

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION COMMITTEE

During the last few years Miami's emergence as a tech hub has been well-documented. The rise of the region as a center for technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship represents a critical opportunity for Miami to transform its economic landscape and drive the region's long-term economic competitiveness and growth. As emerging technologies continue to reshape industries, the committee also serves as a collaborative platform for exploring the impact of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, digital transformation, data strategy, workforce innovation, and technology resilience across the broader business community.

MISSION

To create a forum for discussion on technology-related topics relevant to the local business community and the region at large, while continuing to establish Miami's place as a leading hub for technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, and digital transformation.

OBJECTIVES

- To create a networking environment that adds value to committee members, the technology industry, and the broader business community.
- To serve as a catalyst for the Greater Miami technology and innovation ecosystem through strategic partnerships, meetings, networking opportunities, and industry initiatives.
- To provide relevant, informative, and accessible programming focused on emerging technologies, innovation, and business transformation.
- To foster cross-sector collaboration with Chamber committees, industry leaders, educational institutions, and community partners around shared technology and workforce priorities.
- To support knowledge-sharing and help the business community adapt to evolving technology trends, risks, and opportunities that impact economic growth, workforce development, and organizational competitiveness.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Technology & Innovation Committee is open to all Chamber members who have interests or concerns related to the region's growing technology ecosystem and digital infrastructure. Members include technology companies, startups, entrepreneurs, industry professionals, educational institutions, innovation leaders, cybersecurity experts, investors, and other stakeholders engaged in advancing technology and innovation.

LEADERSHIP

The Technology and Innovation Committee is led by a Committee Chair and supported by a Vice-Chair who are designated by the Chairman of the Board for a two-year term and approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee Chairman is responsible for the effective functioning of the Technology and Innovation Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's mission and objectives.

2026-2027 TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION COMMITTEE GOALS

- 1. Position the Chamber as a leading resource for technology innovation, AI readiness, cybersecurity awareness, and digital transformation by delivering practical, business-focused programming that helps organizations navigate emerging technologies and future workforce trends.**
 - a. Host three (3) educational workshops, panels, and forums focused on AI adoption, cybersecurity, digital transformation, data innovation, and/or emerging technology trends impacting businesses, including at least one (1) tailored to small and midsize businesses.
- 2. Foster cross-sector collaboration and advance Miami's technology ecosystem through strategic partnerships, industry engagement, and innovation-focused initiatives.**
 - a. Conduct one (1) technology executive roundtable that convenes business leaders to discuss emerging trends, cybersecurity challenges, AI implementation strategies, data innovation, and technology resilience opportunities.
 - b. Collaborate with other Chamber committees, including HR & Professional Development, Education & Workforce Development, Healthcare, Financial Services, and Nonprofit Business, by serving as a resource and subject matter experts on educational and webinar topics related to technology, AI adoption, cybersecurity, digital infrastructure, operational resilience, data innovation, and emerging technology trends impacting the Greater Miami business community.
- 3. Expand member engagement and strengthen the Chamber's technology leadership community through collaborative networking, communication, and member-driven engagement opportunities.**
 - a. Recruit 15 new committee members representing technology companies, startups, entrepreneurs, innovators, and related business sectors.
 - b. Recruit 10 new Chamber members through targeted outreach and relationship-building efforts.
 - c. Establish a committee membership chair/lead and taskforce to work alongside the Chamber membership team to support recruitment tracking, engagement, and pipeline development.
 - d. Showcase innovative member companies, startup success stories, and regional technology initiatives that reinforce Miami's position as a leading hub for innovation and entrepreneurship.
 - e. Engage technology companies relocating to or expanding within the Greater Miami region to strengthen Chamber participation and ecosystem connectivity.

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