

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

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

**DATE:** October 6, 2022

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution appointing Dr.  
Gilbert Saint Jean Jr. as a  
commissioner of the N.W. 79th  
Street Corridor Community  
Redevelopment Agency

Resolution No. R-965-22

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.



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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
- ☐ 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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10-6-22

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-965-22

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DR. GILBERT SAINT JEAN JR.  
AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE N.W. 79TH STREET  
CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**WHEREAS**, this Board adopted Ordinance No. 11-55, as codified in Article CXXXIX, section 2-2092, *et seq.* of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”), appointing the initial board of commissioners of the N.W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency (“Agency”) pursuant to section 163.356, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 163.356(2), Florida Statutes, and section 2-2094(a) of the Code, the Agency’s board “shall consist of not fewer than five or more than nine commissioners”; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board, as a “governing body”, as that term is defined in section 163.340(3), Florida Statutes, is required pursuant to section 163.356(2), Florida Statutes, and section 2-2099(c) of the Code, to make appointments of the Agency’s commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to appoint Dr. Gilbert Saint Jean Jr., whose resume is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, to serve as a commissioner of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, upon reviewing the resume of Dr. Gilbert Saint Jean Jr., this Board believes that he meets and exceeds the qualifications necessary to be a commissioner of the Agency,

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

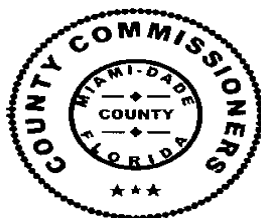
**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

**Section 2.** This Board appoints Dr. Gilbert Saint Jean Jr. to serve as a commissioner of the N.W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency. In accordance with section 163.356(2), Florida Statutes, and section 2-2094(a) of the Code, Dr. Gilbert Saint Jean Jr. shall serve a term of four years.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Keon Hardemon** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

|                  |                                       |                                   |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                  | Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman            | <b>aye</b>                        |
|                  | Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman | <b>absent</b>                     |
| Sen. René García | <b>aye</b>                            | Keon Hardemon <b>aye</b>          |
| Sally A. Heyman  | <b>aye</b>                            | Danielle Cohen Higgins <b>aye</b> |
| Eileen Higgins   | <b>aye</b>                            | Kionne L. McGhee <b>aye</b>       |
| Jean Monestime   | <b>aye</b>                            | Raquel A. Regalado <b>aye</b>     |
| Rebeca Sosa      | <b>aye</b>                            | Sen. Javier D. Souto <b>aye</b>   |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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: **Basia Pruna**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "TAS", is written over a horizontal line.

Terrence A. Smith

## Gilbert Saint Jean Jr Ph.D.

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### RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

**XZEN Technologies, Inc**

2021 –

SCIENCE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR (Consultant)

- Co-lead for continuing mobilization of external partnership advocacy & awareness on the importance of green & blue climate smart economies by engaging XZEN Tech’s edutainment model of education + entertainment. Mobilization includes convening scientists, celebrities, entrepreneurs, High-Net Worth individuals, decision-makers, etc, at XZEN hosted SmART global discourse forums at events such as Cannes Film Festival, Milano Fashion Week, Miami Art Basel, and the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit at NYC
- Latest example: “Neuroscience of Climate Change in the Caribbean and Florida” is the theme of XZEN’s SmART – Art Basel Miami 2021 Mastermind that was held on December 3, 2021 in Miami, FL
  - Popular science disruptive mastermind which brought together a constellation of academics, artists, decision-makers, high-net worth individuals, innovators, psychologists, venture capitalists topic experts, and others, to discuss how the human psyche reacts to natural shocks (**across age groups**) induced by ongoing climate change and the practical solutions, including resource mobilization, for infrastructure and mental coping mechanisms, etc, for climate action
  - ❖ Short list of speakers at SmART – Miami Art Basel 2021 XZEN hosted event included:
    - Professor Guerda Nicolas | [School of Education & Human Development](#) | Univ of Miami
    - Racquel Moses | [CEO of Caribbean Climate Smart Accelerator](#) | [UNFCCC Ambassador](#)
    - Rosario Casas | [XR Americas CEO](#) | [Big Data & AI Advisory Board Member, Rutgers U](#)
    - Daniella Levine Cava | [Mayor of Miami-Dade County, FL](#)

PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST (Remote work based)

- Establish partnership agreements with local businesses and community group organizations to develop specific strategies to eliminate enumeration barriers
- Communicate with internal counterparts, including superiors, on best course of action for achieving successful project completion including review of key performance indicators
- Develop presentations, provide briefings, conduct meetings and promote partnerships with various local businesses and community groups
- Address questions, concerns, and issues related to current and potential partners and stakeholders, including addressing their expectations
- Plan, develop, negotiate and coordinate partnership agreements to ensure all activities at all levels are carried out, resolve problems encountered and determine need for renegotiation, including requirements
- Facilitate relevant information exchange for partner organizations to receive resources in support of community outreach activities

GLOBALDATA

2017 – 2018

HEALTHCARE ANALYST

- Developed strategic recommendations regarding pipeline R&D developments from Discovery through clinical trials and commercialization for addressing diseases and disorders to life science industry via syndicated reports
- Led the evaluation of the competitive landscape of various global pharmaceutical markets for unmet needs and opportunities for biopharmaceutical industry tracking for key performance indicators (KPIs)
- Determined the potential for increasing market share, drive growth in sales, and provide insight on the potential of new target markets
- Led primary research and secondary research for syndicated reports, including interviewing expert Key Opinion Leaders from around the world for healthcare therapy areas
- Worked on patient-based 10-year revenue forecast models for marketed and research & development pipeline therapeutics and prophylactics
- Specialized experience includes being primary published author of articles regarding regulatory decisions, market access, unmet needs, and industry trends of life science industry addressing infectious disease. Articles have been cited by pharmaceutical and other media publications. Selected examples listed below:
  - After a Rough Season, FDA Head Says Universal Flu Shot Years Off  
<https://www.fiercepharma.com/vaccines/after-a-rough-season-fda-head-says-universal-flu-shot-years-off>

- Are Egg-Based Flu Vaccines Production Now Obsolete?  
<https://www.precisionvaccinations.com/cell-and-recombinant-vaccine-construction-technologies-are-better-designed-adopt-circulating>
- GlobalData Reports Need to Shift to Newer Vaccine Manufacturing Technologies  
<http://www.biopharminternational.com/globaldata-reports-need-shift-newer-vaccine-manufacturing-technologies>
- Fight against Ebola prompts focus on clinical trial design  
<https://www.pharmaceutical-technology.com/comment/fight-ebola-prompts-focus-clinical-trial-design>

University of Notre Dame-USA

2015 – 2016

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW and SALT PROJECT SENIOR MARKETING LIAISON

Manager for research on public health diseases of poverty including lymphatic filariasis (LF), along with other infectious disease in human populations and Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD). Focus on the Republic of Haiti with collaborating partners including US CDC, USAID, US government funded non-governmental public health organizations

- Involved in all steps of research platform and strategic process: Planning, grant applications, operational activities, bioethics committee approval and budgeting across multiple projects and follow up to drive improvement of public health program
- Utilized elements of management processes and tools
- Directed Executive-level presentations to key stakeholders at United States Agency for International Development (USAID), United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC), and the Government of Haiti Ministry of Health
- Led monitoring & evaluation of programmatic, scientific and outcome public health studies data as well as communication to partners/clients
- **2016 Recipient/Principal Investigator of Scientific Studies/Surveys to Improve Public Health Programs project:** Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations award grant **(\$100,000/18 months)** titled “Émigrés Remittances for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) Mass Drug Administration (MDA) and Iodine Deficiency Elimination”
  - <http://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/grant/migr-s-remittance-ntd-mda-and-iodine-deficiency-elimination>
    - Grand Challenges Explorations grants are awarded to proposed projects that provide innovative solutions to the world’s most pressing global health and development problems
  - Principal Investigator responsibilities include specialized experience in formulating, developing, implementing and evaluating public health programs using biological scientific studies/surveys to improve public health programs (lymphatic filariasis + iodine deficiency disorder)
  - Additional principal investigator responsibilities included monitoring project costs (supplies, travel, sub-contract staff salaries, etc) & submitting requested progress reports to ensure successful completion of public health project field operations
  - Project completed within original budget

### Key Accomplishments

- **Provided scientific leadership in formulating, developing and implementing** a promising public-private public health intervention collaboration effort to eliminate lymphatic filariasis (LF) and Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) from Haiti by introducing the pharmaceutical diethylcarbamazine citrate fortified food item approved by World Health Organization (WHO), for eliminating lymphatic filariasis, into the \$3+ billion dollars per year USA/World-Haiti remittance corridor market by successfully recruiting the participation of two remittance vendor business stakeholders
  - USA/World-Haiti remittance corridor involves 1 million plus Haitian émigrés sending \$3B+ per year in cash and food remittances to family and friends to receive and consume in Haiti (\$3+ billion = 36% of Haiti GDP)
  - Haiti disease scenario has ½ of its 11 million residents residing in lymphatic filariasis endemic localities
  - Up to ½ of Haiti's 11 million residents do not consume sufficient amounts of iodine (essential micronutrient) in their diets
- **Leader for Infectious Disease Transmission Elimination Program Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Support Field Team for improving a Public Health Program**
  - Led lymphatic filariasis transmission elimination M&E team in support of US CDC & USAID funded efforts to Republic of Haiti's National Program to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis.
  - Data collection procedures and techniques for the lymphatic filariasis M&E Transmission Assessment Survey mentioned, included use of US CDC and USAID accepted WHO logic science models key performance indicators for evaluating the quality of success of lymphatic filariasis elimination country programs
  - Outcomes from my formulating, developing and implementation of this infectious disease transmission M&E field survey activity resulted in me delivering a relevant technical report to **US CDC, USAID** and Haiti government partners including revealing details on underlying issues undermining disease transmission elimination efforts.
    - My public health project's technical report directly influenced ENVISION-USAID review of funding support for LF mass drug administration to Haiti National Program to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis
      - Results from my public health project's use of WHO approved (US CDC & USAID recognized) Alere's Filariasis Test Strip (FTS/Serosurveillance) human blood-based antigen point-of-care field test diagnostics as main evaluation tool saved US CDC & USAID collaboration funding at least \$80,000 for more efficient support to Haiti Ministry of Health Country LF Elimination Program
- Partnered with Haiti Ministry of Health and U.S.-based research team to lead an effort to assess iodine deficiencies in Haiti in compliance with WHO/UNICEF guidelines for population level scientific surveys of iodine deficiency disorder

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Biological Sciences**, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

2015

Scholarships:

- Global Linkages of Biology, the Environment and Society (GLOBES) Fellow: National Science Foundation-Integrative Graduate Education Research Traineeship (NSF-IGERT)
- University of Notre Dame Deans' Fellowship
- Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease (EEID) meeting travel grant

Key Accomplishments:

GLOBES-NSF IGERT Real World Practicum: Developed a lab-based molecular genetic markers diagnostic PCR assay (**laboratory-based assignment: Biotechnology Tool**) that saved United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and relevant Washington state agriculture authorities \$500,000 dollars in unnecessary quarantine measures

- Quarantine measures were planned to protect \$1.5 billion per year commercial apple industry in Washington state from suspected pest infiltration: See peer-reviewed publication listed below

**BS, Biological Sciences**, Florida International University (FIU), Miami, FL

Scholarships:

- State of Florida Bright Futures Scholar
- Florida International University (FIU) Invitational Scholar

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Board Member: Avanse Ansanm - Avanse Ansanm is a movement to engage South Florida Haitian American Millennials in creating a shared agenda for the advancement of the Haitian community & increasing Haitian American Millennials volunteerism, commitment, connectivity, and investment in the Haitian Community in South Florida & in Haiti