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41st Annual Meeting
November 10, 2026



FGO

Florida Grand Opera

Catherin Meza

Soprano

Don Giovanni / Donna Elvira





David Whitaker

President & CEO

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Chief Revenue Officer
Inter Miami and Nu Stadium



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City of Miami





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City of Miami Beach





Mayor Daniella Levine Cava

Miami-Dade County





Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez

State of Florida – District 40
Chair - Miami-Dade Delegation





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Julissa Kepner

Chair, GMCVB Board of Directors
General Manager, Marriott Miami Biscayne Bay





Christine Valls

Chair, Nominating Committee
Director of Sales, Latin America and Caribbean - United Airlines



GMCVB Annual Meeting Call to Order

GMCVB Nominating Committee



Rodney Barreto
Barreto Group



Rick Beasley
CareerSource South Florida



Julissa Kepner
Marriott Miami Biscayne Bay



Bruce Orosz
ACT Productions, Inc.



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Grisette Roque-Marcos
Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority

Thank you for serving



Christine Duffy

President
Carnival Cruise Line

Welcome



Jonathan Daniels

Director and Chief Executive Officer - PortMiami



GMCVB Board by the Numbers



Hospitality Industry – FY 26-27	27 of 54 total



Gender – FY 26-27	35 Male / 19 Female



Minority – FY 26-27	31 of 54

GMCVB Board Sectors



Hotel Industry



Airlines, Cruise & Transportation



Travel & Meetings



Sports, Culture & Entertainment



Community & Education



Community Leaders



Elected & Appointed Officials

Hotel Industry



Austin Bagwell
Executive Vice President, Hospitality Sales
Fontainebleau Development



Amir Blattner
General Manager
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Gene Prescott
President
The Biltmore Hotel



John Sullivan
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Marriott International



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Airlines, Cruise Lines & Transportation



Ralph Cutie
Director and Chief Executive Officer
Miami-Dade Aviation Department



Jonathan Daniels
Director and Chief Executive Officer
PortMiami



Patrick Goddard
Chief Executive Officer
Brightline Florida



Juan Carlos Liscano
Senior Vice President, Miami Operations
American Airlines



Richard "Rick" Sasso
President and Chief Executive Officer
MSC Cruises



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Travel & Meetings Partners



Silvia Camarota
Senior Director, Hotel Market Partnerships, North America
Expedia Group



Yamila Garayzar
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Turnberry



Robin Jacobs
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Chief Operating Officer
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Freddie Peterson
General Manager - Miami Beach Convention Center
OVG360 Venue Management



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SVP, Florida and Latin America
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Community Organizations & Educational Institutions



Rick Beasley
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Wayne Brackin
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Dean, Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management
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Executive Director
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Eric Knowles
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Liliam Lopez
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Yvette Harris
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Marlon Hill
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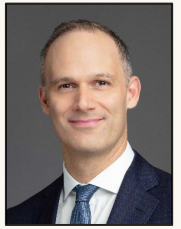
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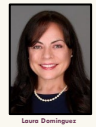
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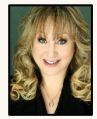
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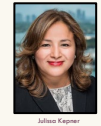
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Chair's Report



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Presidents Report



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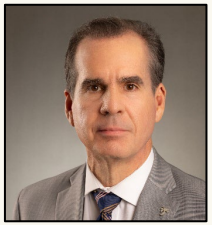
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GMCVB Annual Report & Business Plan



GMCVB Senior Management



Rolando Aedo, CDME
Chief Operating Officer



Joe Yarzabal, C.P.A.
Chief Financial Officer &
Senior Vice President of
Finance & Administration



Carol Motley
Senior Vice President
Convention Sales & Services



Connie Kinnard
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Destination Engagement



Gisela Marti
Senior Vice President
Tourism & Marketing

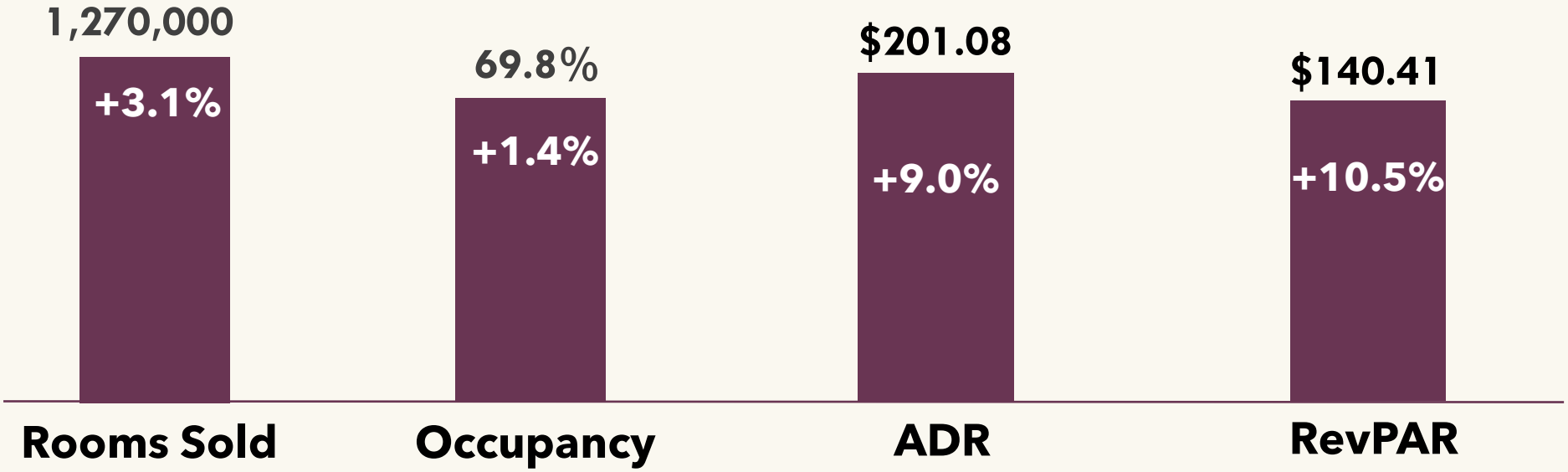


Alex Batista, CDME
Vice President
Convention Sales



Jennifer Diaz-Alzuri
Vice President
Marketing Communications

Miami-Dade Hotel Performance:
Past 28 Days Ending October 31, 2026



November



Adobe Max - The Creativity Conference

November 5 – 13, 2026
10,000 attendees



loanDepot park

November 14 – 15, 2026

December

G20 MIAMI 2026

Trump National Doral Miami

December 14 - 15, 2026

Art Basel Miami Beach

Miami Beach Convention Center

December 4-6, 2026

January



Miami Beach Convention Center

January 10 – 13, 2027

PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL

Capital One ORANGE BOWL

Hard Rock Stadium

January 14, 2027

GMCVB Corporate Partners




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FIFA
MIAMI


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Alina T. Hudak

President & CEO
FIFA World Cup 2026
Miami Host Committee



Rodney Barreto

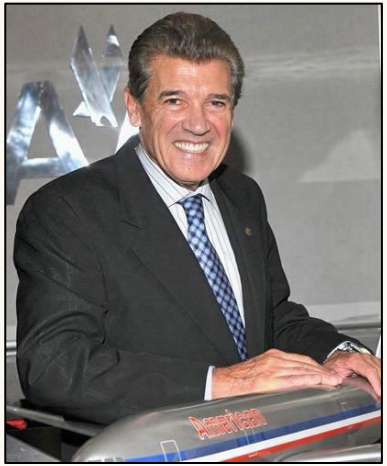
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BARRETO
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IN LOVING

Memory



Peter J. Dolara

Senior Vice President
Miami Caribbean, Latin America
American Airlines





Roger Duarte

Miami's Stone Crab King
Founder, George Stone Crab





Thelma Gibson

Activist and Community Advocate
Former City of Miami Commissioner





Linda Stillman

GMCVB Colleague





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Our Future



HOMESTEAD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

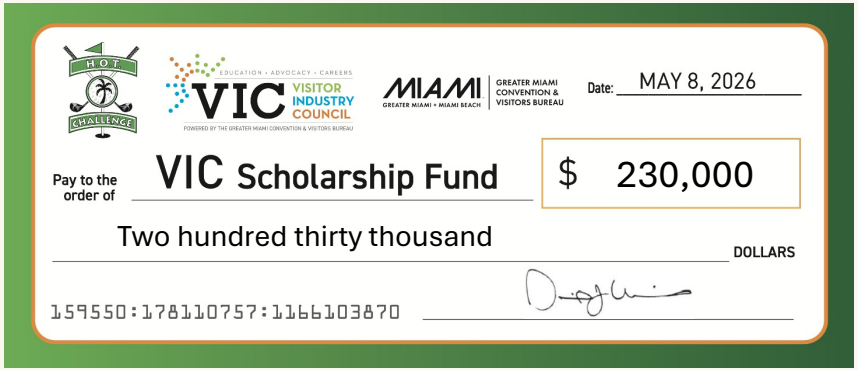
Academy of HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NAF BE FUTURE READY

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION


VIC
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INDUSTRY
COUNCIL
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GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
Date: MAY 8, 2026
Pay to the order of
VIC Scholarship Fund
$ 230,000
Two hundred thirty thousand
DOLLARS
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GIVE MIAMI DAY



SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

Support the next generation of hospitality and tourism leaders in Miami.

SCAN TO DONATE



George Neary

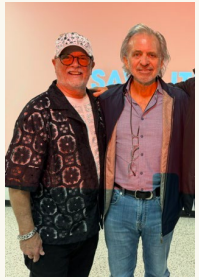
Miami Beach Hall of Fame



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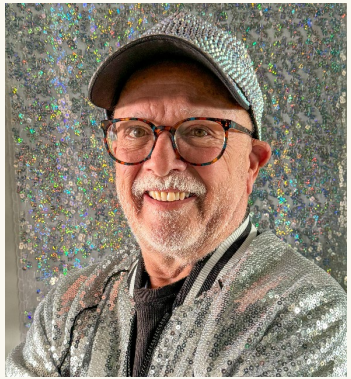






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BRAND USA
TRAVEL WEEK
GREATER MIAMI AND
THE BEACHES
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Sunny Isles Beach




















SUNNY ISLES BEACH TEAM
Sunny Isles Beach
Days Hotel
AVENTURA MALL
Booth #: 235
TURNBERRY ISLE
Booth #: 1718



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HENRY



Door Prizes

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Florida Grand Opera



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