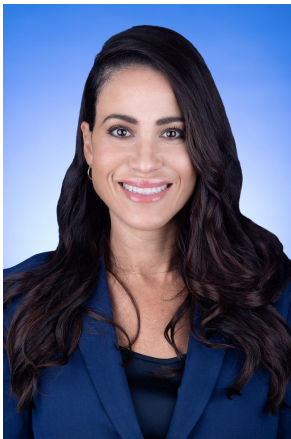




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Congratulations to new County Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins

Congratulations to new County Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins, who was appointed to serve as the Commissioner for District 8 at the County Commission meeting of December 7th. Commissioner Cohen Higgins replaces former Commissioner and now Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and will serve out the remaining two years until 2022. To contact Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins, click here:

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/government/commission/district08/home.page>

Goodwill Ambassadors in Key Biscayne



As part of the County's SURGE teams, the Goodwill Ambassadors continue to educate the community about COVID-19 and distribute masks and other items. They were in Key Biscayne in December for their outreach activities.

Sending our condolences to the family and friends of Goodwill Ambassadors' Robert Gonzalez



Our deepest condolences to the family of one of our Goodwill Ambassadors, Robert Gonzalez. Robert joined the Goodwill Ambassadors in 2002 and was a team leader. His service during the Memorial Day weekend and Urban Beach week deployments was instrumental to the success of the Goodwill Ambassadors.

CRB partners with MDPD and clergy to support the Breaking the Cycle protest



In light of recent shootings in Miami-Dade County the Community Relations Board, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department and local clergy, supported Breaking the Cycle and several other cyclist groups in hosting a community bike ride to raise awareness about gun violence. The event also served to improve community-police relations and additional rides are being planned.

BAAB Rev. Johnny Barber partnered with the Miami Dolphins Foundation



Miami-Dade County Black Affairs Advisory Board Member Rev. Johnny Barber, who serves as pastor of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, and the Mt. Sinai Community Development Corporation partnered with the Miami Dolphins Foundation to provide Thanksgiving meals to the community. The effort was coordinated through the Foundation's "Food Relief Program," which supports local restaurants by purchasing prepared meals for distribution in the community.

The event took place Nov. 25, and was welcomed by nearby residents and congregants. "The Black Affairs Advisory Board is pleased to extend the opportunity to Mt. Sinai's CDC so that they could extend their resources to the general community", said Retha Boone-Fye, Program Director for the board. "We hope to continue expanding our relationship with the Miami Dolphins Foundation as we meet the needs of our constituents during these challenging times," added Rev. Barber.

Miami-Dade County monitoring COVID-19

Miami-Dade County officials continue to work with local, state and federal agencies in monitoring COVID-19, part of the coronavirus family. The State of Florida has declared a Public Health Emergency.

For more information and updates on COVID-19, visit the following sites:

Moving to a New Normal:

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/openings.page>

Miami-Dade County Updates Regarding Coronavirus:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/home.page>

Miami-Dade County COVID-19 Testing Locations and Information:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/testing-locations.page>

Miami-Dade County #WeCanWeWill public education campaign:

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/resources.page>

Miami-Dade County COVID-19 Relief and Assistance:

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/assistance/housing.page>

United Way of Miami-Dade COVID-19 Resource Center:

<https://unitedwaymiami.org/coronavirusresources/>

Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Updates:

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

CDC COVID-19 Information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

The MUJER COVID emotional support line



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Adoption fees waived in December



[Adoption fees waived in December \(miamidade.gov\)](https://miamidade.gov)

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****There are several vacancies on the following Advisory Boards. If you are interested in serving on one of our boards, contact the respective board Program Director listed below.**

[Asian-American Advisory Board \(AAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Joshua Ho
Chairperson: Sharon Fine

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Location: TBA

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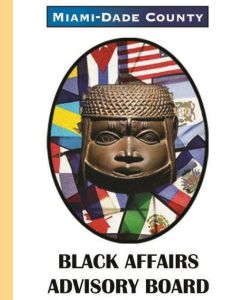


[Black Affairs Advisory Board \(BAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Retha Boone-Fye
Chairperson: Stephen Johnson, Esq.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Location: TBA

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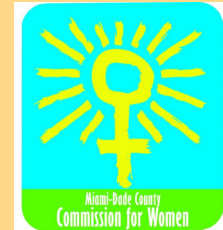


[Commission For Women \(CFW\)](#)

Program Director: Monica Skoko Rodríguez
Chairperson: Sharon Kendrick-Johnson

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM
Location: Miami-Dade Main Library Arva Moore Parks Auditorium
101 West Flagler Street Miami, FL 33130

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[Community Relations Board \(CRB\)](#)

Program Director: Shirley Plantin, EJD
Chairperson: John Quick, Esq.

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 2:00 PM

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[Domestic Violence Oversight Board \(DVOB\)](#)

Program Director: Elizabeth Regalado
Chairperson: Miguel A. De Grandy, Esq.

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Location: Stephen P. Clark Center | The County Commission Chambers
111 NW 1st Street, Second Floor, Miami, FL 33128

Domestic Violence Hotline, call 1 (800) 500-1119

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Elder Affairs Advisory Board (EAAB)

Program Director: Katherine Bolt
Chairperson: Nercy Radcliffe

Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM
TBA

Miami-Dade County has the largest population in the State of Florida of individuals 60+ years old. With a County population that totals 2.7 million, more than 435,000 of the total population is made up of those 62+. On May 1, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved Ordinance [18-49](#) creating the Miami-Dade County [Elder Affairs Advisory Board](#).

Report elder abuse at 1-800-962-2873

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Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board (HAAB)

Program Director: Natalie Milian, MPA
Chairperson: Francesco Duberli

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Location: TBA

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LGBTQ Advisory Board

Program Director: Gabriel Paez
Chairperson: Aiyana Angeni Gonzalez

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 3:30 PM
Location: Miami-Dade Main Library Arva Moore Parks Auditorium
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