

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** November 1, 2022

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution appointing six  
directors to the Board of  
Directors of the Adrienne  
Arsht Center Trust, Inc.

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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(Revised)

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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
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

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

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11-1-22

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

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SIX DIRECTORS TO THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ADRIENNE ARSHT  
CENTER TRUST, INC.

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 2018, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-868-18, approving the seventh amended and restated operating and management agreement between Miami-Dade County and the Adrienne Arsht Center Trust, Inc. (“Trust”), a Florida not-for-profit corporation, and the third amended and restated articles of incorporation (“Articles”) of the Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trust is responsible for the management, operations and maintenance of the Adrienne Arsht Performing Arts Center owned by the County and located at 1300 Biscayne Blvd., within County Commission District 3; and

**WHEREAS**, the Articles of the Trust provide that the affairs of the Trust shall be managed by a Board of Directors comprised of up to 55 members, 21 of which shall be appointed by Miami-Dade County- one director appointment by each of the 13 County Commissioners, two directors appointed by the County Mayor, and six at-large directors appointed by the entire Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Articles provide that for all director appointments, the Trust may advise the appointing authority of any special characteristics or professional skills that it is seeking to strengthen or balance the Board and may also suggest potential nominees for consideration of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board may appoint those directors that the Board deems will best serve the interests of the Trust and the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trust has suggested potential nominees for consideration by this Board, as evidenced in the attached correspondence; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to appoint the following six individuals as the Board's at-large director appointments to the Trust's board of directors for three-year terms: Norma Jean Abraham; Tania Dominguez; Sean Gazitua; Liliam Lopez; Larry Quinlan; and County Commission District 3 Commissioner Keon Hardemon,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

**Section 2.** This Board appoints the following six individuals as the Board's at-large director appointments to the Trust's board of directors for three-year terms: Norma Jean Abraham; Tania Dominguez; Sean Gazitua; Liliam Lopez; Larry Quinlan; and County Commission District 3 Commissioner Keon Hardemon.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It 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:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Kionne L. McGhee
Jean Monestime	Raquel A. Regalado
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

MRP

Monica Rizo Perez

August 9, 2022



The Honorable Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman  
Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33128

**RE: Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners-at-Large Appointments to the Adrienne Arsht Center Trust Board of Directors**

Dear Chairman Diaz:

Pursuant to the Adrienne Arsht Center Trust's Articles of Incorporation, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners is entitled to appoint six representatives to the Adrienne Arsht Center Trust (AACT) Board of Directors. Five of the appointments are vacant and your current appointee, Audrey Edmonson, is eligible to be reappointed for one additional three-year term. We respectfully request that Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners appoint Norma Jean Abraham, Tania Dominguez, Sean Gazitua, Lilliam Lopez and Larry Quinlan and reappoint Audrey Edmonson to the Arsht Center Trust Board of Directors.

All possess knowledge and expertise that make them vitally important to the AACT board. Copies of their resumes are attached for your review as well as an excerpt from our Articles of Incorporation which provides details pertaining to AACT board appointments.

In order to make these appointments, the Board of County Commissioners must take formal action to fill the seats, subject to ratification by the Board of the Adrienne Arsht Center Trust. We would appreciate you forwarding to us confirmation of the Commission's action in this regard.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the center's Vice President of Board and Government Relations, Valerie Riles, at [vriles@arshtcenter.org](mailto:vriles@arshtcenter.org) or 786.468.2203. Please notify Valerie when the Commission has the matter of these appointments on the agenda so that the six nominees can make an effort to attend the Commission meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Milstein".

Richard C. Milstein  
Chair, AACT Board of Directors

**Attachments**

Copy: Hillit Meidar-Alfi, Co-Chair, AACT Nominating and Governance Committee  
Aileen Ugalde, Co-Chair, AACT Nominating and Governance Committee  
Norma Jean Abraham  
Tania Dominguez  
Audrey Edmonson  
Sean Gazitua  
Lilliam Lopez  
Larry Quinlan

# NORMA JEAN ABRAHAM BIO

Charitable work and philanthropy have long been an Abraham family affair.

As a founding member of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, her father, Anthony R. Abraham set a shining example for Norma Jean and the whole family to follow. Over the past 40 years, Norma Jean has been active with numerous non-profit organizations in her hometown of Miami as well as International organizations in many countries including Lebanon and Jamaica.

Inspired by the fabulous parties her mother, Genevieve used to throw, Norma Jean began her own party planning business in the late 1980's. Thru Details, Details, Inc., she planned many themed restaurant and nightclub openings on Miami Beach, pioneering the trend of tying in a charitable organization benefiting from these events creating the idea of "partying for a cause".

She still loves organizing events and bazaars for charities as well as raising money on her birthday and Christmas choosing to have friends and family donate to a charity rather than receiving gifts for herself.

To say that Norma Jean is active in the community would be an understatement! She has held post as the president of many organizations including UM's Cancer Link (which her mother was also a member of), Big Brothers Big Sisters Women's Committee where she started an annual Christmas Party with gift exchange for the Littles. She has sat on the Board of Directors of The Plaza Health Network and Zoo Miami as well as the Learning Leadership Center at St. John Bosco where you can often find her visiting with the kids in the afterschool program which she helped to initiate. She has also served on the Board of Honey Shine Mentoring Program since its inception and chaired their summer camp for many years. She has dedicated the past two decades to helping teens and mentoring young girls from impoverished parts of Miami, helping them to succeed and make their goals a reality!

Norma Jean has received numerous awards over the years. She has been named an Honorary Trustee by Miami Light Project, a "Woman of Valor" by Children's Home Society, has been specially honored by Alonzo Mourning Charities with the "Helping Hands" award at Zo's Summer Groove. She has received Bank of America's "Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award" for being a local hero, "The Ethel & W. George Kennedy Family Foundation Volunteerism Award" at The American Red Cross of Miami Dade's Spectrum Awards for all of her continuous hands-on work in our community. She has also received Barry University's Celebration of the Human Spirit "*Laudare Medal*" for *extraordinary service to the community as a champion for families and children in particular through support of education*, has been named a "Miracle Maker" by Big Brothers Big Sisters and let's not forget being a "*Women of Distinction and Caring*" by the Plaza Health Network and honored as a part

of *“The Inner Circle of Twelve”* by the American Cancer Society. She was an Archdiocese of Miami “Women of Faith” award recipient and honored as Community Partner by Mindful Kids Miami at their Ambassador of Mindfulness Gala.

From The Mourning Family Foundation to Big Brothers Big Sisters. From Cancer Link and Children’s Home Society to the Miami City Ballet--from Food for Life, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, The Overtown Youth Center to Mother’s Voices, American Cancer Society and Easter Seals. — From Children’s Village Boystown to Miami Children’s Museum, Special Olympics and City Year --From Humane Society of Greater Miami, Feeding South Florida, Paws 4 You, to Glory House of Miami which focuses on restoring the lives of those exploited by sex trafficking and The Women’s Fund of Miami Dade. She has helped many local schools including Cristo Rey, The Seed School, St. Albans Child Enrichment Programs and The Friendship Circle. Internationally, she supports the Rene Moawad Foundation which promotes peace & stability in her native Lebanon... She also has ties with Cornerstone Jamaica and The American Friends of Jamaica where she has raised much need funds for libraries and schools for the island. The list of charities goes on and on.

Norma Jean was adopted as a young girl from the Crèche Saint Vincent de Paul in Beirut, Lebanon by Anthony and Genevieve Abraham. “Everyone has a purpose in life,” she adds, “I’m blessed to have found mine.” She looks forward to continuing to serve the South Florida community for years to come.



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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Senior business executive and general counsel with more than 20 years of experience directing complex transactions with a business-minded approach and providing guidance to the executive leadership team with respect to all legal matters, including contract negotiation, transactions, business development, corporate governance and compliance.

## **EXPERIENCE**

**CISNEROS**, *a privately held company and family office focusing on media & entertainment, digital advertising, real estate development and new technologies based in Miami, Florida.*

### **Senior Vice-President, Business & Legal Affairs (2002-Present)**

Senior executive with primary responsibility for structuring and executing the company's investments and strategic partnerships and mitigating legal and reputational risk in an increasingly complex legal environment. Responsibilities include:

- Structuring and negotiation of the company's direct investments, partnerships, financings and commercial transactions.
- Overseeing corporate compliance for the company's U.S. and offshore structures consisting of more than 100 entities in multiple jurisdictions.
- Advising the family office on issues such as trust and estate matters, succession planning and family office governance.
- Member of executive management team responsible for strategic planning, setting business objectives, making risk assessments, evaluating investment opportunities and establishing corporate policies.

**IBERO-AMERICAN MEDIA PARTNERS/CISNEROS TELEVISION GROUP**, *a \$500 million private equity fund based in Miami Beach, Florida.*

**Deputy General Counsel (1999-2001)**. Member of private equity team that executed acquisitions and other corporate and capital market transactions involving the fund's portfolio companies in Latin America.

**DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL**, *New York, NY (1995-1999)*

Corporate Associate practicing in the areas of capital markets, mergers & acquisitions and credit.

## **EDUCATION**

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, June 1995

Georgetown University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Government, May 1991

## **PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY/PERSONAL**

- Member of New York Bar, 1995; Florida Bar Authorized In-House Counsel, 1999
- United Way of Miami-Dade Finance Committee, Audit Subcommittee and Investment Subcommittee (2007-2014)
- United Way Center for Excellence in Early Education, Committee Member (2010-2012)
- St. Philip's Episcopal School Board of Trustees and Treasurer (2009-2017)
- Ransom Everglades School Parents' Association (2018-Present)
- Fluent in Spanish

**Sean Gazitua is President & CEO of WTDC**, a Miami based logistics infrastructure company providing supply chain management, Foreign Trade Zone & U.S. Customs bonded warehousing, international and domestic transportation management, inventory control and fulfillment.

Mr. Gazitua is the third generation of family ownership at WTDC, a business founded by his grandfather in 1977. Before ascending to President & CEO in 2017, Mr. Gazitua had 15 years of experience at the company is well versed in every aspect of logistics. WTDC prepositions inventory in its Foreign Trade Zone for Travel Retail & Duty Free companies.



In 2021, WTDC received two Travel Retail Superstars Awards from duty free and travel retail publisher The Moodie Davitt Report. Team WTDC won the Star Team Americas: Logistics/Warehouse Award and Mr. Gazitua won the Humanity, Leadership, & Inspiration Award. The 2021 Travel Retail Superstars Awards were the first edition of an annual awards for travel retail employees across airport, airline, downtown store and cruise sectors.

Mr. Gazitua is actively involved in the business and cultural development of the South Florida community. In August 2020, he was selected by Miami Today newspaper for inclusion in the **Book of Leaders** with an **Achievers** profile. He is a graduate of the School of International Business at **Florida International University (FIU)**. Mr. Gazitua currently sits on the **FIU Alumni Association Board of Directors** as the Vice President and previously sat on the **FIU President's Council**. Mr. Gazitua also serves as the President for FIU's **Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni & Volunteer Corporation**. He provides the social continuity necessary to ensure long-term success for these organizations. Mr. Gazitua is a frequent radio guest and panelist for logistics, education, and community engagement forums. He was selected as a member of **Leadership Miami**, a community development extension of the **Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC)** for executives. Mr. Gazitua is passionate in his support of Live Like Bella, a childhood cancer awareness foundation, His House, an organization dedicated to restoring the lives of children, and Angel Tree, a prison fellowship organization that strengthens the bonds between the incarcerated and their children.

In 2008 he married Emely Yanes Gazitua and they have two sons, Gavin Mateo and Logan Gabriel.



**Liliam López, President/CEO, South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

Liliam M. López is the founder of the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SFLHCC) and the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation serving as President/CEO of both organizations since 1994. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Political Science from St. Thomas University and a Certificate in Paralegal Studies from the University of Miami.

Through her leadership, the SFLHCC has become one of the most important and influential chambers of the U.S. with over 1,450 members. She is charged with planning and coordinating over 20 chamber events annually for the membership of the organization with the objective of providing opportunities for businesses to connect, build and establish relationships. She works with the leadership of the organization and coordinates, develops and implements chamber committees' objectives. Currently, there are eight active committees in the organization that provide insight and support to chamber members of different industries.

Lopez implemented a scholarship program part of the Foundation in the year 1995 that has granted over \$750,000 in scholarships to

financially disadvantaged sr. high school minority students pursuing a career in business and hospitality. She also founded the Education Enhancement Fellowship Program that provides students annually with an opportunity to attend a conference in a different state of the U.S. The objective is to empower the students and teach them to become successful business leaders engaged in their communities. This program has served 180 students. Due to the uniqueness and success of this program, the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation was inducted as a Champion of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Academy of Hospitality & Tourism.

Lopez was the producer and host of a weekly television show for 10 years "Panorama con Liliam Lopez" that aired on WLRN Cable-Tap. The program highlighted the career of executives, elected officials, and entrepreneurs at the local, state and national levels.

The SFLHCC has also been engaged in international affairs, particularly with Latin America and Spain. The SFLHCC's leadership hosted the Mayor of Murcia, Spain and his delegation comprised of the Vice Mayor and the President of the Chamber of Commerce, among others, on their visit to the City of Miami Beach. The former President of Ecuador, the Honorable Lucio Gutierrez, accepted an invitation made by Lopez to come speak to the membership of the organization to establish ties with the chamber's leadership and provide information on business opportunities in that nation. Both the former ladies of Panama and of Honduras, respectively, were invited to speak on different occasions at chamber luncheons on business opportunities, women's issues, and social and charitable programs in their nations. His Highness Prince Dr. Abdulaziz bin Ali bin Rashid Al Nuaimi of Ajman, United Arab Emirates, accepted an invitation from Lopez to visit Miami and present a conference at the chamber's annual Viva Miami Hispanic Heritage Expo on sustainability and its importance to the world. His Highness is best known as "The Green Sheikh" and was received with great respect and admiration.

Lopez strongly believes in social causes and in giving back to the community. She implemented a program "Help Our Children" where

annually, children of Centro Mater (an after care and early child care for financially disadvantaged families) and the Center for Women and Children of the Miami Rescue Mission receive thousands of dollars in toys, toiletry items and clothes. This program was established over 15 years ago.

López currently serves as a Governing Board Member of Larkin Charter School for Health Sciences, Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Board Member of the Small/Micro and Minority/Women Business Owned Enterprise of Miami Dade County Public Schools, the Advisory Council of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and on the President's Council for Florida International University (FIU). She served on the Entrepreneurial Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Regional Economic Information Network (REIN) as the only Hispanic woman on that board. She is a past board member of the Alliance for Aging, past board member of WLRN and former Chair of the Hispanic Affairs Committee for the City of Miami Beach.

Liliam M. López has received numerous awards including: the 2016 NFL/Hispanic Heritage Foundation Leadership Award; the 2016 Women of Wealth award presented by the Women of Wealth Magazine in which she was featured in its cover; the 2014 Women's Fund "Woman Giving Back Treasure" award; the 2014 Thomas Gibson Award; the 2014 Take a Walk in Her Shoes award presented by Chapman's Community Partnership for the Homeless; the 2014 Community Business Leadership Award presented by UNIDAD's New Generation Leadership & Workforce Institute; the 2014 Women of Impact Award presented by the Miami Dade County Women's History Coalition; the Big Brothers, Big Sisters' **2013 Miracle Maker Award**; the 2012 Broward Women of Distinction Award; the **2010 Women Extraordinaire** presented by South Florida Business Leader; The 2010 St. Thomas University Global Entrepreneur Award; the **2008 Induction to Miami Dade College's Hall of Fame**; the **2007 Miguel Cervantes Award presented by Nova Southeastern University**; the **2006 March of Dimes Award in the Education and Training Category**; "**2003 Business Woman of the Year Award**" CEO non-profit category presented by the "South Florida Business Journal;" "**In the Company of Women**" award presented by the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department on March, 2003; and

Liliam M. Lopez Bio

the Keys to the City of Miami Beach presented by the former Honorable Mayor David Dermer on June 20, 2002.

Lopez is married to Architect/Urban Planner, Alfredo Sanchez, and they have a 17 year- old daughter, Lillian Karina Sanchez, currently attending Immaculata La Salle in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

# Larry Quinlan

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Larry Quinlan has over 35 years of experience creating value through inspired, strategic leadership. He is a digital and technology transformation expert with extensive experience in complex enterprise systems integrations, cybersecurity, technology organizational design, and global shared services models. He is sought after for his understanding of the strategic impacts of emerging technologies including analytics, AI, cloud, blockchain, 5G, and the Internet of Things (IoT).

Larry most recently served as Global Chief Information Officer for Deloitte, the \$50B professional services firm. He had responsibility for all facets of technology strategy and operations, leading over 10,000 IT professionals in 175 countries. He led Deloitte's global implementations of ERP systems, including some of the world's largest SAP and Salesforce platforms leveraging data analytics, cloud, and collaboration technologies from AWS, Microsoft, Google, Oracle, and ServiceNow. He also led the development of proprietary, custom technology platforms critical to Deloitte's profitability. Larry and his team successfully executed post-merger technology integration for Deloitte's acquisitions. He worked directly with the firm's Global Board as leader of a multi-billion-dollar global technology and cyber program.

In addition to his CIO role, Larry drove significant revenue delivering services to Deloitte global clients in the hospitality and technology sectors. He advised company boards and CEOs on a range of IT, cyber, and digital strategic priorities. Larry led the *Deloitte CIO Academy*, a leadership development program for client executives aspiring to the corporate CIO role.

Larry serves on the Boards of two major public companies: ServiceNow ([NYSE: NOW](#)), a leader in cloud digital workflow, where he sits on the Audit Committee and Jones Lang LaSalle ([NYSE: JLL](#)), a world leader in real estate services where he is a member of the Audit & Risk and the Nominating, Governance & Sustainability Committees. Larry is a Board Director and sits on the Risk Committee of UBS Americas Holding LLC where he chairs the Technology & Cyber Forum of the Board. Larry serves on various private equity portfolio company boards and is a strategic PE advisor. Larry is active in non-profit governance and chairs both the Technology Committee of the United Way of Miami as well as the NPower Emeritus Board. He is a past Board co-chair of the Global Leadership Forum and a former member of the board of the Executive Leadership Council (ELC). Larry is NACD Directorship Certified.

Larry is passionate about opportunities in underserved communities. He joined other CIOs to found [The TechPACT](#), an organization committed to bridging the digital divide. Larry is an avid boater and scuba diver. He enjoys Miami, where he resides, and St. Kitts, his ancestral home. Larry has an MBA from Baruch College, City University of New York and a BSc degree (Hons) from the University of the West Indies. In 2018, he was inducted into the CIO Hall of Fame and The University of the West Indies conferred an Honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree in recognition of his leadership in industry.





Audrey M. Edmonson was elected to serve for a two-year term as Chairwoman of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Dec. 4, 2018. She represented District 3 as Commissioner since December 2005 and was elected in 2006 and re-elected in 2008, 2012 and in 2016 to four-year terms. Commissioner Edmonson previously served as Vice Chair from 2016 – 2018 and from 2010 to 2012.

She represented the diverse communities of Liberty City, Little Haiti, Overtown, the Upper East Side, Edgewater, Buena Vista, Allapattah, Wynwood, Venetian Causeway and Watson Island, all located in the City of Miami, and Brownsville, Military Trail Park and Biscayne Shores Park areas, the Village of El Portal and the Village of Miami Shores.

Chairwoman Edmonson served as Chairwoman of the Housing and Social Services Committee and the Building Safer Neighborhoods Sub-Committee. She also served as Chairwoman of the Transportation and Public Works Committee and Vice Chairwoman of the Chairman’s Policy Council. She served as the Vice Chairwoman of the Miami Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) Board of Directors and as a member of the Homeless Trust Board of Directors.

Commissioner Edmonson was appointed to the Miami-Dade County HIV/AIDS “Getting to Zero” Task Force and served as Chairwoman of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) I-395 Signature Bridge Aesthetic Steering Committee. She also served on the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust and the Public Health Trust nominating councils, the Jackson Health System General Obligation Bond Citizens’ Advisory Committee and the County Advisory Task Force for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Planning and Implementation Project which is referred locally as Project PEACE: People Engaged and Advocating for Community Empowerment. Commissioner Edmonson also served as the Chair of the International Trade Consortium.

Commissioner Edmonson championed the establishment and was an Ex-Officio Member of the Miami Children’s Initiative (MCI), a program modeled after the Harlem Children’s Zone, aimed at helping Liberty City children from cradle to adulthood. Joined by local pastors and community activists, Commissioner Edmonson led “Operation Restoration,” an anti-crime strategy group. She also served as a member of the Lindsey Hopkins Educational Excellence School Advisory Council.



Commissioner Edmonson further served on the Frost Science Museum Board of Trustees and continues to serve on the Adrienne Arsht Performing Arts Center Board of Directors.

As a member of the National Association of Counties (NACO), Commissioner Edmonson served on the Health Committee as the Behavioral Health Sub-Committee Vice-Chair, as a member of the Community, Economic and Workforce Development Committee and as a member of the Large Urban County Caucus. She was a member of the Florida Association of Counties' (FAC) Board of Directors, served as Co-Chair of the Urban Caucus and was selected as a 2017 Presidential Advocate in recognition of exceptional leadership in partnering with FAC to advance the counties' legislative agenda.

Just to name a few, Commissioner Edmonson successfully led the charge to prevent the theft of copper wiring from the County's Street lighting system, she initiated the appointment and the adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of a task force to implement guidelines for the operation of cranes in Miami Dade County and successfully introduced legislation for the replacement of residential lighting systems after several fatal residential pool accidents. She successfully advocated for affordable housing, a one-billion-dollar bond for Jackson Memorial Hospital, introduced legislation for the re-establishment of the small business loans and bond programs, and sponsored legislation to implement a disparity study in Miami Dade County departments

Born and raised in Liberty City, Chairwoman Edmonson became active in local politics by first serving as Mayor of the Village of El Portal in 1999, was re-elected three successive terms and became the municipality's first mayor to be elected by residents rather than by the members of the Village Council.