



Commissioner Dennis C. Moss  
Miami-Dade County  
District 9

## About Miami-Dade County Commissioner Dennis C. Moss



Miami-Dade County Commissioner Dennis C. Moss was first elected in 1993 and has served on the Board of County Commissioners for over 23 years. On November 20, 2008, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners elected the then 15-year veteran, as its 2009-2010 Chairman. He was inducted on December 18, 2008 in an official ceremony hosted by the outgoing Chairman. The role became effective on January 1, 2009. Miami-Dade has 13 commissioners elected in non-partisan, single-district elections who serve four-year staggered terms, with elections scheduled every two years.

His 2008 election as Commission Chairman coincided with the beginning of his fifth consecutive term representing District 9. With his re-election in 2016, Commissioner Moss has been elected seven times by the residents of District 9, which is geographically the largest and most diverse in the county.

Commissioner Moss currently serves as Chairman Government Operations Committee which is responsible for oversight of Miami-Dade County's financial, operational and planning functions. He was also appointed as Vice Chair of the Building Safer Neighborhoods Subcommittee and a member of the Transportation and Public Works Committee, the Economic Development and Tourism Committee and the Chairman's Policy Council.

Commissioner Moss is known, respected, and admired for making promises and keeping them. He was initially elected to the Board of County Commissioners shortly after Hurricane Andrew, the second worst natural disaster in the history of the United States; Commissioner Moss immediately focused his efforts on the recovery of South Miami-Dade. His tireless efforts resulted in a comprehensive plan to rebuild distressed and declining areas affected by Hurricane Andrew. Named in recognition of Commissioner Moss, the Moss Plan was approved on September 7, 1993 by the Board of County Commissioners.

Some of his accomplishments include: saving Homestead Air Reserve Base and bringing to South Dade a public hospital, the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, a winery, an extension of the busway to Florida City in addition to a proposed Zoo Miami theme park. Commissioner Moss was also instrumental in the creation of Team Metro, 311, and awarding more than 600 yearly grants to "Mom & Pop" businesses.

Commissioner Moss chairs the Zoo Oversight Board that oversees Zoo Miami. He also serves as chair of Neat Streets Miami, formerly known as the Community Image Advisory Board, a County board dedicated to the maintenance and beautification of transportation gateways, corridors and connections. He is also a former member of the South Florida Regional Planning Council which identifies long-term challenges and opportunities facing Southeast Florida and assists the region's leaders in developing and implementing creative strategies that result in more prosperous and equitable communities, a healthier and cleaner environment, and a more vibrant economy.

Commissioner Moss has served in the past as the honorary Chair of the Bahamas Sister Cities program, and Chairman of the Governmental Structure Task Force, which focused on helping the County identify efficient and effective government. Under the late Governor Lawton Chiles, Commissioner Moss was appointed to the statewide Land Use and Water Planning Task Force.

A lifelong resident of District 9, Commissioner Moss has been actively involved in community affairs and has been appointed to serve on many boards, including the Community Action Agency, the South Dade Alliance for Black Neighborhood Development, and the Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust. For more than 38 years, Commissioner Moss

has served as the Executive Director of the Richmond Perrine Optimist Club, where his agency provides programs for delinquent and at-risk youth, and disadvantaged families.

Commissioner Moss is a 1974 graduate of Grinnell College in Iowa, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Economics. He is married to Margaret Hawkins-Moss and has three children.