

Meyers, Robert (COE)

JNQ 06-83

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2006 3:53 PM
To: Lievano, Maria (DIST12)
Subject: RE: Request for Opinion

Hi Maria,

The staff attorney in our office spoke to Cornelia Pereira, Senior Vice President of the Communications and External Affairs for the Greater Miami Chamber, and Ms. Pereira clarified the status and duties of elected officials who serve on the Chamber's Board of Governors. All elected officials who sit on the Board of Governors serve as ex officio members, meaning that they do not vote and have no obligation to secure financial donations for the Chamber. If Commissioner Diaz decides to solicit gifts for the Chamber he can do so as long as it is clear that the solicitations are for the Greater Miami Progress Foundation, Inc. – the Chamber's 501(c)(3) foundation. Therefore, there is no conflict of interest for Commissioner Diaz to sit on the Board of Governors and he exception to the gift rule allows him to solicit on behalf of the Chamber's 501(c)(3) Foundation.

A potential problem that has surfaced, which I have shared with the County Attorney's Office, is that the Chamber has also asked Commissioner Gimenez to serve on the Board of Governors. If Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Gimenez both accept, there is a potential Sunshine Law violation. If the meetings of the Board of Governors are closed to the public and the meetings covered subjects that could foreseeably come before the County Commission, this could present a Sunshine Law problem. The County Attorney's Office will have to provide guidance on that front – as our office does not interpret or enforce state law.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert

From: Lievano, Maria (DIST12)
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 5:16 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Diaz, Jose "Pepe" (DIST12)
Subject: Request for Opinion

Hello, Robert. I hope you are doing well. I wanted to run the following by you. Commissioner Diaz has been approached to serve on the Board of Governors for the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. The position carries a financial commitment in that members are asked to secure 2,950 annually or to attract or fund an equivalent amount in advertising, sponsorship or contribution to the Chamber's 501(c)(3). The Commissioner would like to know if there is a possible ethics violation if he serves on this board. Also, will he be allowed to ask for sponsorship monies for the Chamber in order to meet the 2,950 financial commitment?

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this issue.

Maria

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 Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz (District 12)
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6/1/2006

MEMO

TO: Robert Meyers
FROM: Victoria Frigo
DATE: June 1, 2006
RE: Elected Officials Serving on the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
Board of Governors

In a telephone conversation today, CORNELIA PEREIRA, Sr. Vice President of Communications and External Affairs for the Greater Miami Chamber, clarified the status and duties of elected officials who serve on the Chamber's Board of Governors:

- Two County Commissioners have been asked to serve on the Chamber's Board of Governors, specifically because of their unique areas of expertise. They are Commissioner **Diaz** because of his knowledge of transportation issues and Commissioner **Carlos Gimenez** because of his experience with the downtown area.
- Elected officials serve as "ex officio" members. As such, they do not vote, and they do not have any obligation to secure financial donations for the Chamber.
- Although there is no duty to obtain gifts for the Chamber, if a financial contribution were to be made as a result of an elected official's position on the Board of Governors, the financial contribution could be directed specifically to the Chamber's 501(c)(3) foundation—the "Greater Miami Progress Foundation, Inc." A contribution earmarked specifically for the Foundation would be an exception to the gift prohibition under the Ethics Code at 2-11.1 (e)(2)(g).

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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cpereira@miamichamber.com

ATTACHMENTS:

Chamber's Executive Roster
Greater Miami Progress Foundation, Inc., 2006 Annual Report and Web page

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (11 voting/2 non-voting)

Officers (5)

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Chairman | Adolfo Henriques |
| 2. Chairman-Elect | Hank Klein |
| 3. First Vice Chairman | Carlos Fernandez-Guzman |
| 4. Treasurer | John Messer |
| 5. Immediate Past Chairman | Rosa Sugrañes |

Group Chairmen (5)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Advocacy | Philis Oeters |
| 2. International Business Development | Ralph Gazitua |
| 3. Leadership Programs | Ron Shuffield |
| 4. Marketing & Member Services | C.L. Conroy |
| 5. Regional Business Development | Maria Alonso |

At-Large (1)

1. Sheldon Anderson

Ex-Officio (w/o vote)

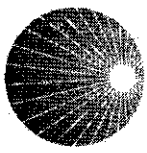
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| President & CEO | Barry Johnson |
| Of Counsel | Bruce Jay Colan |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (71 voting/4 non-voting)

All voting Executive Committee Members (11)

Chairmen (26)

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Local Advocacy | Carlos Lacasa |
| 2. State Advocacy | Yolanda Cash Jackson |
| 3. Federal & Global Advocacy | Jay Carmichael |
| 4. Natural Resources & Management | Roman Gastesi |
| 5. Workforce Housing | Michael Burnstine |
| 6. Greater Miami Free Trade Zone Inc. | Maria Camila Leiva |
| 7. Global Business Initiatives | Carlos Davila |
| 8. Global Business Development | Jerry Haar |
| 9. Training & Development | Carolyn Donaldson |
| 10. Senior Executive Orientation Program | Karen Echols |
| 11. Leadership Miami | Mark Trowbridge |
| 12. Leadership Americas | Jose Cancela |



- 13. Marketing
- 14. Member Retention/Customer Care
- 15. Membership Growth
- 16. Chairman's Circle
- 17. Membership/Benefits Board
- 18. Creative Industries
- 19. Healthcare & Bioscience
- 20. Education
- 21. New World Center
- 22. Transportation, Infrastructure & Regionalism
- 23. Small Business
- 24. Not-For-Profit
- 25. Information Technology
- 26. Black Business Initiative

- Renny Tirador
- Bernie Adrover
- Oscar Rodriguez
- Lauren Smith
- Manny Rodriguez
- Tony Rogers
- Marilu Rios Hall
- Art Noriega
- Jack Lowell
- Joe Serota
- Jose Manuel Diaz
- Peter England
- Sandy Gonzalez-Levy
- Ronda Vangates

BOD At-Large (34)

Class of 2007 (17)

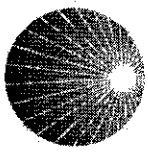
- 1. Marta Armas
- 2. Rodney Barreto
- 3. Nicholas Bustle
- 4. Bruce Jay Colan
- 5. Anne Freedman
- 6. Dan Gonzalez
- 7. Julio Grabiell
- 8. Sara Herald
- 9. William Holly
- 10. Albert Lopez
- 11. Jackeline Marques
- 12. John Mestepey
- 13. Rudy Moise
- 14. Robin Reiter-Faragalli
- 15. Carlos Sabater
- 16. Patricia Thompson
- 17. Alex Villoch

Class of 2008 (17)

- 1. Cesar Alvarez
- 2. Scott Becher
- 3. Roger Carlton
- 4. George Foyo
- 5. Seth Gordon
- 6. Neisen Kasdin
- 7. Israel Kreps
- 8. Roberta Kressel
- 9. Barbara Liberatore-Black
- 10. Angel Medina
- 11. Tom Rozek
- 12. Lee Sandler
- 13. Tony Santos
- 14. Shelly Spivack
- 15. Mary Lou Tighe
- 16. Tony Villamil
- 17. Dawn White

Ex-Officio (w/o vote) (3)

- 1. Barry Johnson
- 2. Frank Nero
- 3. William Talbert



Nominating Committee (9 voting/1 non-voting)

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Adolfo Henriques | Chairman |
| 2. Hank Klein | Chairman-Elect |
| 3. Carlos Fernandez-Guzman | First Vice Chairman |
| 4. Bruce Jay Colan | Director |
| 5. Seth Gordon | Director |
| 6. Tom Rozek | Director |
| 7. Dwight Hill | Member Representative |
| 8. Roosevelt Thomas | Member Representative |
| 9. Josie Romano Brown | Member Representative |

Ex-Officio (w/o vote)

Barry Johnson

President & CEO



Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
2006-2007
Board of Governors
(6/1/2006)

Class of 2007

1. Jorge Arrizurieta
2. Julio Barrionuevo
3. Alan Berger
4. Ronald Book
5. Josie Romano Brown
6. George Burgess
7. Michael Carricarte
8. Bonnie Crabtree
9. Trevor Duhaney
10. Sandra Greenblatt
11. Mark Grimmel
12. Michael Hardy
13. Joseph Hovancak, Jr.
14. Robert Hudson
15. Brian Keeley
16. Susan Kronick
17. Alan Levan
18. Ricardo Lujan
19. Modesto Maidique
20. Ben Mollere
21. Eduardo Padron
22. Sergio Pino
23. Randolph Pohlman
24. Gary Press
25. Linda Quick
26. Conchita Ruiz-Topinka
27. David Samson
28. Howard Shore
29. Edward Shumsky
30. Judith Squillante
31. Carol Wyllie

***Ex-Officio w/o vote**

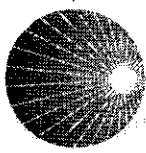
****Merrett Stierheim**
honorary member

Class of 2008

1. Lisa Allen Guanci
2. William Anido
3. Robert Berkowitz
4. Basil Bernard
5. Martin Cohn
6. Erich de la Fuente
7. Jose de la Torre
8. Ralph Egües
9. Marisa Feito
10. Mariano Fernandez
11. Teresita Garcia
12. Barbara Garrett
13. Larry Gautier
14. Curtis Gray
15. Peter Guggenheim
16. Dwight Hill
17. Ric Katz
18. Teresa King Kinney
19. Jorge R. Lopez
20. Jorge Luis Lopez
21. Ruchel Louis
22. Walter Loy
23. Pat Morgan
24. Sandy O'Neil
25. Leslie Pantin
26. Dabney "Bud" Park
27. Mercedes Ponce
28. Robert Rodriguez
29. Marco Rubio
30. Lexi Segre
31. Liz Spivack
32. Michael Spring

Class of 2009

1. Dave Barlett
2. Rick Beasley
3. Frank Bolaños
4. Bob Brunn
5. Cristina Calero
6. Luis Chiappy
7. Eileen Conlon
8. Bruce Cutright
9. Brian Dean
10. Jose "Pepe" Diaz *
11. Christopher Dudley
12. Debra Durant
13. Eduardo Ferreira
14. Arthur Furia
15. Carlos Gimenez *
16. Sergio Gonzalez
17. Elizabeth Green
18. Larry Kahn
19. Megan Kelly
20. Danet Linares
21. Jay Miller
22. Lisa Mozloom
23. Deirdre Nero
24. Pete Pizarro
25. Diana Ragbeer
26. Rolando Rodriguez
27. Clyde Rucker
28. Frank Santeiro
29. Gene Schaefer
30. Matthew Schwartz
31. Marcy Ullom
32. Eric Woolworth
33. Jon Zeder



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Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
2006-2007
Past Chairs
(6/1/2006)

Lifetime Members of Board of Governors

Past Chairs

1. Larry H. Adams
2. Carlos J. Arboleya
3. Phillip F. Blumberg
4. Jose Cancela
5. Alvah H. Chapman
6. Armando M. Codina
7. Robert H. Coords
8. Martin Fine
9. Herschel V. Green
10. Allen C. Harper
11. T.J. Hoepner
12. Sherrill W. Hudson
13. Barry E. Johnson
14. Joseph P. Lacher
15. Sidney Levin
16. Jack Lowell
17. Carlos Migoya
18. Ramiro A. Ortiz
19. Susan Potter Norton
20. Walter L. Revell
21. Peter W. Roulhac
22. Robert H. Traurig
23. Dorothy Weaver
24. David A. Wollard

2006 NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT

FILED
May 23, 2006
Secretary of State

DOCUMENT# 714837

Entity Name: GREATER MIAMI PROGRESS FOUNDATION, INC.

Current Principal Place of Business:

% GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1601 BISCAYNE BLVD.
MIAMI, FL 33132

New Principal Place of Business:

Current Mailing Address:

% GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1601 BISCAYNE BLVD.
MIAMI, FL 33132

New Mailing Address:

FEI Number: 59-6216592 FEI Number Applied For () FEI Number Not Applicable () Certificate of Status Desired ()
In accordance with s. 607.193(2)(b), F.S., the corporation did not receive the prior notice.

Name and Address of Current Registered Agent:

FOYO, GEORGE
1601 BISCAYNE BLVD.
BALLROOM
MIAMI, FL 33132 US

Name and Address of New Registered Agent:

FOLTYN, LORRIE
1601 BISCAYNE BLVD.
BALLROOM
MIAMI, FL 33132 US

The above named entity submits this statement for the purpose of changing its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida.

SIGNATURE: LORRIE FOLTYN
Electronic Signature of Registered Agent

05/23/2006
Date

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

Title: T () Delete
Name: WILLIAM, HOLLY,
Address: 1395 BRICKELL AVE., #900
City-St-Zip: MIAMI, FL 33131

Title: DC () Delete
Name: GOODE, R. RAY
Address: 3600 N.W. 82ND AVE
City-St-Zip: MIAMI, FL

Title: D () Delete
Name: NORIEGA, ART
Address: 190 NE 3 STREET
City-St-Zip: MIAMI, FL 33131

Title: D () Delete
Name: GAUTIER, LARRY,
Address: 634 CRANDON BLVD.
City-St-Zip: KEY BISCAYNE, FL 33149

Title: D () Delete
Name: POTTER, SUSAN
Address: 121 MARJORCA AVE 3RD FLOOR
City-St-Zip: MIAMI, FL 331344508

Title: () Delete
Name:
Address:
City-St-Zip:

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

Title: () Change () Addition
Name:
Address:
City-St-Zip:

Title: DC (X) Change () Addition
Name: MARQUES, JACKIE
Address: 9130 S DADELAND BLVD., #1400
City-St-Zip: MIAMI, FL 33156

Title: D (X) Change () Addition
Name: NORIEGA, ARTHUR
Address: 190 NE 3 STREET
City-St-Zip: MIAMI, FL 33131

Title: () Change () Addition
Name:
Address:
City-St-Zip:

Title: D (X) Change () Addition
Name: AJAMIL, LUIS
Address: 2601 S. BAYSHORE DR., 10TH FLOOR
City-St-Zip: MIAMI, FL 33133

Title: DO () Change (X) Addition
Name: PEREIRA, CORNELIA EXEC. D
Address: 1601 BISCAYNE BLVD.
City-St-Zip: MIAMI, FL 33132

I hereby certify that the information supplied with this filing does not qualify for the for the exemption stated in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. I further certify that the information indicated on this report or supplemental report is true and accurate and that my electronic signature shall have the same legal effect as if made under oath; that I am an officer or director of the corporation or the receiver or trustee empowered to execute this report as required by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes; and that my name appears above, or on an attachment with an address, with all other like empowered.

SIGNATURE: CORNELIA PEREIRA
Electronic Signature of Signing Officer or Director

DO
05/23/2006
Date

The Greater Miami Progress Foundation

Greater Miami Progress Foundation

History

The Greater Miami Progress Foundation (GMPF) was established in 1968 by concerned citizens of greater Miami and members of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to conduct projects, programs and studies deemed to be in the interest of providing "the best possible urban environment for all citizens."

For nearly four decades, the Foundation has taken on such far-ranging issues as race relations, higher education, hurricane recovery, the education of Miami's future leadership, disenfranchised youth, the identification of local high paying jobs of the future and the corresponding educational paths youth need for career entry and the establishment of an endowment for young women interested in pursuing a career in business.

- Black Business Grant Program
- Carlos Arboleya Award
- Education Summit
- Good Life Youth Mentor Program
- Haitian Business Scholarship Fund
- Jeanne Bellamy Endowment Scholarship Fund
- Leadership Miami
- Military Affairs Council Programs
- One Community One Goal®
- South Florida Consortium for Higher Education
- Sports Council
- Youth Leadership Miami

Mission

The Foundation aims to leverage its relationship with top business and civic leaders to identify top issues, prioritize them through consensus and strategize solutions through programmatic activity, all funded by member donations, endowments and grants.

Through strategic partnerships with local organizations already committed to the betterment of greater Miami, these initiatives will be validated and prioritized. These may be, but are not limited to:

1. Leadership of the Americas
2. Future Executives
3. Opportunity Scholarships
4. Black Business Initiative (Minority Business Development)
5. Quality of Life Issues
 - Transportation
 - Workforce Housing
 - Creation of high-wage paying jobs in targeted sectors (i.e. bio-medical field)
 - Expansion and enhancement of cultural offerings

Why GMPF?

The Foundation, given its stewardship by members of Miami's multicultural business community, has the ability to access South Florida's largely entrepreneurial and international professional workforce for some of the most innovative solutions to community concerns. Because of Miami's budding reputation as a top international destination and its strategic location as an access point to Latin America and Europe, Africa and the Middle East, the foundation is positioned to serve as a pivotal organization to lead South Florida to solutions that impede progress.

Board

The nine-member Board of Directors of the Greater Miami Progress Foundation reflects Miami's multicultural roots and professional backgrounds. GMPF is a corporation and has been registered with the state of Florida since June 26, 1968, Corporation I.D. No. 714837.

Contributions and Endowments

Make a GMPF contribution or establish an endowment in your name that will leave a legacy that is synonymous with the best civic leadership associated with Miami. This can be done by establishing a scholarship in your name, as was done by Jeanne Bellamy, the first female chairman of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, or:

- Underwrite a minority business
- Sponsor Leadership of the Americas
- Enable a disenfranchised youth to participate
- Sponsor a cultural summit
- Sponsor a transportation summit
- Direct monies to an environmental project
- Help Miami attract businesses in burgeoning industries, i.e., biomedical research

Make donations payable to:
Greater Miami Progress Foundation
1601 Biscayne Boulevard, Ballroom level
Miami, FL 33132-1260

For more information, please contact Cornelia Pereira, Executive Director at 305.577.5432.

The Greater Miami Progress Foundation is a 501 c 3. All donations are tax-deductible to extent provided for by law.

2005-2006 Board and members

Arthur Noriega, Chairman
Larry Gautier, Vice-Chairman
William H. Holly, Secretary/Treasurer
Luis Ajamil, Member
Jacqueline Marques, Member
Chris Steilberg, Member

Cornelia Pereira, Executive Director