



*Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.*

# Board of Directors Meeting

June 4, 2015



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**Board of Director's Meeting**

**June 4, 2015**  
**The Sea View Hotel**

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Hon. Jose M. Diaz  
Commissioner, Sweetwater  
Hon. Richard Block  
Councilman, Virginia Gardens  
Hon. Eduardo Muñiña  
Mayor, West Miami

6:00 p.m. Reception - 7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting



**WELCOMING REMARKS:**

*President Jon Burgess,  
Councilman, City of Homestead*

**1. INVOCATION:**

*Councilman Seth E. Salver,  
Village of Bal Harbour*

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*Third Vice President Jordan W. Leonard,  
Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands*

**3. MINUTES: May 6, 2015**

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Monthly Disbursement

5. HOST CITY PRESENTATIONS:

*Mayor **Martin Packer**,  
Village of Bal Harbour*

*Third Vice President **Jordan W. Leonard**,  
Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands*

*Vice Mayor **Eli Tourgeman**,  
Town of Surfside*

6. FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND MDCLC-LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

*President **Jon Burgess**,  
Councilman, City of Homestead  
FLC Board Member and  
Member of the FLC Nominating Committee*

7. THE CHILDREN'S TRUST COMMITTEE REPORT:

*Past President **Isaac Salver**,  
Councilman, Town of Bay Harbor Islands  
Treasurer, The Children's Trust*

8. RESERVE SOUTH FLORIDA PRESENTATION:

*Ms. **Doreen LoCicero**,  
Executive Director, ReServe South Florida*

9. MDCLC-COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:

*Past President **Deede Weithorn**,  
Commissioner, City of Miami Beach  
Chair, MDCLC-County Budget Committee*

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

***Richard Kuper, Esq.***

11. NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENTATIONS:

*Councilwoman **Vivian Casals-Muñoz**,  
City of Hialeah  
Hialeah Park*

*Mr. **J. Freddy Perera, Esq.**,  
Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.*

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Ethics Training Course: Friday, July 17, 2015**  
Location: City of Miami Gardens Council Chambers  
18605 NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami Gardens, FL 33056
- **MDCLC-Attorney Luncheon Seminar: Thursday, July 23, 2015**  
Location: Melreese Country Club  
1802 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33125
- **No Meeting in July: Happy Independence Day**
- **Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, August 6, 2015**  
Location: Miami Outboard Club  
1099 MacArthur Causeway  
Miami, FL 33132

- **Board of Directors Meeting: *Thursday, September 3, 2015***  
Location: City Hall, City of Doral  
8401 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166
  
- **Best Practices Conference: *Friday, October 9, 2015***  
Location: Hilton Miami Airport  
5101 Blue Lagoon Drive  
Miami, FL 33126
  
- **Board of Directors Meeting: *Thursday, November 5, 2015***  
Location: Grand Bay Club  
425 Grand Bay Drive North  
Key Biscayne, FL 33149
  
- **Board of Directors Meeting: *Thursday, December 3, 2015***  
Location: Homestead

### 13. ADJOURNMENT





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Minutes

May 6, 2015

94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron Restaurant

President, **Jon Burgess**, Councilman, City of Homestead, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed the guests to the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron. First Vice President, **Francis Suarez**, Commissioner, City of Miami asked Circuit Court **Judge Robert J. Luck**, Eleventh Judicial Circuit to give the invocation. Councilman, **Seth Salver**, Village of Bal Harbour, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **municipalities represented** at the Board Meeting: Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Biscayne Park, Coral Gables, Cutler Bay, Doral, El Portal, Homestead, Indian Creek, Medley, Miami, Miami Gardens, Miami Lakes, Miami Shores, Miami Springs, North Bay Village, North Miami Beach, Opa-Locka, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, South Miami, Sunny Isles Beach, and Virginia Gardens. **New Associate Members:** Florida City Gas, and Stearns Weaver Miller... **Associate Members** and guests: AT & T, Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, American Traffic Solutions, Orlando Torres, Baptist Health South Florida, Maria Luisa Gonzalez Silva and Jose Romano, C.A.P. Government, Carlos Penin, Raul Rodriguez, Jose Miranda, Monica De Castro, Carlos Abaunza, Chen Moore & Associates, Dr. Ben Chen, Enterprise Fleet Management, David Nunes, J.P. Hamaide, Flucro Insurance, Rene Alvarez, Jackson Health System, Donald Wolfe, Marrero & Wydler, Oscar Marrero, Miami Association of Realtors, Danielle Blake, Ana Maria Rodriguez, The Corradino Group, Joseph Corradino, Michelle Lopez, Waste Management, Jason Neal, and Weiss Serota Helfman, Chad Friedman, Aleida Martinez- Molina.

President **Burgess** asked for a motion to approve the minutes and the consent agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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President Burgess introduced Miami-Dade County Commissioner, **Rebeca Sosa**, and presented Commissioner Sosa with the President's Public Service award on behalf of Immediate Past President, Mayor Cindy Lerner. President Burgess thanked Commissioner Sosa for her service, and for always opening her doors to the League. He mentioned that Mayor Lerner along with League Executive Director, Richard Kuper met Commissioner Sosa when she was the Commission Chair on several occasions to discuss sustainability, annexation/incorporation, and transportation, among other issues. Commissioner Sosa was always receptive to the League issues. President Burgess also read a letter provided by Mayor Muhiña of the City of West Miami expressing his and his colleague's congratulations to Commissioner Sosa for this recognition. He also informed the attendees that due to a specially set commission meeting they would not be able to attend the meeting and participate. Commissioner Sosa accepted the award, thanked Immediate Past President, Mayor Lerner, President Burgess, the board and the League for this honor. She was very grateful and reminded us that she was very grateful and reminded us that she always has an open door and the League and their issues are important to her.

President Burgess introduced Councilman James McDonald and First Vice President Francis Suarez to discuss the MPO. Commissioner Suarez and Councilman James McDonald spoke of the article they co-authored, and that was printed in the Herald's Editorial Page. Councilman McDonald mentioned that traffic is one of the major issues facing our County, and that they would like to propose that the MPO be re-organized so that it positively impacts the County and all municipalities. Councilman McDonald also mentioned that the Transportation Committee would like to engage in conversation with the local elected officials to be able to go back to the Legislature and receive a unified fund to change and make the MPO a better structure for the citizen's of Miami- Dade County. As chair of the MDCLC transportation committee he will continue to work on this issue and keep us informed.

President **Burgess** introduced **Dr. Jeffrey Horstmyer**, American Heart Association. Dr. Horstmyer spoke of "May stroke month" and how to prevent strokes. Dr. Horstmyer mentioned the decreased percentage of stroke death and what procedures to take when having a stroke to receive proper and effective treatment. President Burgess thanked Dr. Horstmyer for his presentation.

President **Burgess** introduced **Mr. Chad Friedman**, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.. Mr. Friedman is the League appointee to the Jackson Memorial Hospital Bond Committee. Mr. Friedman spoke of the projects the Jackson Memorial Hospital Bond Committee are working on and thanked the League for appointing him to the committee. Mr. Friedman mentioned the 2013 tax payers approval for the tax increase to fund 830 million dollars in bonds to upgrade the Jackson Memorial Hospital health care system. So far, they have had 127 million dollars invested in improving the health care system. One of the largest improvements was the purchase of land to build a new health care facility in the City of Doral. Mr. Friedman stated that the committee was focused on technology and equipment, hospital upgrades, infrastructure, and new facilities and he looked forward to updating everyone again of the improvements being made.



President **Burgess** introduced Senior Vice President of Government Affairs **Ms. Danielle Blake** and Vice President of Government Affairs, **Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez**, Miami Association of Realtors. Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez informed everybody of a micro grant available through the Miami Association of Realtors and encouraged everyone to apply. A place making grant application was included in the agenda.

President **Burgess** introduced Executive Director, **Richard Kuper** for the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Kuper thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He then introduced the **Former League Presidents** present: Former State Representative, Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzalez, Councilman Isaac Salver, Village of Bal Harbor, Commissioner Wifredo "Willy" Gort, City of Miami. **Executive Board Members** present: President Jon Burgess, Councilman, City of Homestead, First Vice President Francis Suarez, Commissioner, City of Miami, Second Vice President Oliver Gilbert III, Mayor, City of Miami Gardens, Third Vice President Jordan Leonard, Vice Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Secretary George Vallejo, Mayor City of North Miami Beach, and Treasurer, Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, Village of El Portal. **Board Members** present: Councilman Seth Salver, Bal Harbour, Mayor Robert Yaffe, Bay Harbor Islands, Mayor David Coviello, Biscayne Park, Mayor Peggy Bell, Cutler Bay, Mayor Luigi Boria, Doral, Councilman Harold Mathis, El Portal, Councilman Elvis Maldonado, Homestead, Commissioner Wifredo "Willy" Gort, Miami, Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, MDC-Public Schools, Councilwoman Griselia Digiacomio, Medley, Vice Mayor Felicia Robinson, Miami Gardens, Councilman Tim Daubert, Miami Lakes, Councilwoman Herta Holly, Miami Shores, Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, North Bay Village, Councilwoman Marlen Martell, North Miami Beach, Commissioner Joseph Kelley, Opa-Locka, Mayor Eugene Flinn, Palmetto Bay, Councilmember James McDonald, Pinecrest, Vice Mayor Walter Harris, South Miami, Commissioner Isaac Aelion, Sunny Isles Beach, Councilman Richard Block, Virginia Gardens. **City Attorneys** present: Craig Leen, Coral Gables, Victoria Mendez, Miami. **City Managers** present: Cathy Swanson-Rivenback, Coral Gables, Daniel Alfonso, Miami, Christopher Russo, Sunny Isles Beach. **Judges** present: Don Cohn, County Court, Diana Vizacaino, County Court, Robert J. Luck, County Court. **Former Judges** present: Gladys Perez, Ana Maria Pando. **Newly elected officials:** Councilwoman Roslyn Buckner, Miami Springs, Commissioner Jeanett Slesnick, Coral Gables, Mayor Michael Pizzi, Town of Miami Lakes. **Re-elected officials:** Commissioner Vince Lago, Coral Gables, Mayor Robert Yaffe, Bay Harbor Islands, Councilman Isaac Salver, Bay Harbor Islands, Councilman Jaime Petralanda, Miami Springs, Councilwoman Marlen Martell, North Miami Beach. **Miami-Dade County Commissioner** Rebeca Sosa. **New Associate Members** present: Florida City Gas, Miguel Bustos, Stearns Weaver Miller..., Freddy Perera. **Associate Members** present: Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, AT&T, Orlando Torres, American Traffic Solutions, Maria Luisa Gonzalez Silva, Jose Romano, Baptist Health South Florida, Carlos Penin, Raul Rodriguez, Jose Miranda, Monica De Castro, Carlos Abaunza, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Dr. Ben Chen, Chen Moore and Associates, David Nunes, J.P. Hamaïde, Enterprise Fleet Management, Rene Alvarez, Fulcro Insurance, Donald Wolfe, Jackson Health System, Oscar Marrero, Marrero & Wydler, Danielle Blake, Ana Maria Rodriguez, Miami

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Mr. Kuper expressed his gratitude to all the Board members and Associate Members for making the League a better and more effective organization. He informed the members of what the League is involved in, in between board meetings. He reported on the FLC Legislative Days that he along with President Burgess attended, Miami Dade Days in Tallahassee, the MDCLC Attorney luncheon, (highlights in agenda), and informed the elected officials of the upcoming State and Local Ethics training course that the League is hosting and that the MDCLC Attorney's Committee is preparing. He advised that there are currently two courses scheduled, one on May 15, 2015 and the second one on July 17, 2015. He also advised that there is an Attorney luncheon scheduled on July 23, 2015. He once again thanked the board for their guidance and the Associate members for their participation.

**City of South Miami Resolution No. 066-15-14405** was placed in the agenda for informational purposes.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEDICAID EXPANSION IN FLORIDA PURSUANT TO THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OF 2010 URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION EXPANDING MEDICAID IN FLORIDA.

**President Burgess**, read through the announcements listed on the agenda and reminded everyone that The MDCLC will be hosting the State and Local Ethics Training Course on May 15, 2015 and July 17, 2015. The next MDCLC Board of Director's meeting will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Seaview Hotel in the Village of Bal Harbour. There will be no meeting in July due to Independence Day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*Summarized minutes*





## SOUTH FLORIDA

### **Ten Reasons why you should consider hiring a ReServist:**

1. You are writing a proposal and budget constraints do not allow for all your staffing needs.
2. You have a special event coming up and need additional experienced assistance.
3. You have a staff member on leave and need to temporarily fill that position.
4. You have a special HR/Comp project that needs to get done.
5. You need help transitioning from one database system to another or updating your website.
6. You need extra staff for children's programs, camp, afterschool, tutoring or mentoring.
7. You need to develop a new training program and need someone with specific industry skills.
8. You need someone to develop and implement a marketing, PR or community outreach program.
9. You want to implement a new billing system.
10. You have a seasonal project that requires intensive volunteer coordination and management.

### **The criteria for participation in a ReServe Partnership are:**

- a. Partner must be a nonprofit or government organization.
- b. The ReServist's assignment is for a 120 hours, typically 10-15 hours a week for 3 months. ReServist assignments are based on the opportunity and needs of the partner.
- c. Partners pay ReServe a fixed rate of \$16 per hour for every hour the Reservist works. The third party employer of record pays the ReServist stipend, and covers FICA, Medicare and other payroll fees. ReServists are not on your payroll.
- d. Your organization will be billed based on the approved hours submitted by the ReServist. The ReServist is paid by the payroll company.

### **How to proceed if you feel a ReServist might be right for you:**

- a. If one of the top 10 reasons resonates with you – or if you have additional reasons - please go to [www.reserveinc.org](http://www.reserveinc.org) and register your organization as a partner.
- b. If you want to discuss the opportunity before registering or if you have further questions, please contact Doreen LoCicero, Director, ReServe South Florida, at 786-708-9300 or email at [dlocicero@reserveinc.org](mailto:dlocicero@reserveinc.org).



# Save the Date



**The Miami-Dade County League of Cities**  
invites you to attend our  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Best Practices**  
**Conference & Exhibition**  
**Friday, October 9, 2015**

**Hilton Miami Airport Hotel**  
5101 Blue Lagoon Drive  
Miami, FL 33126

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Through this conference the MDCLC will be facilitating a venue for Cities as well as its Associate Members to find a distinctive forum where views can be shared.

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