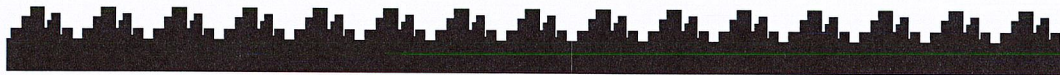




Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

September 12, 2024



Welcome



Richard Kuper, Esq.
Executive Director

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Mayor, West Miami

Board of Director's Meeting

September 12, 2024
94th Aero Squadron
1395 NW 57th Ave.
Miami, FL 33126

Immediate Past President

Hon. Rodney Harris
Mayor, City of Miami Gardens

Past Presidents

Hon. Juan Carlos Bermudez
Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
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Mayor, Miami
Hon. Isaac Salver
Councilman, Town of Bay Harbor Islands
Hon. Jay Chernoff
Commissioner, City of North Miami Beach

6:30 p.m. Reception - 7:30 p.m. Meeting



WELCOMING REMARKS

1. INVOCATION:

*Board Member Mari Tere Rojas,
Chair, Miami-Dade County Public Schools*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Board Member Javier Fernandez,
Mayor, City of South Miami*

3. MINUTES: August 8, 2024

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Monthly Disbursement

5. MDCLC 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET:

*Mr. Seth Salver, CPA
Salver + Salver, CPA
MDCLC Board Member
Vice Mayor, Bal Harbour Village*

6. BOARD MEMBERS OATH PRESENTATION:

*President Karyn Cunningham,
Mayor, Village of Palmetto Bay*

7. ASSOCIATE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

*Mr. Albert Sotero
CEO, Emergency Sandbag Response (ESR, LLC)*

8. SOUTH FLORIDA POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (PBA):

*Mr. Louis Fonseca
Louis Fonseca Productions*

- 3rd Annual Pig Roast Bowl Series – Benefiting The Love Fund

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Richard Kuper, Esq.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ **MDCLC Board of Directors Meeting:** *Thursday, October 10, 2024*
Time: 6:30 p.m. Reception / 7:30 p.m. Dinner meeting
Location: Joe Celestin Center
1525 NW 135th St.,
Miami, FL 33167

- ❖ **Board of Directors Meeting:** *Thursday, November 7, 2024*
Time: 6:30 p.m. Reception / 7:30 p.m. Dinner meeting
Location: Coral Reef Yacht Club
2484 S Bayshore Dr.,
Miami, FL 33133

- ❖ **State & Local Ethics Training Course:** *November 14, 2024*
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: City of Doral – Community Conference Room
8401 NW 53rd Terr
Doral, FL 33166

- ❖ **18th Annual Turkey Drive:** *November 2024*

- ❖ **18th Annual Toy Drive:** *December 2024*

- ❖ **December 12, 2024** - Holiday gathering in Palmetto Bay

- ❖ **12th Annual Best Practices Conference:** *Monday, December 16, 2024*
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Biltmore Hotel – Coral Gables
Sponsorship Opportunities Enclosed

12. ADJOURNMENT



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Summarized Minutes

August 8th, 2024
Miami Shores Country Club

President Karen Cunningham asked **First Vice President Omarr Nickerson** to preside over this meeting, due to the fact that she had a special council meeting at the same date and time of the board meeting.

First Vice President Omarr Nickerson, Mayor of Village of El Portal called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance and spoke in regards to this being his first meeting as First Vice President of the League.

First Vice President Nickerson introduced **Councilwoman Sandra Harris**, Village of Miami Shores to conduct the invocation.

First Vice President Nickerson introduced **MDCLC Board Member and Vice Mayor Tina Paul**, Town of Surfside to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Vice President Nickerson then welcomed **Executive Director Richard Kuper** who asked for a moment of silence in memory of **City of Aventura Commissioner Michael Stern** who passed away on July 25th, 2024. **Commissioner Stern** was a dear friend of the League and was a long-time local leader and second longest serving elected official in Aventura's history. As Mayor Howard Weinberg said in a statement, "**Commissioner Stern** epitomized what it meant to be a public servant". For the last several years **Commissioner Stern** would attend the League's meetings to ask for proclamations from our 34 municipalities as he went to Washington to advocate for funds and bring attention to the fight for Colon Cancer. **Mr. Kuper** then welcomed **Commissioner Amit Bloom** a dear friend of Commissioner Stern to say a few words.

legislative delegations as well as action by the State Fire Marshal to curtail the effects of rock-mine blasting. **First Vice President Nickerson** commented that it is important to listen and support our municipalities even if this issue does not affect your municipality. Because one day you may have an issue in your city, town, or village that you may want your colleagues to support, even if it does not affect their area.

First Vice President Nickerson welcomed **Nelson Hincapie**, Executive Director of the Miami Dade College Foundation who the League works closely with for its Scholarship program. **Mr. Hincapie** informed the attendees that September is “I am MDC” celebration month to celebrate 64 years of Miami Dade College. On “I am MDC” Day, the school comes together to eliminate financial barriers by raising funds for scholarships, emergency aid, tutoring, mentorship programs, and other essential support services. The support of everyone provides vital resources that can mean the difference between a student staying enrolled or dropping out. **Mr. Hincapie** informed everyone that he has been reaching out to municipalities to help with a social media campaign and thanked everyone for being supportive.

First Vice President Nickerson welcomed long-term Associate Member **Jason Neal**, Senior Manager of **Waste Management** to speak about the Recycle Right Campaign that Waste Management is engaged in. Waste Management and the National League of Cities are collaborating to empower communities to live more sustainably by launching the Recycle Right Pledge, an exciting initiative to help local leaders strengthen recycling efforts in our communities. Once a city takes the pledge, they will gain access to tools and resources provided by the National League of Cities and Waste Management to make it easy for staff and the community to adopt new recycling habits and take meaningful action toward recycling the right way. Mr. Neal encouraged our attendees to partake in this pledge for their communities and informed them to contact him if they had any concerns.

First Vice President Nickerson welcomed Executive Director, **Richard Kuper** to present his report. **Mr. Kuper** thanked everyone in attendance at the League’s first Board of Directors meeting with the 2024-2025 Executive Board. He also thanked everyone who donated to the League’s 14th Annual Back-to-School Drive. He also spoke in regard to the League’s 12th Annual Best Practices Conference which will be hosted on December 16th, 2024 at the Biltmore Hotel. He informed the attendees that tickets, sponsorship opportunities and exhibit spaces will be on sale soon. **Mr. Kuper** then ended his remarks by introducing the following members:

Executive Board Members:

First Vice President, Mayor, Village of El Portal

Second Vice President Fortuna Smukler, Commissioner, City of North Miami Beach

Treasurer Walter Thompson, Commissioner, City of Florida City

Past Presidents:

Past President Luis Gonzalez

Past President Eduardo “Eddy” Gonzalez

Past President Jay Chernoff

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Board:

Board Member Daniel Espino

Judicial Candidate:

State Representative Christopher Benjamin

New Associate Member:

Mac Alabre – Lien Library, Inc.

Associate Members:

Kevin Crowder – BusinessFlare

Lina Duque – BusinessFlare

Carlos Penin – C.A.P Government, Inc.

Jose Miranda – C.A.P Government, Inc.

Carlos Del Pino – C.A.P Government, Inc.

Monica De Castro – C.A.P Government, Inc.

Luis Perez-Codina – C.A.P Government, Inc.

Monique Casanova – C.A.P Government, Inc.

Patrick Kaimrajh – Chen Moore & Associates

Eileen Damaso – Coastal Waste & Recycling

Dr. Arnoldo Bichara – Concentra

Kimberly Borrell – Concentra

Victor Caballero – Early Learning Coalition

Vivian Casals-Muñoz – Hialeah Park

Bobby Williams – Hialeah Park

Alex Auguste – Marcum LLP

Nelson Hincapie – Miami Dade College Foundation

Gabriel Osceola - Miccosukee Tribe of Indians

Raphael Garcia – Ocean Bank

Gladys Reed – Ocean Bank

Evan Ross – public Communicators Group

Michelle Lopez – The Corradino Group

Erik Nuñez – The Corradino Group

Jason Neal – Waste Management

Ethel Neal – Waste Management

Kenneth Rivera – Waste Pro USA

Carlos Alvarez – Ygrene

Susan Trevarthen – Weiss Serota Helfman

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Summarized minutes



EMERGENCY SANDBAG *Response*



GROUNDBREAKING FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

OVERVIEW

Introducing a groundbreaking, efficient, and effective storm readiness and flood preparedness solution that protects lives, property, and infrastructure from the harmful impacts of flooding.

ESR'S SYSTEM FEATURES

INNOVATIVE SYSTEM

Emergency Sandbag Response is an innovative sandbag filling system that redefines and simplifies the process of sandbag filling and distribution - rapidly and efficiently.

EFFICIENCY & CAPACITY

By using our patented, cutting-edge tailgate technology that attaches easily to most dump trucks, ESR can fill a 30-pound sandbag in less than five seconds and close to 1,000 sandbags in an hour and about 1,200 sandbags per truckload, a feat that is unparalleled in the industry.

Unlike the traditional sandbag-filling process which sets a sense of false hope amongst residents due to limited quantities, ESR's system yields a greater amount of sandbags in less time, allowing city and county governments the opportunity to offer a greater amount of sandbags to its residents.

OPERATIONAL ADVANTAGES

The ESR way, requires no shoveling and leaves little or no mess. The current method takes several minutes and 2-3 people to fill one sandbag. By eliminating the manual aspect of shoveling sand utilizing city and county staff, municipalities can decrease overtime expenses, and reduce the possibility of physical exhaustion/injuries potentially leading to absenteeism. Our dedicated on-site team takes charge of filling the sandbags, ensuring process precision and expertise. This leaves residents, government staff or volunteers with the straightforward task of simply loading the filled sandbags into residents' vehicles.

MOBILITY & SCALABILITY

Less manpower for filling bags means government staff is freed up to help its residents with other aspects of storm prep; prepare their own homes; and attend to other critical needs during hurricanes and severe weather flood-prone events.

ESR's system is mobile NOT stationary; it is self-contained in one unit, without the need for additional equipment and storage by city and county governments. This makes it scalable – ESR can quickly deploy multiple trucks to different locations. Since our system can incorporate with most dump trucks, we have the flexibility to utilize local independent truck haulers, providing maximum coverage and flexibility.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

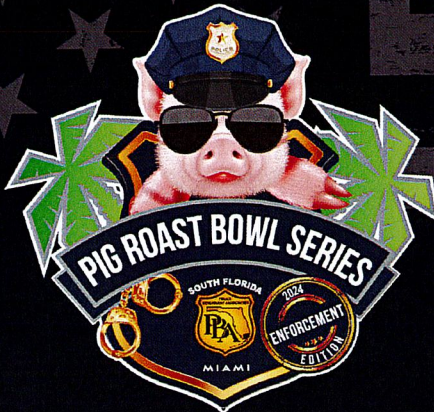
ESR continues to work to develop innovative solutions to help communities prepare, including its current flood protocol guide and a "coming soon" interactive app.

#PIGROASTCHALLENGE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024



PRESENTS



BENEFITING



LOVE FUND

**BIGGEST PIG ROAST COMPETITION
IN SOUTH FLORIDA FOR OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**100+ TEAMS
1 CHAMPION**

THE LOVE FUND IS A CHARITABLE 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION THAT IS AFFILIATED WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA PBA AND AIDS FALLEN OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHEN NO OTHER FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO DO SO. ANY MONEY COLLECTED BY THE LOVE FUND HELPS PAY FOR THE FUNERALS OF OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF FALLEN OFFICERS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING FOR OFFICERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS IMPACTED BY THE STRESS OF THE JOB

**LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TASTINGS • KIDS ACTIVITIES
POP-UP SHOPS • FAMILY FUN • SATURDAY FUNDAY**

CALL THE SOUTH FLORIDA PBA FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PIG ROAST BOWL SERIES LAW ENFORCEMENT EDITION, KIM GREGSON 305-593-0044 / LOUIS FONSECA 305.796.1744 OR EMAIL [KIM@SFLPBA.ORG](mailto:kim@sflpba.org) TO REQUEST MATERIAL IN ACCESSIBLE FORMAT, INFORMATION ON ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, OR A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER (7 DAYS IN ADVANCE)

TEAM ENTRY
\$700

BACK THE BLUE

DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 AM
TROPICAL PARK

7900 SW 40TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33155

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STATE AND LOCAL

Ethics

TRAINING



Pursuant to Florida Statute Section 112.3142 that went into effect on January 1, 2015, all elected municipal officers must complete _____ 4 hours of ethics training annually.

November 14, 2024 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

City of Doral - Community Conference Room
8401 NW 53rd Terr
Doral, Fl 33166

RSVP in advance
Courses are free of charge, courtesy of the MDCLC.
(305) 416-4155 mdclc@bellsouth.net

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.
The training will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.
and concludes at 2:00 p.m.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

12TH ANNUAL



TITLE SPONSOR

- Opportunity to speak at Lunch and Afternoon Reception
- 2 tables in exhibition hall
- Registration for 4 guests
- Premium seating at breakfast
- Session sponsorship with input on topic
- Recognition on webpage, printed materials and on day of the conference

BREAKFAST SPONSOR

- 5-minute sponsor presentation
- Registration for 4 guests
- 1 table in the exhibition hall
- Premium seating
- Recognition day of conference, on webpage, printed materials and on day of the conference

LUNCH SPONSOR (Grab-A-Bite)

- 3-minute sponsor presentation
- 1 exhibit table
- Registration for 3 guests
- Recognition the day of the conference, on webpage, and printed materials

AFTERNOON RECEPTION SPONSOR

- 3-minute sponsor presentation
- 1 exhibit table
- Registration for 3 guests
- Recognition the day of the conference, on webpage, and printed materials

PARKING SPONSOR

- 1 exhibit table
- Registration for 2 guests
- Recognition day of conference, on webpage and printed materials

COFFEE SPONSOR

- Registration for 2 guests
- Recognition day of conference, on webpage and printed materials

REGISTRATION FEE: \$125

- includes breakfast, lunch, reception, admission to all sessions and exhibition hall.

SESSION SPONSORS: \$850

- Includes 5-minute presentation and distribution of materials during sponsored session and on webpage (Includes one registration)

\$15,000

\$12,000

\$8,000

\$8,000

\$5,500

\$5,000