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Sustainability Session



Joseph Spector-Joe Spector is the Vice-President of Operations for Ygrene Energy Fund Florida. He joins Ygrene from senior management positions at Briggs & Stratton Corporation, a global manufacturer of engines and outdoor power products.



Maribel Balbin- Maribel Balbin is a Program Manager in the Miami-Dade County Office of Sustainability responsible for green economy initiatives and water resources issues. She previously served as the County's first Water-Use Efficiency Manager, in that capacity she developed the first goal-based water conservation plan in Florida.



J.L. "Buck" Martinez-J.L. "Buck" Martinez is the senior director of project development for FPL, where his responsibilities include overseeing the development of renewable energy projects in the State of Florida. He also served as director human resource services overseeing the corporate safety department, labor relations and the corporate quality program.



Glen Hadwen- Glen Hadwen has been working professionally on environmental issues for nearly two decades. He is also currently a member of the Urban Sustainability Director's Network, co-chair of the USGBC South Florida Chapter's Advocacy Committee, and the Chair of Government Education Committee for the Chapter's Miami-Dade Branch.



Rusell Mackie- Regional Vice President for Waste Pro is an 18 year waste industry veteran with vast experience in solid waste and recycling collection. He currently manages Waste Pro's South Florida Operations with annual revenues in excess of 85 million dollars and provides services to 200,000 residential homes and 8,000 commercial accounts.

Ethical Dilemmas; What Should I Do? Session



Joseph M. Centorino, Esq.-Joe Centorino has served as the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust since September 2011. He also served for twenty-five years as an Assistant State Attorney at the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office.



Jan Jacobowitz, Esq.- Jan Jacobowitz is a Lecturer in Law and the Director of the Professional Responsibility and Ethics Program at the University of Miami's School of Law. Jan has presented dozens of PREP Ethics CLE Seminars.



Hans Ottinot, Esq.- Hans Ottinot is currently the City Attorney for the City of Sunny Isles Beach. He has been recognized as one of the top government attorneys in the South Florida area by the South Florida Legal Guide. He has extensive experience in all areas of municipal law, having represented local governments for numerous years.



Robert D. Klausner, Esq.- Mr. Klausner is the principal in the law firm of Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson. For 30 years he has been engaged in the practice of law, specializing in the representation of public employee pension

Pensions Session

Budget & Finance Session



Jennifer Moon- Director for the Office of Strategic Business Management. Ms. Moon has made her mark in the County government as the first women ever to oversee the County's extensive budget responsibilities. Her duties as Director have been integrated to include dealing with both those of budget management and performance improvement.



Deede Weithorn- Commissioner Deede Weithorn was elected to the City of Miami Beach Commission in 2007. Commissioner Weithorn, a practicing CPA, brings great professionalism and experience to the City Commission. Prior to holding elected office, Commissioner Weithorn chaired the City's Budget Advisory Committee and currently chairs the City's Finance Committee.

City 101 Session



Juan Carlos Bermudez- Mayor Bermudez was elected the first Mayor of the City of Doral. Mayor Bermudez has been involved in many community and civic organizations, was the founder and former president of One Doral. He also served as president of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.



Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr.- Mr. Inguanzo was appointed by the Village Council to serve as the first Village Clerk of the Village of Pinecrest in 1996. Prior to his appointment he served as a legislative assistant in the Florida Senate. Mr. Inguanzo is a member of the Florida Association of City Clerks where he served on the Board of Directors and was recognized with the association's City Clerk of the Year award in 2010.



Richard Jay Weiss, Esq.-Richard is a founding member of Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske Law Firm. Richard focuses his practice on governmental and municipal law and guidance to both private sector and public sector clients. During the past 20 years he has served as City Attorney for nearly a dozen South Florida cities. Prior to joining the firm he served 7 years as an Assistant County Attorney for Miami-Dade County.

Legislative Session



Oscar Braynon, II- *Senator Braynon was elected to the Florida Senate to represent Senate District 33. During his four-year tenure in the Florida Legislature, Braynon secured more than one half million dollars for District 33. As State Legislature, Senator Braynon passed seven bills in four sessions as a Democrat in a Republican controlled legislature.*



Erik Fresen- *State Representative Erik Fresen was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in November 2008 and was re-elected in 2010. He currently Chairs K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee, and sits on the Pre-K Appropriations Subcommittee, Education Committee, Federal Affairs Subcommittee, and Redistricting Committee.*



Robert M. Levy- *Mr. Levy is a public and governmental relations professional with offices in Miami and Tallahassee, Florida. He has worked as a political consultant and developed hundreds of campaigns since 1977. He is president of Robert M. Levy & Associates, one of the leading South Florida lobbying and advocacy firms.*

Legal Session



Kendall Coffey, Esq.- *Kendall Coffey is a founding member of Coffey Burlington, PL, concentrating on complex litigation at trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts. Mr. Coffey currently serves as the chair of the Southern District Conference, Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission. For 3 years he served as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, one of the nation's largest federal prosecution offices.*



Benedict Kuehne, Esq.- *Benedict Kuehne is a trial and appellate lawyer with the Law Office of Benedict P. Kuehne, P.A. He is a past president of the Dade County Bar Association and a former member of the Florida Bar Board of Governors, the 60-member governing body of all Florida lawyers. He focuses a substantial portion of his practice on Election Law and Litigation, and representing public officials in ethics investigations, campaign compliance, and related matters.*



Jose J. Arrojo- *Mr. Arrojo is a Chief Assistant State Attorney for the Miami Dade Attorney's Office, one of the largest prosecutor's offices in the United States. Among his various responsibilities, he serves as direct report and counsel to the elected State Attorney on public corruption, organized crime, narcotics trafficking, money laundering, and gang related prosecutions.*