

RESILIENCE

Greater Miami & The Beaches is a coastal community that is a burgeoning hub for trade, tourism, logistics, health care, life sciences, international banking, finance and creative industries. However, our community also faces a number of shocks and stressors such as hurricanes, aging infrastructure, sea-level rise, sunny day flooding, gridlocked traffic, and serious economic inequalities.

MISSION

The Resilience Committee looks to engage and impact key governmental and private sector stakeholders to advance solutions and actions protecting our natural resources and supporting the Resilient 305 Strategy – 100 Resilient Cities initiative. The Committee acts on multiple fronts and partners with other Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce committees to address these challenges.

OBJECTIVES

- Enhance collaboration between business leaders, government, the not-for-profit sector and academia to enable our community to bounce back quicker from the inevitable stressors it faces.
- Support protection and investment in resilient gray, green, and blue built infrastructure, both existing and future.
- Undertake viable ways and promote business opportunities that mitigate the impact of climate change on the future of the region.
- Promote efforts to improve water quality, prevent saltwater intrusion, and protect our fresh water supply.
- Support the restoration of the Biscayne Bay Ecosystem and Coral Reefs.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Resilience Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests or concerns in this arena. Committee members include a broad range of professionals including real estate and construction professionals, urban-based businesses, engineering companies, schools, incubators, City and County officials, and non-governmental organizations.

Leadership

The Resilience Committee is led by a Committee Chair and Vice Chair, who are elected by the Board of Directors for a one-year term. The Committee Chair is responsible for the effective functioning of the Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's mission and objectives.

GOALS 2022-2023

- Hold a minimum of (1) committee meeting per quarter and host two (2) signature events with networking opportunities:
- Resilient Business Opportunity Event- Fall 2022, growing by 10% in attendance and net revenues
 - Advocate & cultivate business opportunities and investments in residential and commercial adaptation solutions to flooding and sea level rise impacts as per Business Case for Resilience for Southeast Florida.
- Resilient Solutions Summit – May 3, 2023, growing by 10% in attendance and net revenues

- Appoint GMCC representative to Miami-Dade County's Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board.
- Collaborate with the Governmental Affairs Committee to support and advocate for state and federal resilience legislation, Everglades Restoration, and funding.
- Create a Business Resilience toolkit to provide best practices and help prepare business and not-for profit leaders on disaster preparedness and business resilience.

Irela Bagué, *Chair*

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