

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 2022



Greenberg Traurig hosted the delegation in the offices located in the incredible Azrieli Center.

Dear members,

From March 25 to March 31, The Chamber resumed its Americas Linkage Program, with a Mission to Israel co-led by the office of Mayor Daniella Levine Cava.

The Israel Consulate in Miami hosted a briefing and reception before the departure of around 60 members and delegates.

We visited over 30 companies in one week. The mission started in Jerusalem and continued to Tel-Aviv with a cultural agenda, followed by meetings that included start-ups, local government officials, the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, port authorities, and a reception at U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Thomas R. Nides.

This fascinating and eye-opening week to one of the most advanced technology and innovation powerhouses in the world was made possible through your support. From aerospace to smart trees, no traffic technologies, state-of-the art non-invasive medical technologies, desalinization plants, and a visit to the Israel Institute of Technology, we were inspired by the country's amazing technology ecosystem and what we can bring home to the Greater Miami.

A lot more happened this month.

Alfred Sanchez
President and Chief Executive Officer

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

The 2022 South Florida Economic Summit took place on March 30. Jay Pelham, Chair of The Chamber's Financial Services Committee, moderated the Summit.



The 2022 HR Insights Summit was held on April 7th, along with a Ring of Honor Recognition.

ADVOCACY



Close international relations are key to Miami's economy. The Chamber was privileged to host a roundtable with Brian P. McKeon, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources. Chamber members had the opportunity to participate in a private meeting and converse about challenges and opportunities of doing business in Miami.

Also present were the U.S. Department of Commerce's Yamilee Bastien, the City of Miami's Donny Wolfe, and the World Trade Center's Alice Ancona. Vicki L. Lopez, our Government Affairs Committee Vice Chair, moderated the roundtable moderator.



Our Government Affairs Committee has been advocating in Tallahassee during the 2022 Legislative Session that came to an end on March 11, engaging with state officials and monitoring the development of issues that are crucial to businesses and the communities of South Florida.

During April's Trustee Luncheon, The Chamber invited state representatives to discuss the status of each bill and exchange views moving forward.



GLOBAL TECH

EMERGE AMERICAS

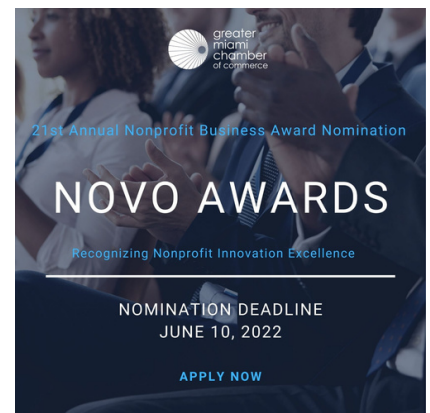


Alfred Sanchez with Mayor Francis Suarez during the Americas Government (eGov) Summit, held in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

On April 18th and 19th, the Miami Beach Convention Center opened its doors to eMerge Americas, Florida's premier technology platform. In two decades, its founder, Manny Medina, has laid the foundation to transforming Miami into the tech hub of the Americas. The Chamber took the opportunity to attract new members.

INNOVATION

The application for the 21st Annual Nonprofit Business Award Nomination is open. Deadline is June 10th, 2022. Don't miss the opportunity to nominate someone you know.



CONNECTIONS

Chamber Connections happened on April 14th at The Wharf, sponsored by TD Bank.



INTERNATIONAL



In April, The Chamber became a direct member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). [Find out more](#) about the enhanced benefits of having international certificates of origin with the ICC seal.

Save the date for the **Consular and Trade Representatives Annual Reception**, on June 8th.

LEADERSHIP MIAMI®

Project Pitch Night happened on April 4th. [Applications are now open](#) for the second class of 2022. Deadline for submission is May 20th.





REMEMBERING MIKE FINNEY

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce joins the community in mourning the loss of Mike Finney. He was indeed one of the nation's most respected professionals in the economic development arena, and a kind, caring individual who touched so many in his years in this community. I certainly treasured my friendship with him, and all of our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, children and grandchildren.



STAY CONNECTED

May sessions are underway. The month starts with the 2022 Resilient Solutions Summit on May 4th, the Health Care Committee on the 5th, followed by Education and Workforce Development on the 11th and the 25th, Technology and Innovation on the 13th, and Real Estate on the 17th.

Our 2022 Health Care Heroes Remembrance and Recognition will be held on May 19th.

Don't miss the Trustee Soiree on May 25th.