

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM, BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND BARRY UNIVERSITY, TO ESTABLISH A WORKFORCE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP THAT PROVIDES TUITION DISCOUNTS, INTERNSHIPS, AND CREDENTIALING PATHWAYS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami ("City") and Barry University are desirous of establishing a strategic educational partnership that offers workforce education benefits to City employees and small business owners; and

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), Barry University will provide a 20% tuition discount to eligible participants, enhanced access to graduate and adult learning programs, and the development of career pipelines aligned with regional labor market demand; and

**WHEREAS**, the partnership will provide internship and apprenticeship opportunities through the Handshake platform, customized training, stackable credentials, and accelerated learning through credit for life experience, and jointly delivered workshops and professional development sessions; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff is in support of this initiative as it provides tuition affordability through institutional discounts, professional certification and degree pathways tailored to local employment needs, recognition of prior learning and work experience to accelerate credential completion, and stronger education to employment pathways that increases retention and advancement of City staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council believe that entering into an MOU for this purpose will benefit the residents of the City and should be entered into with Barry University.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Approval.** The Mayor and City Council hereby approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Barry University, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit "A".


**Section 2. Authority of Interim City Manager.** The Interim City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 24th day of June, 2025.

  
ALIX DESULME, ED.D.  
MAYOR

ATTEST :

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Estime-Irvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.  
Vice Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA  
Councilman Kevin A. Burns  
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin  
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

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