

RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

Greater Miami & The Beaches is a coastal community that is a burgeoning hub for trade, logistics, healthcare, life sciences, international banking, finance, technology, and creative industries. However, our community also deals with shocks and stressors such as hurricanes, flooding, aging infrastructure, sea-level rise, 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 *Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact* and *Risk and Resilience Tech Hub*. 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, nonprofit sector, and academia to enable our community to bounce back quicker from the inevitable stressors it faces.
- Support 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 (Biscayne Aquifer).
- Support the restoration of the Everglades, Biscayne Bay ecosystem, and Coral Reefs.
- Support small businesses by providing business continuity and disaster planning resources

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 from industries including real estate, urban planning, engineering, nonprofits/NGOs, climate tech companies, academia, and government.

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.

2026-2027 RESILIENCE COMMITTEE GOALS

1. Convene and serve as a resource for the business community by addressing local resilience challenges, identifying solutions, and advancing resilience initiatives for Miami-Dade County.
 - a. Host the Resilient H2O & Infrastructure program, convening over 100 business and government leaders to address water and infrastructure challenges, solutions, and explore funding and investment opportunities.
 - b. Host the annual Resilient Solutions Summit, bringing together more than 250 business, government, and industry leaders to address local challenges, explore solutions, and advance resilience priorities at the local, state, and federal levels to strengthen Miami-Dade County.
2. Convene a roundtable with at least 25 business leaders and Florida Division of Emergency Management Director to discuss public-private approaches and solutions for disaster preparedness and maintaining business continuity.
3. Educate the nonprofit and small business communities to strengthen their business continuity planning and operations by promoting the committee's *Resilience Blueprint: A Small Business Continuity Guide* and hurricane preparedness resources.
4. Work with Government Affairs to advocate for resilience and environmental policies. Advocate for funding and initiatives supporting Everglades restoration, Biscayne Bay water quality improvements, resilience grant programs, and key infrastructure projects.
5. Recruit 10 new companies to join the Chamber and engage 15 existing Chamber members to join the Resilience Committee

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