



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 15(D)2

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro, and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 18, 2008

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts

SUBJECT: Nominations for Appointment
to the Children's Trust by the
Governor

Kay Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

It is recommended that the Board consider nominations for the Gubernatorial appointment to the Children's Trust to fill the vacancy caused by the term expiration of Benjamin F. Gilbert.

The Board of County Commissioners' adoption of Ordinance 02-247 provides for the creation of a thirty-three (33) member Children's Trust for the purpose of funding improvements for the children of Miami-Dade County in the areas of health, development, safety, parental responsibility, community responsibility and other necessary and important children's services.

Section 2-1522 of the Code establishes that seven (7) members be appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida from a list of candidates recommended by the Board of County Commissioners. The County Commission is to submit to the Governor the names of at least three (3) persons to fill each vacancy.

The Office of the Chair has received expressed interest from the following persons seeking to serve as a member of the Children's Trust:

- **Benjamin G. Gilbert, Jr. (incumbent)**
- **Lillian K. Cooper, Ed. D.**
- **Prakash S. Kumar**
- **Tangier Scott, Ed.D**

Attached you will find a ballot listing the names of the candidates and you are requested to select your choices and submit your ballots to the Clerk. Each candidate must receive a simple majority to be considered for submission.

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COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BALLOT

Miami-Dade County, Florida

March 18, 2008

CHILDREN'S TRUST

NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR

Benjamin G. Gilbert, Jr. (incumbent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lillian K. Cooper, Ed.D.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prakash S. Kumar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tangier Scott, Ed. D.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commissioner _____
(Please sign ballot)

Commission District Number _____

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Benjamin F. Gilbert, Jr., P.E.

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

A senior-level executive with 18 years of results-oriented experience. Background includes:

- Strong operations management record in technical and interdisciplinary projects including the oversight of environmental, legal, and governmental activities.
- Extensive experience working in international and multicultural environments, often chosen to spearhead company growth in foreign markets.
- Led negotiations team for the largest public/private contract award in company's history, valued at \$3.8 billion over 30 years.
- Oversaw the on-time and under-budget completion of a \$138 million expansion and retrofit project to install new air pollution control systems required by USEPA and FDEP.
- Spearheaded the international expansion, including the successful completion of infrastructure projects in Latin America and the Caribbean, achieved through establishing partnerships with local companies.
- Negotiated contract modifications to incorporate operating efficiencies and new laws, resulting in operational enhancements and additional recurring revenues of over \$4.5 million.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Vice-President – Business Management

December 2007 – Present

FPL Energy, Llc.

An FPL Group competitive energy subsidiary

Manage business operations for the West Region, consisting of 28 electric generating facilities producing over 2500 MW of clean energy from wind farms and the largest solar power generating facility in the U.S.

- Administrating contractual relationships and negotiations with local utilities and state and county governments to increase renewable energy output and improve efficiency.
- Coordinate and integrate the development of new renewable energy facilities into the existing portfolio.

Vice-President

May 1997 – November 2007

Montenay Power Corp - Waste-to-Energy Utility Operator

U.S. subsidiary of Veolia Environnement, a \$30 billion leader in environmental services

Managed operations of the Miami-Dade County Resources Recovery Facility, the largest waste-to-energy facility in the world, and reporting to executive management committee. Responsibilities included:

- Administrating contractual relationships and negotiations, including those with the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, Florida Power & Light, Co. and Progress Energy and for the fuel supply agreements with cogeneration facilities, resulting in greater efficiency and profitability.
- Directing the legislative and governmental affairs for the waste-to-energy utilities at the State and Federal levels, leading to passage of Florida's renewable energy legislation and federal tax credits.
- Managing outside counsel, public affairs, public relations and media.
- Coordinating business development activities in southern U.S. and Caribbean.
- Serving as the marketing and communications liaison to the parent company for rebranding and positioning in U.S. Recipient of President's Award in 2001.

Client Service Manager / Department Manager
Brown and Caldwell - Environmental Engineering and Consulting

September 1995 – April 1997

Administered contract for bond engineer and general engineering services for the Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management, averaging \$1.5 million fees annually. Responsibilities included:

- All facets of support for a 3-million-tons-per-year integrated solid waste collection, management, and disposal system.
- Key projects including landfill closure designs, construction management services, and engineer's reports for \$183 million and \$138 million bond issues.

Senior Project Manager, International Projects

October 1993 – August 1995

- Managed projects in Latin America, reporting directly to the President and Chief Executive Officer.
- Initiated joint venture agreement with an Argentine conglomerate to pursue projects throughout South America.
- Coordinated business activities with Department of Commerce, U.S. Embassies, and U.S. Trade and Development Agency to secure project funding and competitive U.S. support against European and Asian companies.

Project Manager

December 1989 – October 1993

- Responsible for bond engineer services for the Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management.

Project Engineer

July 1988 – November 1989

Birwelco - Montenay, Inc. Waste-to-Energy Utility Engineering and Construction

- Design engineer and field construction engineer for a \$68 million capital improvement project of a 3000-ton per day facility.

EDUCATION:

Masters of Business Administration, Florida International University, 1994
Graduate International Business Program Certificate, Florida International University, 1993
B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Florida Institute of Technology, 1988

REGISTRATION/ SKILLS:

Professional Engineer, Florida No. 46603
Proficient in English and Spanish
Accomplished public speaker

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Recognized as a strong community leader, selected for a gubernatorial appointment on The Children's Trust Board of Directors, overseeing a \$90 million taxpayer funded budget.
- Leadership Florida, Class XXI, 2003, Florida Chamber of Commerce
 - Southeast Regional Council, Chairman, 2006 – Present
- South Florida After-School All-Stars 1997 – Present
 - Chairman, Board of Directors, 2007 – Present
- Leadership Miami, Class of 1996, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, 1993 – Present
- Beacon Council, 1998 – Present
- National Audubon Society, Environmental Economics Council 1995 – 1997
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1988 – Present
- Association of Cuban Engineers, 1988 – Present



FPL Energy

FPL Energy, LLC, P.O. Box 14000, Juno Beach, FL 33408-0402

March 12, 2008

Honorable Bruno A. Barreiro
Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Chairman Barreiro,

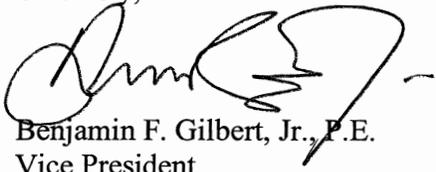
By means of this letter, I am confirming my interest to be re-appointed to The Children's Trust Board of Directors on which I presently serve on the Executive Committee as Treasurer. There are a number of reasons why I believe I am well qualified to continue on this voluntary position. I am a lifelong resident of Miami-Dade County; I serve as Chairman of the South Florida After-School All-Stars, and am the father of four small children who, along with all the children in Miami-Dade County, stand to benefit from The Children's Trust programs.

If re-appointed, I will continue to carry out my deep founded commitment and willingness to serve on The Children's Trust Board of Directors. As Chairman of the South Florida After-School All-Stars, much of my time is spent growing the organization's partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and expanding its before and after school programs into all middle schools. Also, my present position as Vice-President of Business Management at FPL Energy affords me much interaction with local and state public and private entities, which are used to leverage and enhance my contributions to The Children's Trust. Continuing to serve on The Children's Trust Board of Directors will allow me to focus my efforts on a larger, common goal for our community.

In summary, I believe that my knowledge, abilities, and tenure are exactly the type sought out for this board of directors. Additionally, my philosophy, education, and practical experience will benefit the continued implementation of The Children's Trust goals and objectives, and most importantly, the children in Miami-Dade County.

It would be an honor and a privilege to continue serving on The Children's Trust Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Benjamin F. Gilbert, Jr., P.E.
Vice President

cc: Kay Sullivan, Director, Clerk of the Board

Enclosure - Resume

an FPL Group company

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Lillian K. Cooper, Ed.D

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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Colleges/Universities</i>	<i>Degree Earned</i>
1999-2001	Nova Southeastern University Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Educational Doctorate
1986-1987	Nova Southeastern University Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Hours earned toward Specialist Degree
1973-1974	University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI	Masters of Arts Degree in Reading
1969-1973	Fisk University Nashville, TN	Bachelor's of Arts in Elementary Education

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Name of School /Institution</i>
July 2007 - Present	Principal	Miami Park Elementary School
December 2006 – Present	Program Coordinator	Beta Tau Zeta ROYAL Association, Funded by the Children's Trust
July 2004 - June 2007	Principal-On-Special Assignment	Regional Center III
December 1998 – July 2004	Principal	Holmes Elementary School
July 1996 – December 1998	Assistant Principal	Miami Northwestern Senior High School
August 1991 – July 1996	Assistant Principal	Miami Senior High School
January 1991 - August 1991	LEO-T	Miami Beach Senior High
August 1977 – July 1991	English Teacher English Department Chair Title I Coordinator Newspaper/ Literacy Magazine Advisor	Parkway Middle School
January 1977 – August 1977	Teacher	Lake Steven Elementary
August 1974 – August 1977	Reading Specialist (various elementary schools)	Northwest Area Office

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2008	War on Poverty Task Forces: Housing and Expanding & Improving Financial Empowerment – Volunteer
2007-2008	New Principal Mentor
2006-2007	District Task Force- School Climate Survey (Parental Involvement) Volunteer for Zeta Tau Beta ROYAL Association, Incorporated <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zeta Center’s Tutoring /Mentoring program
2005-2007	Principal of the Year Selection Committee Member Assistant Principal of the Year Selection Committee Member
2002-Present	Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated (Member) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (Member) Dade Association of School Administrator (Member) PTA/PTSA (Member) Active Member of the New Covenant Presbyterian Church <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elder• Shepherd Group Leader• Worship Committee Chairman FOR-PD Online Reading Endorsement Course Facilitator
2000-2004	Barry University Adjunct Professor
1997-Present	Florida Memorial University Adjunct Professor

AWARDS AND HONORS

2008	Principal of the Year – Miami Central Feeder Pattern
2007	Hands on Miami – Spotlight Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purpose: school beautification
2005	Golden Chalice Award <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistant Principal Steering Committee Certificate of Achievement (Key Speaker) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistant Principals’ Summer Institute• Presented for unwavering support and loyal dedication to facilitating educational excellence and giving the students the world.
2004	Principal of the Year - Presented by the Urban League of Greater Miami <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognized for outstanding leadership and innovations while at Holmes Elementary School Proclamation presented by Commissioner Dorin Rolle <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognized for exceptional community involvement
2003	Silver Award <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented by the School Board of Miami-Dade County for notable school achievement (Holmes Elementary) Outstanding Graduate of American Missionary Association Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented by the United Church of Christ
2002	Recipient of Annenberg Grant in the amount of \$450,000 Silver Award <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented by Dr. Solomon Stinson, School Board Member for significant gains in student achievement on FCAT

Michelle Johnson
8201 NW 165th Street
Miami Lakes, FL 33016

March 13, 2008

Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
Board of County Commissioners
111 NW First Street Suite 220
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Chairman Barreiro:

This letter of recommendation is being written on behalf of Dr. Lillian K. Cooper, long time resident and principal in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system. It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I submit this recommendation.

Dr. Cooper has been a resident of Miami-Dade County for more than 33 years. She moved here from Columbus, Ohio and began her career in education in 1974. Throughout her career she has focused on remaining keenly aware of the needs of children and families in Miami-Dade County. While a principal, she worked collaboratively with Mayor Manny Diaz as she embraced a partnership between city government and the school. She has also worked in conjunction with the Urban League of Greater Miami, Inc. under the direction of T. Willard Fair, and the Annenberg Foundation under the leadership of Dr. JoAnn Lifton. Additional partnerships include higher educational institutions i.e. Florida International University and Florida Memorial University.

Dr. Cooper's drive in preparing children for the future and ensure that community services are equitable and available to the county's neediest citizens have been her impetus throughout her career. She has hosted a number of community fairs where agencies such as Legal Aide, Department of Children and Families, local police department, Corrections Department (provided fingerprinting for children), fire department, fair housing agencies, Office of Social Security, and local churches were participants and providers of information relative to available services for the community.

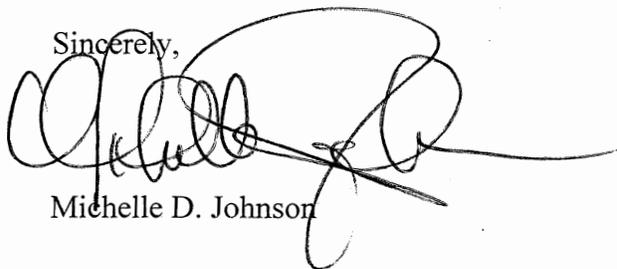
On a volunteer basis, Dr. Cooper works on two task forces for the War on Poverty, (Housing and Expanding and Improving Financial Empowerment); a number of committees for New Covenant Presbyterian Church, where she hosts an annual Summer Youth Conference, and various initiatives from Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Alpha Delta Chapter and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter.

Finally, Dr. Cooper has had the experience of working with an agency that is currently being funded by the Children's' Trust. Because of that, she is extensively aware of the

plethora of services supported by the Children's Trust and has worked intimately with the organization.

Though I have only provided a snapshot of Dr. Cooper's experiences, diligence and positive impact on society, I am confident in stating that because of her passion to help others and her past experiences and unique abilities to work with others, she would contribute significantly as a member of the Board of Directors for The Children's Trust.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle D. Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michelle D. Johnson

PRAKASH S.KUMAR
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MIAMI BEACH,FL-33139
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Activities: Involved in community Development programmes,such as Environmental, Public Housing , Poverty eradication etc.,through the major NGO's.

As an erstwhile,American Red Cross volunteer,participated in assisting the affected victims of the Society,all across the Nation.

As an Independent contractor for FEMA,during hurricane"WILMA" helped the society during the needy hours.

General: Owner-"Business Circle",-trade consult for Silk and linens

Present : Member-Miami International Press club,freelance columnist and writer.

Board Member- Collins Park Neighborhood Association.

New World symphony/SMG,Miami Beach,hospitality division,employee.

Education: Holds a Law and a Science Degree from Mysore Universty-India.

Age: 62 years

Others: With a prime motto-"service to Humanity is service to God",loves to serve the community in various capacities.



March 6, 2008

Children's Trust Board of Directors
C/O Bruno Barreiro, chairman
111 NW First Street
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Commissioner Barreiro:

Prakash Kumar has asked me to write a letter of recommendation for him to serve on the Children's Trust Board. Mr. Kumar has served on the Board of Directors for the Collin's Park Neighborhood Association and is now in his second year as a Board Member. He has the distinction of being the only board member to have never missed a board meeting. In fact he is always early. He is quiet and shy, almost to the point of appearing meek. However, he always knows what is going on in the neighborhood and has been a good source for our organization and an asset to our Board.

Thank you,

Ray Breslin, president
P: 305 772-5665,
email: rbreslin@collinspark.us

C: Prakash Kumar

Tangier Scott, Ed.D.

8469 N.W. 189 Street Rd, Miami, Florida 33015
(305) 829-0609 Email: tscott8888@aol.com

SUMMARY OF SKILLS:

Program development and implementation, strategic planning, staff development and training, conflict/anger management facilitator, problem solving skills, excellent written and verbal communication skills, seasoned Kingian Nonviolence Trainer and computer literate.

EDUCATION:

Nova Southeastern University
Davie, Florida

Doctorate Degree in Child, Youth, and Family Studies
Specialization Area: Management of Programs

Florida International University
Miami, Florida

Master's of Science in Criminal Justice

Florida International University
Miami, Florida

Bachelor's of Public Administration

Certified Practitioner and Trainer of Kingian Non-Violence

Miami Dade County Supervisor Certification

Certification in Basic Education

Dade County Public School-Areas: Social Science/Computers

Executive Loan Program – United Way 2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

9/06 – 9/07 Miami-Dade Housing Agency
Management Assistance Team
(Special Assignment)
Miami, Florida

Selected by the County Manager's office to serve on the Management Assistance Team for Miami-Dade Public Housing. Duties included: Providing Daily oversight of the quality control process for client records, responding to Customer complaints, ensuring the integrity of payroll accounting records and Purchase invoices, supervisory and guidance to staff and assisting the ALC Acting Director.

3/00 – Present

Miami-Dade Community Action Agency
Miami, Florida
SOCIAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Supervises the overall operation and management of the Liberty City Community Enrichment Center providing services focused on removing barriers toward self sufficiency. Duties include: overseeing staff who provides program participants with employability skills training, computer training, emergency financial assistance, manages participants' plan for self sufficiency, and directs and manage youth initiative programs by providing education prevention/intervention activities to participants 7-17 years of age. Other responsibilities include; producing monthly fiscal integrity, analyze data, ensuring compliance with funding source, and program development and implementation. In addition, Establish partnerships with public and private entities to provide services to enhance the quality of life for the citizens, as well as coordinate and attend community meetings geared towards resolving issues that are pervasive in the community.

2/98 – 3/00

Miami Dade Community Action Agency
Miami, Florida
SOCIAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Directed and managed an after school teenage pregnancy prevention program. Supervised interdisciplinary staff in implementing a variety of activities aimed at reducing the incidence of teen pregnancy. Facilitated staff development and training; garnered resources and planned program activities. Monitored the daily fiscal and program operation of the South Dade Adolescent Success Program (SDASP). Generated monthly and quarterly reports. Established partnerships with public and private entities.

9/93 – 2/98

Miami Dade Community Action Agency
Miami, Florida
SOCIAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Developed and implemented effective programming for Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program participants. Monitored contractual agreement to ensure program's compliance. Facilitated staff development and training; garnered resources to enhance program development. Coordinated interdisciplinary staff efforts to promote self-sufficiency. Generated monthly, quarterly and annual program and fiscal reports. Established partnerships with public and private entities.

- 1/03 – Present Nova Southeastern University
CLUSTER COORDINATOR - Doctorate Program
- Provide technical assistance, mentoring, and guidance to students pursuing doctoral degrees in Human Services and Child and Youth Studies.
- 8/01- Present Nova Southeastern University
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
- Facilitate instruction to graduate students in the areas of Leadership, Supervision, Human Services, Child and Youth Care and Criminal Justice.
- 1/96 – 12/04 American High School – Adult Education
Miami, Florida
INSTRUCTOR
- Taught english and reading to students seeking either their high school diploma or GED. In addition, served as a mentor to students.
- 6/95 – Present Florida Memorial College
Miami, Florida
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
- Provide instruction and serves as a mentor to under graduate students seeking their degree in Criminal Justice.

AFFILIATIONS:

City of Miami Civilian Investigative Panel
Former Chairperson, United States Department of Justice Committee
Miami/Miami Dade Weed and Seed Inc.
Chairperson, Personnel And Ethics Committee
Black Youth & Family Coalition
Former **Chairperson, Family Involvement**
National Council on Family Relations
National Criminal Justice Honor Society
National Forum for Black Public Administrators
American Society for Pubic Administrators
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Miami Alumnae Chapter
National Association for Advancement of Colored People

HONORS:

- National Association of Counties Award Winner (NACO 1995)

- Presenter at National Association of Community Action Conference, New York, NY 2002
- Sigma Phi Alpha – President, 5/92 – 6/93
- National Criminal Justice Honor Society
- Alpha Phi Sigma Leadership Award
- Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society President's Award
- Presenter at Academy of Criminal Sciences (ACJS) National Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, 1993

REFERENCES:

Furnished upon Request.

THE HANDFIELD FIRM

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MIAMI, FLORIDA 33137

March 10, 2008

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners
111 NW 1st Street
Suite 220
Miami, Fl. 33128

Dear Honorable Barreiro:

Please accept this communiqué as a letter of reference for Dr. Tangier Scott in consideration for a gubernatorial appointment for a member of the Children's Trust Board of Directors.

Dr. Scott is the embodiment of a dedicated community and public servant. Over the past years, she has worked tirelessly to affect our communities through the implementation of service initiatives and energize its residents to be responsible for the success and safety of their own neighborhoods. She has accomplished this through volunteering and appointment on several boards such as Miami/Miami Dade Weed and Seed, The Civilian Investigative Panel, James E. Scott Community Association, and Social Action Chairperson for Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

As a member of Miami/Miami Dade Weed and Seed, Dr. Scott assists in carrying out this organization's mission through collaboration with State, Local, and Federal Law

Enforcement Agencies to eradicate elements that challenge under privileged communities. Once risk factors have been eliminated or reduced, Weed and Seed is instrumental in providing programs and opportunities to enhance the lives of children and their families.

In 2006, she was appointed to the City of Miami's Civilian Investigative Panel (CIP). This panel provides for the independent and impartial citizens' oversight of the Miami Police Department.

Additionally, since 1993 she has worked in various capacities for Miami Dade Community Action Agency directing intervention and preventative programs for children and their families. As the director of a National Association of Counties Award-Winning Program, she aims to empower and advocate for children and families. Also, she is an Adjunct Professor with Nova Southeastern University. She teaches graduate students in the areas of Leadership, Children and Youth Programs, and Human Services.

Undoubtedly, Dr. Tangier Scott will be an asset to The Children's Trust Board of Directors. She has demonstrated the commitment and passion one should have for its community.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 576-1209.

Respectfully,



Larry R. Handfield, Esq.

The Handfield Firm