

RESOLUTION No. 2009-04-949

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, CONFIRMING COUNCILMAN AARON CAMPBELL, JR.'S APPOINTMENT OF NATALIE E. OCE TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6.2 OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS' CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6.2 of the City of Miami Gardens' Charter, at its first regular meeting in December 2008 and thereafter every fifth year, the City Council shall appoint and fund a Charter Review Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission is to consist of five (5) persons, including one (1) from each of the four (4) residential areas, and

WHEREAS, one (1) appointment shall be made by the Mayor and each Residential Councilmember, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Aaron Campbell, Jr. has appointed Natalie E. Oce as his appointee to the Commission, and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to confirm Councilman Campbell's appointment of Natalie E. Oce to the Commission,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

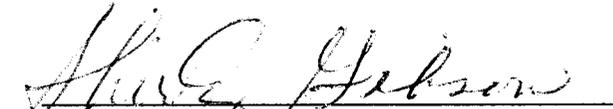
Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby confirms Councilman Aaron Campbell, Jr.'s appointment of Natalie E. Oce to the Miami Gardens Charter Review Commission.

Section 3. NUNC PRO TUNC EFFECT: This resolution shall relate back to December 10, 2008.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2009.

  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.  
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN AARON CAMPBELL, JR.

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Watson  
SECOND BY: Councilman Campbell

VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin Bratton, Sr.	___ (Yes)	___ (No) (not present)
Councilman Aaron Campbell, Jr.	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)



## City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	January 14, 2009		<b>Item Type:</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Other</b>	
			(Enter X in box)	X			
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	<b>Ordinance Reading:</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
		X			<b>Public Hearing:</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>Funding Source:</b>	N/A		<b>Advertising Requirement:</b>				<b>Yes</b>
<b>Contract/P.O. Required:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	<b>RFP/RFQ/Bid #:</b>				
		X					
<b>Sponsor Name</b>	Aaron Campbell, Jr., Councilman		<b>Department:</b>		<i>Mayor/Council</i>		

**Short Title:**

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**Staff Summary:**

*In accordance with the establishment of the Charter Review Commission, Councilman Aaron Campbell hereby submits his appointee for membership in accordance with the City of Miami Gardens Charter, Article VI, and Section 6.2. Upon approval by the City Council, the committee will recognize Natalie E. Oce, as an appointee of Councilman Campbell.*

*The appointed members of the Commission will determine whether or not an amendment or revision to the City's Charter is needed and will submit proposals, revisions and suggested amendments to the Council no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>, of the year following their appointment.*

**Proposed Action:**

*Councilman Campbell's recommends that the City Council approve the appointment of Natalie E. Oce to the Charter Review Commission.*

**Attachment:**

1. Committee Application and accompanying Resume'



**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS BOARD/COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

1515 NW 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Bldg. 3, Suite 200  
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

Phone No. 305-622-8000  
Fax No. 305-622-8001

1. Position sought: Service on the Charter Revision Commission
2. Name: Natalie E. Oce
3. Home Address: 20511 <sup>(Please print)</sup> NW 34 Ave; Miami Gardens, FL 33056
4. Business Address: 3600 S. State Road 7 suite 215. Miramar FL 33023
5. Employer (if self please state): SELF
  - a. Job Title: Attorney
  - b. Nature of business: provide legal services to clients.
6. Home Phone No. (305) 546-0225 Business Phone No. (954) 961-2228
7. E-mail Address: Natalieoce@orelawfirm.com Fax No. (954) 961-2296
8. Education Background:
  - a. High School
 

Name of School American Dates of Attendance Aug 86 - May 90
  - b. Vocational School
 

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. College
 

Name of College Univ. of FL Dates of attendance May 90 - May 95

Degree obtained if any BA

Nova Southeastern University May 98 - May 2001 - J.D.

Please provide a copy of your Resume or CV along with this Application.
9. Community Service (attach additional sheets if necessary):
 

Provide free presentations to various groups about different laws.

provide free tutoring to children who are in need of additional educational assistance.

Board Member of Alternative Program
10. Please state your qualifications for position sought (attach additional sheets if necessary):
 

I possess excellent written and verbal communication skills. Additionally, my profession requires that I create and review documents for their content, as well as legal sufficiency. I am very organized and I work well with others.

11. Are you aware of any potential or real conflicts of interest that would prevent you from serving on a City board or committee? If so, please state the nature of the real or potential conflict:  
No. At this time, I am unaware of any potential or real conflicts of interests that would prevent me from serving on a city board or committee.

12. Are you employed by the City? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

13. Are you employed by the Mayor or any of the Council members in their private capacities?

14. Are you a resident of the City? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you own a business in the City? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please state the name of the business: N/A  
Is this business a vendor with the City Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

16. Do you operate a business in the City? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please state the name of the business: N/A  
Is this business a vendor with the City Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

17. Ethnic Origin:  
White Non-Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ African American  Hispanic American \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

18. If there are no vacancies for the board or committee position sought, I would also be interested in serving on the following board(s)/committee(s):

Second choice \_\_\_\_\_ Third choice \_\_\_\_\_  
Fourth choice \_\_\_\_\_ Fifth choice \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained in this Application is true and accurate.  
Signature [Signature] Date Dec 16, 2008  
Applicant

THIS APPLICATION WILL REMAIN ON FILE FOR ONE YEAR

**NATALIE E. OCE, ESQ.**

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20511 N.W. 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33056

(305) 546-0225  
natalieoce@ocelawfirm.com

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**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**LAW OFFICE OF NATALIE E. OCE, Miramar and Miami, Florida**  
Attorney, June 2004 – Present  
Civil, Family, and Criminal Law Practice

**CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, Miami Gardens, Florida**  
Special Master, July 2004 – December 2008

Heard cases pertaining to city code violations. Issued findings of fact based on evidence presented at hearings and conclusions of law and issued orders affording the proper relief consistent with powers that are granted. Judged cases based on all the testimony and the evidence presented by both parties, issued orders by which both the code enforcers and violators must abide, and imposed fines for continued violations.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, 15<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,**  
West Palm Beach, Florida  
Attorney, December 2001 – April 2004

**Felony Division:** Defended felony cases, including, in part, robbery, aggravated battery, driving under the influence causing serious bodily injury, child abuse, drug trafficking, and elder abuse. Conducted depositions, arraignments, and bond hearings. Drafted and argued various motions.

- *Responsibility for over 130 cases.*

**Juvenile Division:** Defended misdemeanor and felony cases, including nonjury trials of the following cases, in part: aggravated battery, battery, domestic battery, grand theft, petite theft, aggravated assault, trespass, robbery, and criminal mischief.

- *Responsibility for over 300 cases and for over 50 nonjury trials.*

**Domestic Battery Division:** Defended criminal cases pertaining to domestic battery offenses.

- *Responsibility for over 200 cases and for 5 jury trials; won 4 domestic battery cases and 1 battery case.*

**Appellate Division:** Prepared brief to present to the Fourth District Court of Appeals.

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**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Fort Lauderdale, Florida**  
**Mediator, June 2000 – May 2001**

Assisted in mediating employment discrimination complaints filed with the EEOC. Mediated first-time juvenile offender cases and drafted settlement agreements. Performed legal research and writing related to employment discrimination and alternate dispute resolution.

**GUARDIAN AD LITEM, Fort Lauderdale, Florida**  
**Child Advocate, August 1999 – May 2001**

Investigated pending cases regarding the best interests of the child. Drafted motions and memoranda of law. Spokesperson for the child before the court.

**EALEY & ASSOCIATES, North Miami, Florida**  
**Law Clerk, May 2000 – August 2000**

Researched legal issues in bankruptcy proceedings, property law, and criminal law. Prepared pleadings, memoranda of law, and interrogatories. Summarized depositions.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, North Miami, Florida**  
**Adjunct Professor, School of Social Work and Policy Management,**  
**Criminal Justice Program, August 2004 - Present**

**Courses:**

- Justice and the Constitution
- Judicial Policy Making
- Criminal Procedure
- Overview of Criminal Justice
- Crime Prevention
- Juvenile Delinquency, Control and Prevention

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Miami, Florida**  
**Teacher, Middle School, August 1995 – June 1998**

**CONCERNED AFRICAN WOMEN, Miami, Florida**  
**Literary Instructor, March 1995 – June 1995**

Developed curriculum for exceptionally high-risk dropout middle-school students. Created literacy games, grammar usage, and reading activities which improved student reading skills by 15% and participation by 90%.

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**EDUCATION**

**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, SHEPARD BROAD LAW CENTER,**  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Juris Doctor, 2001**

Dean's List

Moot Court Honors Board

Upper-Class Competition Finalist, Moot Court Honors

Honors Court Defender

Public Service Fellow, Florida Bar Foundation

Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Florida Association of Women Lawyers

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, Florida**

**Bachelor of Science, Public Relations, with an outside concentration in education, 1995**

Public Relations Students of America

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

Defenders College, a 4-day intensive course that specializes in training criminal defense lawyers on techniques needed to properly prepare, defend, and litigate criminal cases

Kids & Court, a seminar that specializes in educating defense lawyers on the issues that pertain to defending children in the legal system, including competency issues and alternative remedies to jail sentencing

Legal Research Advanced Training

**ADMISSIONS**

Member, State Bar of Florida, 2001

**AFFILIATIONS**

American Bar Association

Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Florida Criminals Defense Attorneys

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Member, North County Citizen's Association: Provide presentations on laws and how they affect the community

Concerned African Women: Recognized for Outstanding Leadership