

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Henry Ford once said that “anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty,” and our Education & Workforce Development Committee couldn’t agree more. There is simply no success without ongoing education. We need to continuously provide options for education and/or workforce development. In an emerging community like Miami-Dade, one with a significant population of first- and second-generation immigrants, there is no faster path to success. Additionally, as technological disruption continues to alter the work-world landscape, it is essential to understand and prepare to meet the needs of the emerging job market.

MISSION

The Education & Workforce Committee supports high quality education for all. This includes development of talent and retention of talent in South Florida. The Committee seeks to build relationships with professionals and businesses in order to advocate, and seek funding for education causes, as well as seeking to implement these causes to benefit the economic development of our ever-evolving community.

OBJECTIVES

- Establish the Education & Workforce Development Committee as the one voice for education and workforce development in Greater Miami
- Develop and approve education focused legislative priorities for Chamber advocacy at the local, state and federal levels.
- Establish spaces and partnerships in which Chamber members can interact and develop talent
- Raise awareness and advocate for digital literacy in Miami-Dade County and establish its importance for the growth of our region
- Expand scholarship and internship opportunities for students and employers by raising funds through the South Florida Progress Foundation.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Education & Workforce Committee is open to all Greater Miami Chamber members who have interests or concerns in this arena. Members include a broad range of professionals, educators and those passionate about this crucial area of engagement.

LEADERSHIP

The Education & Workforce 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 Education & Workforce Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the **committee’s** mission and objectives.

GOALS 2022 - 2023

- Convene a series of townhall meetings to address the workforce development challenges and needs in these industries: technology, healthcare, and financial services; to also address, K-12 education needs and offerings.
 - Convene Task Force with representation from various chamber committees to address the outcomes and next steps of the townhall meetings.
- Partner with organizations and education institutions to promote their resource guides offering business solutions on:

- how to create and utilize internship opportunities,
- understand where the local sources of talent are and,
- how businesses will benefit from using it.

Work with the Talent Development Network and other like organizations to promote and encourage businesses to incorporate interns and apprentices as a regular part of their workplace.

Francisco Cantero, Chair
Senior Customer Advisor, National Key Accounts
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FINANCIAL SERVICES

Forbes Magazine dubbed Brickell Avenue 'Wall Street South' a few years ago, and that is now only one part of our community's ever-evolving banking and financial services arena. Long a financial leader into Latin America, Miami-Dade as a whole is rapidly evolving into a true global banking and financial services hub, with dozens of hedge and private funds calling our city home; not to mention a myriad of multi-national, national, community and international banks.

MISSION

The Financial Services Committee addresses a broad range of regulatory concerns that impact the industry, along with the myriad of both internal and external matters that impact this sector. These include cyber security, FinTech, compliance, community development, business and corporate needs, talent acquisition, competition, mergers/acquisitions and other relevant topics.

OBJECTIVES

- Keep members informed on current banking-related issues and regulatory matters
- Provide programming that is relevant, interesting and informative to a diverse group of stakeholders in business, finance and the economy.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Financial Services Committee is open to all Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce members who have interests or concerns related to the banking and finance industries. Committee membership is open to all and has a high concentration of financial institutions of all types, including banks, investment advisors, funds and related industry professionals.

LEADERSHIP

The Financial Services 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 Financial Services Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the **committee's** mission and objectives.

GOALS 2022 – 2023

- Develop a position paper for Chamber with suggestions as to how to best deal with the quickly rising costs of property insurance.
- Collaborate with the Education & Workforce Development Committee to address the critical need of intern/apprenticeship opportunities and staffing shortages by hosting a town hall meeting highlighting the situation, needs of the financial services industry, and suggesting possible solutions.
- Continue with existing successful events and create engagement in new ways
- Recruit and engage 5- 8 new Fintech companies and the banking & financial services community

- Plan and organize the 2023 South Florida Economic Summit and increase attendance and financial performance by 15%

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Principal
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Emma Pacetti, Vice Chair,
SVP/ CNB at Work Product Lead
City National Bank

HEALTHCARE

One of the defining topics of our times, healthcare is something that touches everyone, and in South Florida, issues abound. The Healthcare Committee works to help drive conversation by engaging with health-related organizations of all types to discuss timely issues that can help create a path to eventual solutions.

MISSION

The Healthcare Committee helps empower Chamber members to provide the most appropriate health and wellness programs for their employees; supports community efforts to build healthcare programs that are necessary to improve the local workforce; and to **improve South Florida's position as a** world-class place to live, work, and play.

OBJECTIVES

- Assist Chamber members learn more about healthcare options and increase their satisfaction with, and confidence in the plans they offer
- Increase **Chamber member's understanding of the importance of** healthcare in attracting, retaining and developing a healthy, strong and committed workforce, helping to promote **Miami's ranking as a** healthy community.
- Maintain the Healthcare Committee's **signature Chamber programs**
- Convene task force to review Population health issues specific to Miami-Dade area that is likely impacting business community and that by Chamber becoming involved, can make a positive impact.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Healthcare Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests or concerns related to healthcare. Members include healthcare and related organizations, community health organizations, healthcare professionals, and key stakeholders within the overall topic of healthcare.

LEADERSHIP

The Healthcare 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 Healthcare Committee and **ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's mission and objectives**. The Committee Chair is responsible for the effective functioning of the Healthcare Committee **and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's** mission and objectives.

GOALS FOR 2022-2023

- Continue to grow the impact, attendance, and net financial performance of Healthcare Heroes by 10% that will take place in May 2023

- Collaborate with the Education & Workforce Development Committee to address the critical need of intern/apprenticeship opportunities and staffing shortages by hosting a town hall meeting highlighting the situation, needs of the healthcare industry, and suggesting possible solutions.
- Host educational series on mental health & burnout in the workplace.
- Recruit 15 new Chamber members from healthcare industry
- In conjunction with the Governmental Affairs Committee, identify and develop **the Chamber's** legislative priority for healthcare by December 2022

Bryan Stewart, Chair
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HUMAN RESOURCES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Whether you have one employee or one thousand, your business is impacted by a myriad of human resources issues and opportunities. Some of these include attracting, retaining, and developing talent for the success of the organization to stay ahead of a rapidly evolving global society. The Human Resources & Professional Development Committee works to remain ahead of the curve of these complex matters that highly impact all businesses. The HR & Professional Development Committee is dedicated to keeping track of trends and solutions that keep the **Chamber's** membership on the leading edge of innovation in talent acquisition, talent management, and talent development.

MISSION

The Human Resources & Professional Development Committee supports, educates, and trains Chamber members with HR and professional development expertise -- support, regardless of the **organization's** size or structure. The committee provides a forum for networking, information exchange, and inspiring discussion around relevant HR issues.

OBJECTIVES

- To present seminars on cutting-edge, employment-related issues and advocate on behalf of human resources causes of interest to the business community
- Partner with GMCC committees to leverage expertise of varying degrees of HR knowledge and legal expertise, discussing issues relevant to the local community
- Add value to the GMCC membership while enhancing the **Chamber's** brand through delivery of quality service and programming

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Human Resources and Professional Development Committee is open to all Greater Miami Chamber members. Members include businesses and organizations with strong HR leadership, organizations with no HR support whatsoever, business professionals, and key stakeholders in the human resources and employee professional development arena.

LEADERSHIP

The Human Resources and Professional Development 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 Human Resources and Professional Development Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the **committee's** mission and objectives.

2022-2023 Goals

- Elevate HR professionals in the world of work, utilizing leading experts (in or out of the chamber) regarding human resource issues, professional development, and other topics in the workplace to assist member companies to evolve and excel.
 - Invite members or guests to present during meetings highlighting innovative and alternative strategies post COVID-19

- Provide support to the Financial Services, Healthcare and Tech and Innovation Committees as those committees produce a series of town hall programs to address the current workforce shortage and actively assist those Committees in suggesting possible solutions, strategies and innovations to attract and retain necessary resources.

- Recruit 5-8 new Human Resources & Professional Development individuals preferably from new member companies to the committee and engage members to be resources for others.

- Elevate the HR Insights Summit

- Work with community partners such as CITT, TPO, Better Bus Network, Brightline, etc., to educate HR professionals on the options of transportation enhancement for their workforce

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

MISSION

The International Business and Consular Corps and Trade Representatives Committees focus on developing, maintaining, and expanding international business and trade opportunities that are of interest and value to Chamber members, local businesses and the community-at-large.

OBJECTIVES

- Promote international business, trade, and logistics in South Florida through outbound and inbound trade missions and other business sector players
- Promote South Florida as the premier place to grow international trade and businesses across the Americas
- Brand and promote FTZ#32 as the best option to facilitate the import and export of goods
- **Support the Chamber's advocacy efforts on international business matters, trade agreements and tariffs**
- Expand worldwide outreach through collaboration with the Consular Corps, foreign chambers of commerce and economic development agencies, as well as state and federal commerce and trade entities
- Provide relevant programming that is informative and valuable to our stakeholders

GOALS 2022 - 2023

- Increase trade members and their opportunities:
 - Grow foreign trade zone FTZ#32 from 39 to 60 operators.
 - Promote the Swiftbox platform as a leading vehicle to facilitate and secure export/import documents online.
 - Host educational # sessions in person and/or via virtual platforms on topics related to international business and trade.
 - Coordinate with the Government Affairs Committee to address international issues affecting small and mid-size businesses.
- Encourage consulates and trade offices to be actively engaged in promoting and facilitating international business with Chamber members By:
 - Encourage at least 50% of new and established Consuls and Trade Representatives to attend Chamber orientations and events, especially Trustee Luncheons, to help them become acquainted with South Florida and the Chamber.
 - Work with consulates and trade offices on Sister Cities and Smart Cities programs to identify different and innovative technologies and promote best business practices.
- Expand international programming to create resilient opportunities for members:

- Highlight and support international opportunities through Chamber newsletter, social media platforms, events, and functions.
- **Organize at least two outbound trade missions through the “Americas Linkage” program.**
- Recruit 10 new international members.
- Develop a database of companies engaged in international business.

Alejandra Collarte, Group Chair
International Business
Principal
Collarte & Associates

Jose Rojas, Vice Chair
Consular Corps & Trade Representatives
Partner
Rojas Law Firm

MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

GOALS 2022 - 2023

- Coordinate with the South Florida Defense Alliance on Major Issues Impacting Military Installations in Miami-Dade County.
 - Appoint a Council liaison to work with the Alliance in determining ways that the Chamber can assist to address critical matters such as the unavailability and expensive cost of housing for military personnel assigned to duty stations within our community.
 - Work with the Government Affairs Committee to urge inclusion **in the Chamber's legislative package** of items which support the essential needs of the local military community when advocating in Tallahassee and in Washington.
- Conduct a Reception Honoring the Leadership of Local Major Commands (SOUTHCOM, 7th Coast Guard District & Homestead ARB).
 - Develop and execute a plan to obtain sponsorships in order to underwrite expenses.
 - Chose appropriate venue and create guest list that brings the Chamber leadership together with the military command personnel.
- Create an Informational **“Local Knowledge” Briefing Reflecting the Elements of the Chamber's Executive Orientation Program** for Presentation to Newly Assigned Commanders, Senior Officers, **NCO's, and their Spouses**.
 - Arrange a date, time, and place for presentation to attendees from the 7th Coast Guard District (including District Headquarters, Air Station Miami, and Base Miami Beach).
 - Arrange a date, time, and place for presentation to attendees from SOUTHCOM (including U.S. Marine Corps Forces, South).
- Provide volunteer support for **St. Thomas University's Institute for Ethical Leadership** in its Efforts to Conduct a Symposium addressing **“The Commonalities of 21st Century Civil and Military Leadership Styles”** Featuring High Profile Lecturers.
- Provide Volunteer Support for a Special Event Hosted by the Miami-Dade County Military Museum.

Donald D. Slesnick, Chair
Honorary Consul General of Australia

Ben Mollere, Vice Chair
Corporate Vice President, Hospitality & Business Relations
Baptist Health South Florida

NEW WORLD CENTER

Back in the mid-1980s, Alvah H. Chapman, then-publisher of the Miami Herald and an iconic local leader and Greater Miami Chamber Board Chair, understood that with the expansion of Latin America as a global market and Asia beginning to show signs of becoming an economic powerhouse, Miami was geographically well placed to be the new center of the world. Alvah established the *New World Center Committee* and put much of that vision in place that shaped our urban core and led to the downtown we enjoy today. Now, 40 years later New World Center Committee works to address the big-picture issues that impact and shape the urban core of today and the next 40 years.

MISSION

Today's New World Center Committee members still focus on projects with catalytic influence on downtown projects in the public and private sectors, focusing on issues that include the challenges of affordability, workforce housing, homeless, traffic, sea level rise and more.

OBJECTIVES

- Guide the future growth of Downtown Miami for the next 40 years to not lose the gains made working with both public and private sectors and other partners active in this area, such as the DDA
- **Celebrate Miami's central business core's growth and development and overall improvement of key areas** within of Downtown Miami
- Promote and support up-and-coming urban nodes within the county that will provide best quality of life for residents and attract major business with a focus on new economy/tech sector businesses

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the New World Center Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests or concerns in this arena. Committee members include a broad range of professionals, real estate professionals, urban-based businesses, schools, incubators, and individuals, along with educational and civic organizations.

LEADERSHIP

The New World Center 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 Chairman is responsible for the effective functioning of the **New World Center Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's mission and objectives.**

GOALS 2022-2023

- Convene a meeting with the Chamber and past committee leadership, Miami Downtown Development Authority, and stakeholders to discuss the updating and expansion of a downtown masterplan.
- Host quarterly committee meetings and (2) events in the urban core/downtown area and provide networking opportunity.
 - Host annual Alvah H. Chapman Award of Excellence and grow it by 10% in attendance and net revenues
 - Partner with Technology & Innovation committee to host annual *Smart Cities* event.

- Grow New World Center Committee by 10 new company members.
- Participate on the Underdeck Park Taskforce and advance the creation of this outdoor community space.

David Restainer, *Chair*
Managing Director of Commercial Real Estate
Douglas Elliman Commercial Real Estate

NONPROFIT BUSINESS

The impact of nonprofit organizations on our community cannot be overstated. Not only do nonprofits help tens of thousands of individuals within our community daily, they embody the best of who we are, especially within a region with the broad needs of ours. As public funding has diminished over time, the nonprofit sector has taken on much of the responsibilities of making our community a place to live and play. It has grown well over 97% since 1992. In 2005 alone, the sector generated \$48B in revenues and held \$76B in assets. This sector continues to play an expanding role in economic and social well-being in our county.

MISSION

The Nonprofit Business Committee assists nonprofit business members with issues management, supports nonprofit and for-profit engagement, recognizes nonprofit business management excellence through various awards programs, and communicates nonprofit business accomplishments to the broader business community.

OBJECTIVES

- Enhance Corporate Social Responsibility among Chamber members
- Elevate nonprofit management and governance practices
- Continue to spotlight innovative excellence in nonprofit programs
- Enhance the profile of the NOVO Awards and its recipients
- Maximize opportunities through the partnership with the Association of Fundraising Professionals regarding the Julia Tuttle Award and Annual National Philanthropy Day.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Nonprofit Business Committee is open to all Greater Miami Chamber members who are engaged in the nonprofit sector themselves, or are for-profit organizations and individuals who are interested, and/or continually engaged with the nonprofit world.

LEADERSHIP

The Nonprofit Business 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 Nonprofit Business Committee, ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the **committee's** mission and objectives.

GOALS 2022 - 2023

- Support collaborations between organizations (for profit and nonprofit) and finding opportunities to work together to bring more awareness between the two.
 - Invite committee participation by GMCC member companies' CSR officers
 - Give organizations a platform to share ideas and seek partners examining case studies of collaborations during committee meetings and encouraging one project among committee members to be observed by the greater membership
 - Collaborate with Leadership Miami® to expand the pool of community service project applications by 10

- new nonprofit participants.
- Encourage event sponsors to invite a nonprofit to sit at their table
- Help Nonprofit members build best practices by bringing in industry leaders/experts during committee meetings/workshops to present on:
 - Developing staff and board succession plans
 - Building successful collaborations
 - Advocacy
 - Other topics as identified in a Survey of committee members
- Highlight and celebrate nonprofit excellence and successes through various award programs and partnerships.
 - Promote GMCC NOVO Awards
 - Promote National Philanthropy Day and Julia Tuttle Award
 - Share opportunities to nominate for outside (GMCC) local awards
 - Celebrate innovative ideas, new hires
 - **Leverage GMCC's communications platform**
- Grow **the Chamber's** nonprofit membership by 10 new organizations.
 - Each member commits to ask at least 5 nonmembers to join the committee

Gale Sayers Nelson, Chair
President & CEO
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami

Deborah Koch, Vice Chair
Executive Director
American Red Cross Greater
Miami and the Keys

REAL ESTATE

Real estate has been a defining force in our community since before Miami's founding in 1896. Julia Tuttle convinced her neighbors, Mary and William Brickell to offer land to Henry Flagler to build his railroad into the area, and the transactions have not stopped since. The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's **Real Estate Committee** has historically worked to remain ahead of the curve, ahead of the issues, and helped shape the face of real estate in Miami-Dade. **From the suburban sprawl of the 70's and 80's**, to the resurgence of the urban experience of the past two decades, **to the creation of new 'urban nodes' throughout much of our community**, the Real Estate Committee has been a major component of myriad important decisions over the decades which continues to this day.

MISSION

Our mission of the Real Estate Committee **is to be an integral part of our community's real estate landscape**. It aims to inform and educate our members and the community at-large on the state of the industry with the goal of helping lead conversations on issues, trends and developments that impact the Greater Miami community through content focused events and media outreach. The committee also functions in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors by offering recommendations, suggestions and formal guidance relating to existing or prospective legislative issues, programs or activities that are shaping the real estate community.

OBJECTIVES

- Identify and monitor the interests and concerns of the business community relating to local real estate development trends and associated issues
- Identify opportunities for educating our membership and the public about real estate development trends and associated issues
- Establish rapport with key citizen constituencies to facilitate communication that can be utilized to obtain public understanding and gain support on real estate issues of significance to the business community
- **Serve as an "information clearing house" and "sounding board" to recommend public policy items on local, state and federal legislative issues to the Board of Directors**

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Real Estate Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests or concerns related to real estate. Committee members include developers, realtors, agents, brokers, investors and the broad range of professionals who are engaged with the industry.

LEADERSHIP

The Real Estate 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 Real Estate Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with **the committee's mission and objectives**.

GOALS 2022-2023

- **Hold a minimum of (4) committee meetings, and at least one of the Real Estate Committee's Signature Event: i.e., Developers' Round Table; Cocktail to Closing.**

- Recruit 10 new Real Estate members to the Chamber and grow Real Estate Committee membership and involvement.

- Collaborate with other Chamber Committees to make an impact on our Chamber and our business community on priority areas such as:
 - Workforce Housing
 - Resilience
 - Transportation
 - Workforce Development
 - Governmental /Legislative focusing on items such as a) Condo Reserves Law, b) State-wide reinspection requirements Law, and c) . Property Insurance Policy, just to name a few

Carol Ellis-Cutler, *Chair*
First Vice President
CBRE

Lidija Stefanova, *Vice Chair*
Audit Partner
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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*
Chief Bay Officer
Miami- Dade County

David Duckenfield, *Vice Chair*
President and Partner
Balsera Communications

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

During the last few years **Miami's reputation as an innovation hub has soared. The rise of the region as a center for technology, innovation and entrepreneurship is an integral part of long-term success. Without continual growth in this crucial arena, our economic engine will falter. The Chamber's Technology & Innovation Committee is helping to literally drive our region's long-term success.**

MISSION

To create a forum of discussion on technology related topics relevant to the local business community and the region at large. Topics include 5G, Blockchain, Cybersecurity, Data & Analytics, AI, Robotics and Cloud, as well as helping **bring to light emerging technologies that will support our community's growth.**

OBJECTIVES

- To create a networking environment that adds value to committee members, the technology industry and business community.
- To be a catalyst of the Greater Miami technology and innovation ecosystem through meetings, networking opportunities and specific initiatives
- Provide programming that is relevant, interesting and informative to a diverse group of stakeholders

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Technology & Innovation Committee is open to all Chairman's Circle, Trustee Platinum, Trustee and General chamber members who have interests or concerns related to all facets of the region's growing technology infrastructure. Members include technology companies, incubators, related businesses, industry professionals and technology stakeholders.

LEADERSHIP

The Technology and Innovation Committee is led by a Committee Chair and supported by a 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 **Technology and Innovation Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's mission and objectives.**

GOALS 2022-2023

- Present the research and findings developed by the digital (Mobile) Chamber App Task Force and issue a recommendation to the Chamber. If accepted, assist in implementation and adoption.
- Work with the New World Center and Education & Workforce Development Committees to hold Smart Cities Townhall Series to address the hiring need of local employers.

The Technology & Innovation committee will invite new emerging technology companies to present during committee workshops/meetings and recruit 10 new technology companies to join as members.

Oscar Loynaz, Chair
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Miami Dade College

Jessica Fernandez Ibarra, Vice Chair
Government Affairs Manager
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TRANSPORTATION

Traffic in Miami-Dade is one of the great issues of our community. How great? INRIX, a Seattle-based transportation data group, recently ranked Miami among the worst U.S. cities for annual hours lost by commuters. Absolutely no one is surprised by that. Traffic is the byproduct of a desirable city on the rise. But solutions are necessary and possible. The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee works to bring answers and solutions to the transit woes. Working on a local, state and federal level with public and private entities, this committee aims to re-shape how our transportation systems function.

MISSION

The Transportation Committee works to leverage partnerships and dialogue between the business community, transportation officials, and local, state, and federal governmental agencies in order to improve transportation infrastructure and mobility through educational forums, legislative and policy initiatives, and improved ridership in mass transit.

OBJECTIVES

- Evaluate, support, and advocate for legislative, policy initiatives and transit solutions on behalf of Chamber members.
- Educate Chamber members and business community on the latest development on transportation.
- Develop and maintain key partnerships that promote transit solutions for our members and improve overall transportation within the County

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Transportation Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests or concerns related to transportation issues. Committee members include community organizations, professionals within the transportation arena, private sector advocacy groups, engineers, educational organizations, and concerned citizens.

LEADERSHIP

The Transportation 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 Transportation **Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's mission and objectives.**

GOALS 2022-2023

- Advocate for, promote and support the Smart Program in following key areas:
 - Funding support and new funding sources
 - Exploring Technology solutions
 - First and Last Mile
 - Land use / Transit Oriented Development
- Evaluate and advocate for transit options and protect Home Rule in the state legislature
 - Work with the South Florida Business Council on regional approaches and solutions
 - Support Development of Tri County transportation services
- Hold 4 educational forums and presentations to assist members and promote the adoption transportation alternatives/solutions:

- Provide Transportation updates from FDOT on ongoing active projects
- Explore and promote employer incentives encouraging employee use of transit and telework
- Help promote the use of alternative transit modes / Transit Day
- Communicate the victories and work with agencies to promote the advantages and opportunities of using transit

Jose Abreu, *Chair*
Senior Vice President
Gannet Fleming

Alice Bravo, *Vice-Chair*
Florida District Leader
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WORKFORCE HOUSING

A recent report entitled “**Miami’s Housing Affordability Crisis**” notes that our affordable housing challenges are among the worst in the nation. The Workforce Housing Committee looks to promote the enhancement of affordable housing **stock, a crucial component of Miami’s growing world-class status.** The Committee advocates for important issues, but also works to find creative solutions to the problem.

MISSION:

The Workforce Housing Committee looks to find solutions to the high-cost and low-availability of housing in Miami-Dade. Partnering with nonprofit organizations, banks and businesses, universities and government, the Committee works to find ways to secure affordable, workforce housing through advocacy and creative problem-solving.

OBJECTIVES:

- Work with private and public partners to find creative solutions to the Affordable Housing crisis
- Use data to educate Chamber members and the public about the connection between affordable workforce housing in the marketplace and employee performance, talent retention, local business environment **performance, and Miami’s overall regional competitiveness**
- Advocate and support efforts to make government funds available for Affordable Housing.
- Support up-zoning along transit corridors to allow for density and transportation efficiency

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Workforce Housing Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests or concerns related to workforce housing issues. Members include housing developers, funders, contractors, lenders and government agencies, advocacy groups and concerned citizens.

LEADERSHIP

The Workforce Housing 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 Workforce Housing Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned **with the committee’s mission and objectives.**

GOALS 2022-2023

- Host a *Workforce Housing Summit* with participation from key constituencies at all levels (including local, regional, and national participants) to deliver achievable solutions addressing the Miami-Dade County shortage of workforce housing and rental affordability.
- Leverage the Workforce Housing Resource Guide developed by the Committee in 2022 to further understand each resource, increase Chamber participation in each relevant organization, and ensure added allocation of funding for South Florida workforce housing projects.
- Advocate for and identify pathways to increase state Sadowski funds to be made available for South Florida workforce housing projects.

Arthur “AJ” Meyer, *Chair*

Vice President of Project Development
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Manuel M. del Cañal, Vice *Chair*

Executive Vice President & Head of Wealth Management
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