also independently chose several external stakeholders to interview. Meetings were arranged between the peer reviewers and the external stakeholders for the purpose of evaluating agency cooperation, effectiveness, and responsiveness. Stakeholders included:

- Namita Uppal, Director-Strategic Procurement Department;
- Jimmy Morales, Office of the Mayor;
- Wayne Rosen, ASAC OIG-Federal Reserve Commission;
- Edward Stamm, USAO; and
- Ignacio Vazquez, Executive Director – Commission on Ethics & Public Trust

Finally, the Team held an exit conference with you and your executive leadership on December 11, 2025, during which time the Team shared its conclusion that all divisions fully met AIG and GAO standards. Team members provided you with our observations and opinions gathered during the review. We held separate exit conferences with each division leader. During each of these exit conferences, Peer Review Team members elaborated on the observations made during the week of review. In each of the exit conferences, Team members provided several observations that did not limit or qualify

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the opinion of the Peer Review but were shared with you and your leadership team as possible areas of consideration going forward.

As noted above, it is the unanimous conclusion of the Team that the ID, AD, and COD met all current and relevant AIG and GAO standards for the review period.

On behalf of the AIG, I want to thank you for the confidence placed in the AIG by requesting that we conduct this review. On behalf of the Team, we would like to acknowledge and thank Inspector General Felix Jimenez, and your designees James Schlotzhauer and Ozzie Romero for all their efforts in the coordination and planning of this event and for ensuring that we were provided with the necessary records and tools for a thorough and smooth review. Lastly, on behalf of the Team, we would like to recognize that in all our interactions with your staff, we were shown the respect and cooperation that is the hallmark of a professional staff truly interested in a full and open review of their work. At the same time, this has been a learning experience for each member of the Team, for which we wish to convey our sincerest thanks.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Peer Review Team if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



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Team Leader, AIG Peer Review for MD-OIG

cc:

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Cynthia Bryant, City of Chicago (IL) OIG, December 2025

Darwyn Jones, City of Chicago (IL) OIG, December 2025

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