



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES

May 9, 2024 Board of Directors' Meeting

This month's meeting was held at the Coral Gables Country Club.
We would like to thank all the attendees for their participation!



MAY BOARD MEETING RECAP



President Rodney Harris, welcomed everyone to the May 9th Board of Directors meeting and asked **MDCLC Board Member, Commissioner Walter Thompson** of the City of Florida City to conduct the invocation. He then led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Since this was President Harris' last meeting as presiding officer he recognized the following individuals:

- **President's Distinguished Board Member Awards:**
 - *Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Miami-Dade County*
 - *Councilman Robert Stephens, III, City of Miami Gardens*
- **President's Associate Member Awards:**
 - *Yolanda Cash Jackson, Becker & Poliakoff*
 - *Jose K. Fuentes, Becker & Poliakoff*
 - *Myles Pistorius, Miami Dolphins*

- **President's Municipal Service Award:**
 - *Attorney Susan Trevarthen, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman*
- **President's Community Service Award:**
 - *Former Councilwoman Vivian Casals-Muñoz, City of Hialeah*
- **President's Public Service Award:**
 - *Monty Trainer, President, Coconut Grove Arts Festival*

President Harris then introduced President & CEO of the Dade County Federal Credit Union, **Mr. George Joseph** and the Executive Vice President **Ms. Annie Wilkinson**. Mr. Joseph stated that the primary goal of the credit union is to help their members achieve their financial goals. One of our proudest accomplishments is the Rise Miami-Dade Loan program, which has provided vital financial support to over a thousand small businesses in Miami-Dade County. Dade County Federal is also excited to introduce their Home Purchasing Assistance (HPA) Program. This exclusive program is designed to make homeownership more accessible to first-time buyers in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties by offering eligible members up to \$100,000.00 or 20% of the purchase price, whichever is lower, as a down payment and closing cost assistance to purchase their primary residence. Best of all, this financial assistance for 1st homebuyers, will be forgiven on the 6th year of homeownership. If anyone is interested in any of their programs they can contact the Dade County Federal Credit Union directly.

Executive Director Richard Kuper provided the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Kuper congratulated this evening's award recipients, welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and recognized the Board Members present as well as the Associate Members. He thanked the sponsors of the upcoming 70th Annual Gala for their support. He also reminded the guests that the Gala will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the Loews Coral Gables Hotel and mentioned that seating will be limited. Therefore, those interested in attending should register as soon as possible.

President Harris thanked Richard for his report and looks forward to incoming President Karyn Cunningham's installation.

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