

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)(B)

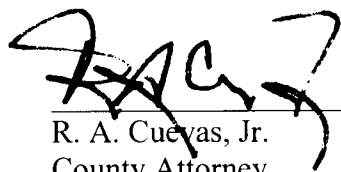
**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 4, 2011

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to appoint one Board  
Member to the Agricultural Practices  
Advisory Board

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Department of Planning and Zoning and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.

  
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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney


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# Memorandum



**Date:** October 4, 2011

**To:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Giménez  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Appointment of Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Member

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## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) appoint the following person to replace a resigning Board Member on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB):

Sanford Stein to fill the Nursery Industry Representative #2 seat as recommended by the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association.

## **Scope**

The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board has a countywide impact.

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

## **Track Record/Monitor**

This section does not apply.

## **Background**

The APAB consists of thirteen members representing a variety of agricultural industries. Section 2-935, Code of Miami-Dade County, requires that the BCC fill vacancies occurring on the APAB. By Code, each nominating organization must submit for BCC review a minimum of one nominee for their vacant position(s), the nominee's resume and the minutes of the organization's meeting at which the nominee was selected. The required documentation for each of the following nominees is attached.

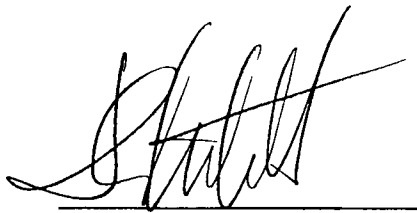
On May 1, 2011, Mr. Jorge Abreu submitted a letter of resignation from the APAB due to personal issues. However, Mr. Abreu agreed to remain on the APAB until a replacement candidate is nominated. Mr. Abreu is one of two Nursery Industry Representatives nominated to the APAB by the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA). His current term began on January 1, 2009 and ends on December 21, 2012. On August 2, 2011, the BCC adopted an ordinance that amended Section 2-934 of the Code of Miami-Dade County to allow members of the APAB to serve until a successor has been appointed.

## **Nursery Industry Representative #2 seat:**

- Mr. Sanford Stein was nominated by the FNGLA as one of two candidates to replace resigning Board Member Jorge Abreu. Mr. Stein is the owner of The Jungle Nursery located in Homestead, and has served on the Board of Directors for the Miami-Dade Chapter of FNGLA and the Dade County Farm Bureau. Mr. Stein has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Florida, a Master's Degree from the University of Miami and is a

licensed mental health counselor. The *Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association* recommended the appointment of Mr. Sanford Stein as their preferred candidate at their May 16, 2011 meeting.

- Mr. Christopher Oppenheimer was nominated by the FNGLA as an alternate candidate to replace Board Member Jorge Abreu. Mr. Oppenheimer is currently a manager at Botanics Wholesale, Inc. located in Homestead. Mr. Oppenheimer has served on the Dade County Agri-Council, the Dade County Chapter of the Florida Foliage Association, Florida Urban Forestry Council, the FNGLA, the Great Southern Tree Conference and the Dick Fuhr Memorial Fishing Tournament. Mr. Oppenheimer has a Bachelor's degree from Florida International University. The *Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association* recommended the appointment of Mr. Christopher Oppenheimer as an alternate candidate at their May 16, 2011 meeting.

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Jack Osterholt  
Deputy Mayor



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

\_\_\_\_\_ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

\_\_\_\_\_ Budget required

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of fiscal impact required

\_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ No committee review

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_\_) to approve

\_\_\_\_\_ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)(B)  
10-4-11

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ONE BOARD MEMBER TO THE  
AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD

**WHEREAS**, Sections 2-931 through 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provides for the creation, composition, terms, purpose and duties of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jorge Abreu, Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association Nursery Industry Representative #2 submitted a letter of resignation from the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board on May 1, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy of the Nursery Industry Representative #2 exists on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board due to the resignation of Mr. Jorge Abreu; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that vacancies on the APAB are to be filled by the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association has submitted résumés for Mr. Sanford Stein and Mr. Christopher Oppenheimer, and has recommended Mr. Sanford Stein as their first choice to fill the vacancy for Nursery Industry Representative #2; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Mayor and the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association have recommend that the Board of County Commissioners appoint Mr. Sanford Stein to the Nursery Industry Representative #2 seat,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that Mr. Sanford Stein is hereby appointed to the Nursery Industry Representative #2 seat of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for the remainder of the four-year term to expire December 31, 2012.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner ,  
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner  
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Dennis A. Kerbel



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**May 01, 2011**

**To: Miami Dade FNGLA Chapter Board Members, Miami  
Dade Agricultural Practices, Mr. James Humble**

**It has been an honor to serve on the Agricultural  
Practices Board. There are so many issues that affect  
our industry and the importance of our board is seen  
month to month. Due to issues occurring in my life, I  
will be unable to finish my term and will be resigning  
from the board. I will not step off until my seat is filled.**

**Sincerely,**



**Jorge Abreu**

**Sanford E. Stein M.S. Ed.  
6065 SW 133 St.  
Miami, FL 33156  
(305) 525-5503**

## **Resume**

**June 2, 2011**

**Born: April 4, 1956 in Miami, Florida**

**Current Occupation: Nursery Owner & Licensed Mental Health Counselor**

**Nursery: The Jungle Nursery Inc established 1997  
29100 SW 162 Ave.  
Homestead, FL 33033**

### **Education:**

<b>University of Florida</b>	<b>B.S. - Agriculture 1980</b>
<b>University of Miami</b>	<b>M.S. Ed. - Mental Health Counseling in 1996</b>

**Married to Robin F. Stein who is my partner in business.**

### **Service History:**

**Served on Miami-Dade Chapter FNGLA Board of Directors from 2005-2009.**  
**Served as President Miami-Dade Chapter FNGLA 2007-2008.**  
**Served as Miami-Dade Chapter FNGLA Representative to state FNGLA Board of Directors from 2005-2009.**  
**Served on Dade Farm Bureau Board of Directors from 2006-2009.**

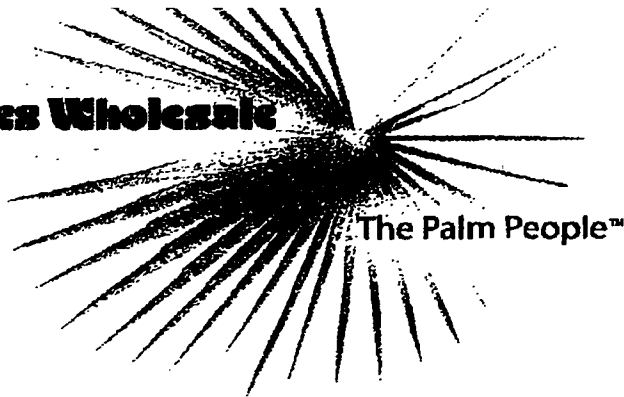
**Graduate Class VII of The Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources.**

**Have two sons, Kyle (27) & Steven (29), and two grandsons, Demsey and Noah.**

**I continue to practice psychotherapy on a very limited basis.**



# **Botanics Wholesale**



5-31-11

**Resume: Christopher E. Oppenheimer**

**Education:** Graduated Southwest Miami Senior High 1970  
Attended University of Miami 1970-1973  
Graduated with a Bachelor of Science  
Florida International University 1983

**Employment:** Melrose Nursery 1972-1979  
Green Piece Nursery 1979-1981  
Botanics Wholesale, Foliage Co-Op, Milcon Inc. 1981-1993  
The three entities above merged in 1993 to Botanics Wholesale Inc.  
I have managed Botanics Wholesale Inc. to this presents day

**Duties at Botanics Wholesale:** The day to day management of the business i.e.  
growing, sales, production, finances etc.

Was treasurer of the Dade County Agri Council 1988-1989  
Secretary Dade County Chapter of the Florida Foliage Association 1987-1988  
Vice-President Florida Foliage Association-Region I 1991-1992  
Director Dade County FNGLA 1993-1995  
Member Florida Urban Forestry Council 2006  
Committee member and Chairman for three years of the Dick Fuhr Memorial  
Fishing Tournament 1993 through current date  
Steering Committee Member of the Great Southern Tree Conference 2005  
through present date.

Christopher E. Oppenheimer

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FLORIDA NURSERY, GROWERS and LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

**DADE CHAPTER FNGLA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 16, 2011**

**THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:** Allyson Humphries, Ivonne Alexander, Brian Evelyn, Mick Gnaegy, Sylvia Gordon, Lisa Greer, Gustavo Santana and Jane Spurling

**ABSENT:** Jenn Helms and Steve Leonard

**STAFF:** Kathryn Walters

**GUEST:** Charles LaPradd and Jennifer Hux-Aklar

Charles LaPradd discussed House Bill 7103 that passed in 2011. He encouraged all farmers to make sure their acreage reports are up to date annually with the USDA FSA. to insure their eligibility for programs. He explained the multi crop insurance bill and said that farmers need to put their acreage report on file as there is some discrepancy as to understanding the law as it stands. He stated that farmers must be documented in writing for the refusal or acceptance of their 2009-2010 crops. He asked that farmers and nurserymen apply now for 2009-2010 crops.

**ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER**

Allyson called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

**ITEM #2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ivonne made the motion to approve the April minutes, Lisa seconded and all approved.

**ITEM #3 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Allyson deferred her comments due to the expected length of the meeting.

**ITEM #4 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lisa presented the April financial report and discussion was held by the BOD. Gustavo made a motion to accept, Brian seconded and all approved.

**ITEM #5 STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Sylvia presented a hard copy of her report to the Board. It was discussed at length. Sylvia asked especially if someone from the Board would be willing to serve at the State Board Woody Division Committee. Mick was recommended for this position. A nominee as designated alternate to the Board will be contacted.

**ITEM #6 COMMITTEES**

**DINNER**

**DADE CHAPTER**

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## **ITEM #8      NEW BUSINESS**

### **1.      Booth at The Landscape Show**

This was discussed by BOD and it was decided not to have a booth this year.

### **2.      Find replacement for Jorge Abreu for Ag Practices Committee**

Jorge Abreu made the suggestion that we appointment Sanford Stein as his replacement on the Ag Practices Board. Sylvia made the motion to appoint Sanford Stein on the Ag Practices Board and appoint Chris Oppenheimer as an alternate, Gustavo seconded and all approved.

### **3.      Potential slate for Board of Directors 2011-2012**

Sylvia presented the slate for Board of Directors for 2011-2012. Allyson offered to extend her presidency for an additional six months until Ivonne is able to accept the position.

### **4.      Credit card machine**

Sylvia stated that she and Lisa are investigating the procurement of a credit card machine for the Nursery Report.

### **5.      Committee opportunities review**

This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

## **ITEM #9      ADJOURN**

Sylvia made a motion to adjourn, Gustavo seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18PM.