

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk  
DATE: November 18, 2024  
SUBJECT: City Commission – At-Large Nominations for November 20, 2024 – Release # 2

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Below are the City Commission At-Large Nominations received to date for the November 20, 2024 Commission Meeting. Updates made since the issuance of Release # 1 are shown in red.

### BOARD AND COMMITTEES:

#### **BLACK AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

An At-Large Member Licensed And Actively Practicing In The Field Of Human Relations/People Development, Communications/Entertainment, Art/Culture, Or Education.  
(Category C)  
(One Seat is Available.)

- **Dorrie Foster**  
Nominated for **reappointment** (Human Relations/Communications Category) by Commissioners Bhatt and Dominguez.  
(Release # 1, Page 3)

#### **HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Physician Or An Individual With Medical Training Or Experience.  
(Category 8)  
(One Seat is Available.)

- **Aimee Kamat**  
Nominated for **reappointment** (Physician/Medical Training Category) by Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez.  
(Release # 1, Page 13)

#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

An At-Large Member Who Has Resided In One Of The City's Historic Districts For At Least One Year And Has Demonstrated Interest And Knowledge In Architectural Or Urban Design And The Preservation Of Historic Buildings.  
(Category # 3)  
(One Seat is Available.)

- **Brian Ehrlich**  
Nominated for **reappointment** (Historic District Residence At-Large Category) by Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez.  
(Release # 2, Page 5)

## **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

Members Who Shall Reflect, As Nearly As Possible, The Diversity Of Individuals Protected Under The City's Human Rights Ordinance.

(At-Large Category)  
(Six Seats are Available.)

- **Amanda Knapp, Chair**  
Nominated for **reappointment** (At-Large Category) by Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez and **Vice-Mayor Fernandez**.  
(Release # 1, Page 27)  
(Release # 2, Page 2)

## **NORTH BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Members Who Currently Reside For A Minimum Of Five (5) Years Within The North Beach Area Are Generally Considered As That Portion Of Miami Beach Located North Of 63rd Street.

(Category # 1 a)  
(One Seat is Available.)

- **Thomas P. Richerson, Vice Chair**  
Nominated for **reappointment** (Resident North Beach Category) by Commissioner Bhatt.  
(Release # 1, Page 39)

## **PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BOARD**

A Member Who Has Demonstrated A High Degree Of Interest, Participation, And/Or Expertise In The Sport Of Tennis.

(One Seat is Available.)

- **Steven L. Cohn, MD**  
Nominated for **appointment** (Tennis Category) by Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez.  
(Release # 2, Page 15)

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Architect Registered In The State Of Florida; Or A Member Of The Faculty Of A School Of Architecture In The State, With Practical Or Academic Expertise In The Field Of Design, Planning, Historic Preservation, Or History Of Architecture; Or A Landscape Architect Registered In The State Of Florida; Or A Professional Practicing In The Fields Of Architectural Or Urban Design, Or Urban

Planning;  
(Category 1)  
(One Seat is Available.)

- ~~**Matthew Gultanoff**~~  
Nominated for **reappointment** (Urban Planning) by Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez.  
~~Pending Updated Application.~~  
(Release # 1, Page 2)  
Nomination withdrawn by Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez.  
(Release # 2, Page 3)

- **Akil A. Lester**  
Nominated for **appointment** (Urban Planning) by Commissioner Suarez.  
(Release # 2, Page 29)

## **TRANSPORTATION, PARKING, AND BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

A Mid-Beach Business Owner Or A Mid-Beach Business Association Member.  
(Category # 5)  
*(One Seat Is Available.)*

- **Linda B. Kolko, Vice Chair**  
Nominated for **reappointment** (Mid Beach Business Owner/Business Association Member Category) by Commissioner Bhatt.  
(Release # 2, Page 41)

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- **Brian Ehrlich**

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Last Name		First Name	Middle Initial
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Home Address		City	State
_____		_____	_____
13057338870	_____	13057338870	brian@paradigm01.com
Cellular	Work	Home	Email Address
Paradigm 01		Urban Design & Real Estate Investments	
Business Name:		Occupation:	
_____		_____	
5 Island Avenue #7H		Miami Beach	FL
Business Address		City	State
_____		_____	_____
			33139
			Zip Code

Please list your preferences in order of ranking [1] first choice [2] second choice, and [3] third choice. **Please note that only three (3) choices will be observed by the City Clerk's Office.** (Regular Boards of City)

- Choice 1:** Historic Preservation Board
- Choice 2:** Planning Board
- Choice 3:** Board of Adjustment

### Professional License

No Professional Licenses Submitted.

**Note:** If you are seeking appointment to a professional seat (e.g. attorney, architect, etc.), you must attach a copy of your currently effective corresponding professional license.

★ **Note:** If applying for the At-Large position of the Historic Preservation Board, please answer the below questions:

- Have you ever resided in one of the City's Historic Districts for at least one year? Yes

If you answered "Yes", please indicate:

Address	From:	To:
_____	_____	_____
1200 Ocean Drive (Art Deco District)	5/1/2005	6/2/2007

**AFFILIATION WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**

**Pursuant to City Code section 2-22(4) a, b and c:** Members of Agencies, Boards, and Committees shall be affiliated with the city. This requirement shall be fulfilled in the following ways:

- a. Resident of the City for a minimum of six (6) months: Yes
- I am resident of: South Beach
- Or
- b. Demonstrate an ownership interest in a business established in the City for a minimum of six (6) months: Yes
- "Ownership Interest" shall mean the ownership of ten percent (10%) or more (including the ownership of 10% or more of the outstanding capital stock) in a business.*
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- c. Full-time employee of such a business (for a minimum of six months); and I am based in an office or other location of the business that is physically located in Miami Beach (for a minimum of six months): No
- Notwithstanding the requirements set forth herein, the qualified full-time employee of a business must be approved by a 4/7th vote of the Mayor and City Commission.*

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- I am applying for an appointment because I have special abilities, knowledge and experience. Please list below:  
I have built a career at the intersection of real estate, design & cultural institutions. I've held senior roles at Related, Fairholme, and startup Sonder, where I grew our portfolio 10x, including with partnerships to manage historic assets.

- Are you presently a registered lobbyist with the City of Miami Beach? No
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony: No If yes, please explain in detail:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you currently have a violation(s) of City of Miami Beach codes: No If yes, please explain in detail:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you currently owe the City of Miami Beach any money: No If yes, please explain in detail:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Are you currently serving on any City Boards or Committees: Yes If yes, which board?  
Historic Preservation Board

- In what organization(s) in the City of Miami Beach do you currently hold membership in?

Name	Position
Bass Museum of Art	Board of Directors

- List the address of all properties owned or in which you have an interest within the City of Miami Beach:

Property  
; Miami Beach Fl 33139

- Are you now employed by the City of Miami Beach: No If so, which department and title?

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• Pursuant to City Code Section 2-25 (b) and 2-448:  
Do you have a parent, spouse, child, brother, or sister who is employed by the City of Miami Beach? No  
If "Yes", identify person(s) and department(s):  
No relative's information submitted.

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- o Voting conflict - Form 8B is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected Board, Council, Commission, Authority, or Committee. It applies equality to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143. Florida Statutes.
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- o If an appointee is engaged to provide services, for compensation, to either (1) a candidate for City elected office, or (2) a political committee or electioneering communications organization expending funds for or against candidates for City elected office, such engagement shall be deemed a tender of resignation from such City agency, board, or committee. (Miami Beach City Code Section 2-22)

**BOARD & COMMITTEE FINANCIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

**Acknowledgement of fines/suspension for Board/Committee Members for failure to comply with Miami-Dade County Financial Disclosure Code Section 2-11.1(i)(2)**

I understand that no later than **July 1, of each year** all members of Boards and Committees of the City of Miami Beach, including those of a purely advisory nature, are required to comply with Miami-Dade County Financial Disclosure Requirements.

**One** of the following forms **must be filled** with the City Clerk of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, no later than 12:00 noon of **July 1, of each year**:

1. A "Source of Income Statement;" or
2. A "Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1)<sup>1</sup>;" or
3. A Copy of your latest Federal Income Tax Return.

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**DIVERSITY STATISTICS REPORT**

The following information is voluntary and has no bearing on your consideration for appointment. It is being asked to comply with City diversity reporting requirements.

**Gender:** Male

Race/Ethnic Categories  
**What is your race?** White

Are you Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino? Mark the "No" box if not Spanish / Hispanic / Latino. Yes

Other Description: No details provided

Physically Challenged: No

**Board and Committee Application Checklist:** Please ensure you have provided all information before applying or reapplying to any Board and Committee.

- YES** I have answered all questions fully.
- YES** I have uploaded a current resume, photograph, and a copy of any applicable professional license.
- YES** I have completed and attached the Board & Committee Financial Acknowledgment Statement.
- YES** I have completed and attached the Diversity Statistics Report.
- YES** I voluntarily agree to the resignation from the City agency, board, or committee, if I file a Statement of Candidate for a City Elective Office **(1)**.

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**YES** I understand that **(2)**.

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I Brian Ehrlich agreed to the following terms on 11/5/2024 4:01:36 PM

Received in the City Clerk's Office by:

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Name of Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Control No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Brian Ehrlich**  
**Bio & History**

[LinkedIn](#)

**Work Experience**

Founder	Paradigm 01	Since 2017
Director of Real Estate	Sonder	2015-17
Director of Investor Relations	Fairholme Capital	2008-15
Project Manager Special Assistant to the Chairman	Related Group	2006-08

**Civic and Government Experience**

Board of Directors	Bass Museum of Art	Present
Board Member	Cultural Arts Council, City of Miami Beach	Present
Host & Producer	Built World Podcast (Spotify/Apple)	Present

**Education**

Master of Public Policy	Harvard University Kennedy School of Government	2006
Bachelor of Arts	University of Pennsylvania	2003
Fulbright Fellow	US Department of State	2003



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- **Steven L. Cohn, MD**

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Cohn Steven L  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Home Address Miami Beach FL 33141  
City State Zip Code

786-239-0584 scohn@med.miami.edu  
Cellular Work Home Email Address

Business Name: Occupation:

Business Address City State Zip Code

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**Choice 2:**

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1 (unit owner)

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I Steven Cohn agreed to the following terms on 10/29/2024 9:31:12 PM

Received in the City Clerk's Office by:

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Name of Deputy Clerk

Control No.

Date

**Steven L. Cohn, MD**

**Miami Beach, FL 33141**

**786-239-0584**

**scohn@med.miami.edu**

**TENNIS RESUME**

**Player:**

Bayonne High School (NJ) tennis team – 1967-69

- Hudson County Champions - 1967 & 1969
- Team captain - 1<sup>st</sup> singles (9-1 record) - 1969

Rutgers College tennis team (Division I) - 1970 & 1973

- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> singles & 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> doubles

**Teacher:**

Tennis Instructor – Bayonne Parks and Recreation – Bayonne, NJ - 1969-1971

- Gave free group lessons for the city 4-6 hrs/wk in the summer

Tennis Director – Skyline Cabana Club - Jersey City, NJ – 1972

- Gave private & group lessons to children and adults
- Gave day camp children's clinics
- Organized men's & women's singles and doubles tournaments
- Directed daily operations and reservations

**Administrative:**

Tennis Committee Chairperson – Akoya Condominium – Miami Beach, FL 2021-present

- Responsible for overseeing court resurfacing with color change (all green to blue and green)
- Assisted with developing new condo logo – had new windscreens incorporate logo
- Organized subcommittee to research ball machines and purchase it for condo use
- Established new set of condo rules for tennis and pickle ball

Tennis Committee member – Acorn Ponds Condo Association – Roslyn, NY – 2023-present

- Changed court reservation system to Playtomic
- Orient new owners to the rules
- Oversee violations and complaints
- Advise board members on court maintenance

Tennis Committee member – La Gorce Country Club – Miami Beach, FL – 2021-2022

- Suggested new activities
- Advised board on rules and reservations
- Researched/recommended Tweener lighting system for 2 courts that didn't have lights

**PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM VITAE**

October 28, 2024

**I. PERSONAL**

1. **STEVEN LAWRENCE COHN, MD, MACP, SFHM, FRCP**
2. **Home Phone: Cell: (786) 239-0584**
3. **Office Phone:** (305) 243-5505 (FL)
4. **Home Address:**  
Local Address: 6365 Collins Ave - Apt 4304 - Miami Beach, FL 33141  
New York Address: 20 Old Field - Roslyn, NY 11576
5. **Current Academic Rank:** Professor Emeritus – Medicine (University of Miami)  
Clinical Professor of Medicine Emeritus (SUNY Downstate)
6. **Primary Department:** Medicine
7. **Secondary Appointments:** None
8. **Citizenship:** US
9. **Visa:** N/A

**II. HIGHER EDUCATION**

10. **Institutional:**  
Universidad de Monterrey - Monterrey, NL (Mexico); MD; 08/74-06/78  
Rutgers-The Graduate School-New Brunswick, NJ; MS (physiology); 06/73-05/74  
Rutgers College - New Brunswick, NJ; BA (biological sciences); 09/69-05/73
11. **Non-Institutional:**  
Fifth Pathway - Downstate Medical Center-Methodist Hospital; 07/78-05/79
12. **Certification, Licensure:**  
Florida - 8/2/11 (#ME110720); valid through 1/31/26  
New York - 10/5/79 (#139889); inactive  
New Jersey - 6/17/82 (#40641); inactive  
Board Certified - American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) - 09/14/83; valid indefinitely

**III. EXPERIENCE**

13. **Academic:**  
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL  
Professor Emeritus; 04/2017-present.  
Professor of Clinical Medicine; 09/2011-04/2017.  
State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate, Brooklyn, NY  
Clinical Professor of Medicine Emeritus; 12/2018-present.  
Adjunct Professor of Medicine; 02/2012-12/2018.  
Clinical Professor of Medicine; 07/2002-01/2012.  
Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine; 07/96-06/2002.  
Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine; 07/86-06/96.  
Instructor of Medicine; 07/82-06/86.  
Clinical Instructor of Medicine; 07/79-06/82.

**14. Hospital Appointments:**

- Medical Director – UHealth Preoperative Assessment Center (UPAC), University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL; 07/12-04/17.
- Director, Medical Consultation Service, University of Miami Hospital, Miami, FL; 09/11-04/17.
- Director, Medical Consultation Service, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL, 07/15-06/18.
- Attending Physician in Medicine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine - University of Miami Hospital, Miami, FL; 09/11-present.
- Attending Physician in Medicine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine - Sylvester Cancer Center, Miami, FL; 09/11-08/18.
- Attending Physician in Medicine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine - Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL; 09/11-present.
- Attending Physician in Medicine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine - Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami, FL; 09/11-08/18.
- Attending Physician in Medicine, SUNY Downstate - University Hospital of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY; 07/82-11/2011
- Attending Physician in Medicine, Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, NY; 07/82-11/2011.
- Attending Physician in Medicine, NY Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, NY; 07/82-11/2011.
- Attending Physician - Emergency Medicine, Kings County Hospital Center, Brooklyn, NY; 07/80-06/85.
- Director, Medical Consultation Service, Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, NY; 07/85-11/2011.
- Director, Preoperative Medical Consultation Clinic (Ambulatory Surgery), Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, NY; 07/86-11/2011.
- Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine, SUNY Downstate, Brooklyn, NY; 07/2001-06/2007.
- Acting Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine, SUNY Downstate, Brooklyn, NY; 07/91-06/2001.
- Interim Director: Perioperative Medical Consultation, University Hospital of Brooklyn; 07/2003-06/2004.
- Consultant, Department of Medicine, Brooklyn Veteran Administration Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY; 07/96-06/2008.
- Associate Medical Director for Performance Improvement (Quality Assessment), SUNY Downstate, University Hospital, Brooklyn, NY; 07/93-06/2003.
- Quality Assurance Reviewer (Adult Mortalities), University Hospital, Brooklyn, NY; 07/90-06/93.
- Resident (Medicine); State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center - State University Hospital, Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn Veterans Administration Hospital, Brooklyn, New York; 07/80-06/82.
- Intern (Medicine); State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center - State University Hospital, Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn Veterans Administration Hospital, Brooklyn, New York; 07/79-06/80.

**15. Non-Academic:**

- Private Practice (hospital-based) - University Hospital of Brooklyn; 07/82-06/2007.
- Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO), Lake Success, NY; Physician Consultant, 07/99-12/11.
- Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (CNR), Brooklyn, NY; Consultant - Quality Improvement, 07/97-06/2005.
- Office of Professional Medical Conduct, State of New York; Consultant: Expert Physician - 07/95-6/2005.
- Harvard Study of Medical Malpractice in New York State; reviewer; 07/88-10/88.

**IV. PUBLICATIONS**

**16. Books and Monographs (5):**

- Cohn SL (ed).** Decision-Making in Perioperative Medicine: Clinical Pearls. McGraw Hill, NY, NY, and ACP, Philadelphia, PA, 2021.
- Cohn SL (ed).** Perioperative Medicine. Springer, London, UK, 2011.
- Williams MV, Hayward R (co-editors); Flanders S, Gross R, **Cohn SL**, Holman R, Merli G, Michota F, Nelson J, Whitcomb W (section editors). Comprehensive Hospital Medicine: An Evidence-based and Systems Approach. Elsevier Inc., Philadelphia, PA, 2007.
- Cohn SL, Smetana GW, Weed HG (eds).** Perioperative Medicine - Just the Facts. McGraw Hill, NY, NY, 2006.
- Cohn, SL.** Guest Editor. Preoperative Medical Consultation. Med Clin North Am. W.B. Saunders, Philadelphia, PA. Vol. 87(Number 1) - January 2003.

**17. Book Chapters (40):**

**18. Juried or Refereed Journal Articles (51):**

**19. Online Media (36)**

**20. Featured articles (26)**

**21. Abstracts/Posters (refereed) (18)**

**V. PROFESSIONAL**

**22. Professional Organizations: (Active Membership)**

- Royal College of Physicians – fellow (FRCP); 2022-present.
- American College of Physicians (ACP) - master (MACP); 1979-present.
- Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) - senior fellow (SFHM); 2009-present.
- Society for Perioperative Assessment and Quality Improvement (SPAQI) - officer (governing board member); 2009-present.
- Florida Medical Association – 2020-present.
- Previous membership - (inactive):
- Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) - member; 1986-2016.
- American Society of Anesthesiologists (affiliate member); 2008-2009.

American Heart Association - New York Chapter (member); 1989-1992.  
American Heart Association - Clinical Cardiology Council (member); 1998-2000.  
New York State Medical Society - (member); 1982-1996.  
Kings County Medical Society - (member); 1982-1996.  
American Medical Association - (member); 1980-1983.

**23. Honors and Awards:**

Fellowship – Royal College of Physicians (FRCP); 2022.  
Mastership – American College of Physicians (MACP); 2018.  
Individual Award for Excellence in Teaching – Society of Hospital Medicine, 2017  
President: South Florida Chapter Society of Hospital Medicine, 2016-2017.  
Senior Fellow - Society of Hospital Medicine (SFHM); 2012.  
Councilor-at-Large: ACP Downstate 3 Region (NY), 2008-2010.  
The Best Doctors in New York. *New York Magazine*; 2001, 2010, 2011.  
Top Doctors - US News & World Report; 2011.  
Top Doctors: New York Metro Area. Castle Connolly Medical Ltd; 1997-2011.  
America's Top Doctors. Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. 2007.  
America's Top Physicians. Consumers' Research Council of America; 2003-2005.  
QuantiaMD Community Choice Award for Excellence and Innovation in Sharing Knowledge; 2011.  
Excellence in Resident Teaching Award (Hospital Medicine) – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; 2014.  
Excellence in Curriculum Development – Medicine Consult Service (UMH) – (Hospital Medicine) – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; 2012.  
Excellence in Innovation Award – Medicine Consult Service (UMH) – (Hospital Medicine) – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; 2012  
Excellence in Medical Education – Downstate Resident Alumni Society; 2001.  
Teacher of the Year – Department of Medicine; SUNY Downstate, 1996-1997.  
Dedicated Service Award – Department of Medicine Housestaff; SUNY Downstate, 1993.  
Fellow - American College of Physicians (FACP); 1991.

**24. Other Professional Activities: CME Invited Presentations (429)**

National Society Meetings (127)  
Other National Meetings (104)  
International Meetings (6)  
Regional & Local Society Meetings (27)  
Grand Rounds: National, Regional and Local (165)

**VI. TEACHING**

**25. Teaching Awards:**

Individual Award for Excellence in Teaching – Society of Hospital Medicine; 2017  
Excellence in Resident Teaching Award – Division of Hospital Medicine – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; 2014.  
Excellence in Curriculum Development – Medicine Consult Service (UMH) -

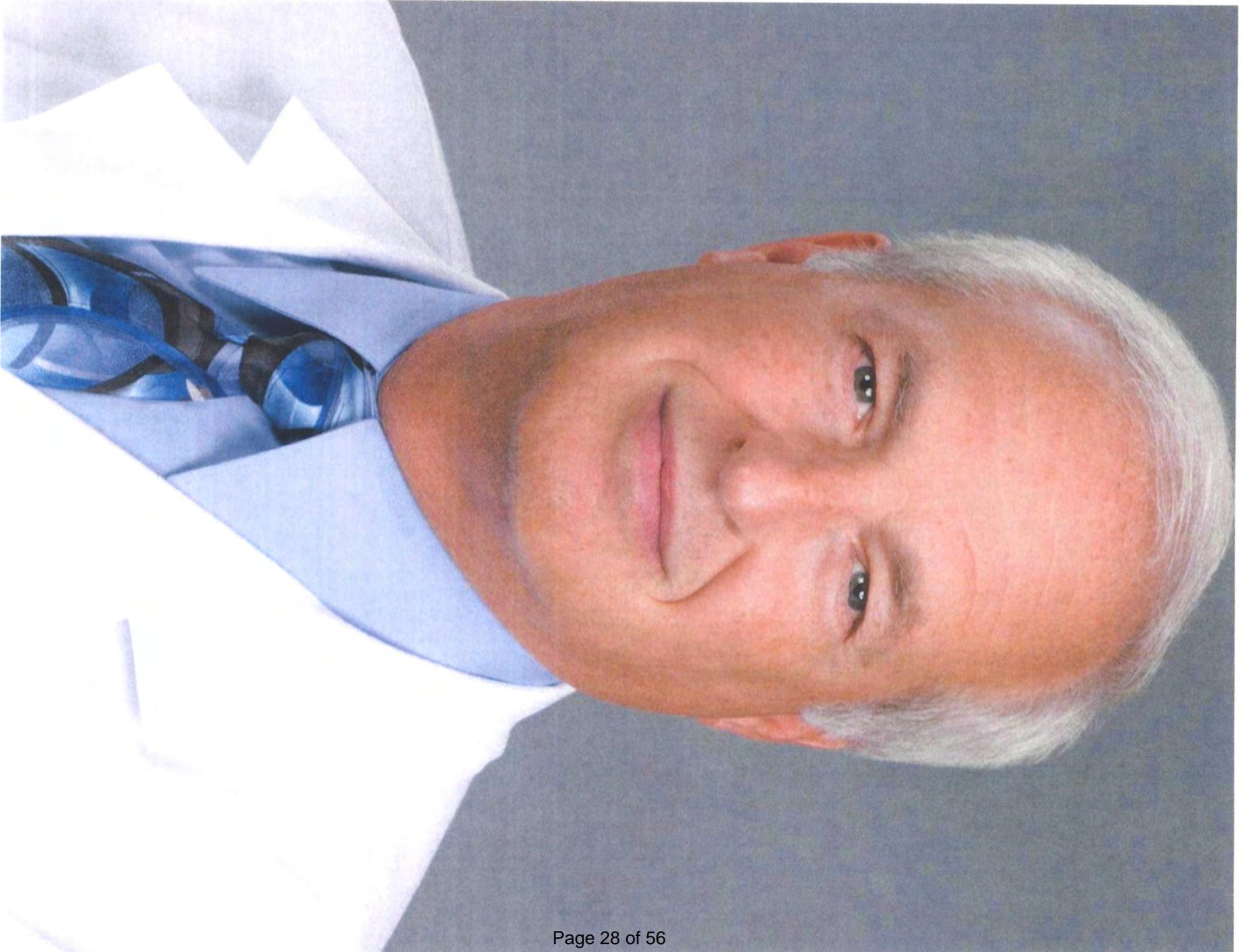
- Division of Hospital Medicine – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; 2012.
- Excellence in Innovation Award – Medicine Consult Service (UMH) - Division of Hospital Medicine – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; 2012
- Founding Member – Academy of Medical Educators – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; 2012
- Excellence in Medical Education – Downstate Resident Alumni Society; 2001.  
Chosen by the medical residents from pool of all the general internal medicine attending physicians (approximately 35).
- Teacher of the Year – Department of Medicine; 1996-1997.  
Chosen by the department chairman, after consultation with the housestaff, from the pool of all attending physicians in the department (several hundred).
- Dedicated Service Award – Department of Medicine Housestaff; 1993.  
Chosen by the medical residents from the pool of all teaching attendings (over 100).

## VII. SERVICE

### 30. University Committee and Administrative Responsibilities:

#### Committees:

- Member – UMMG Medicine Leadership Council – 2016-2018.
- Chair – Anticoagulation Committee, University of Miami Hospital, 2015-2017.
- Member - Anticoagulation Committee, University of Miami Hospital, 2013-2014.
- Member - Transfusion Committee, University of Miami Hospital, 2014-2017.
- Member – OR Committee, University of Miami Hospital, 2013-2017.
- Chair - Performance Improvement Committee, Department of Medicine, University Hospital of Brooklyn, 2003-2011.
- Chair - Ambulatory Care Committee, University Hospital, 2001-2003.
- Chair - Risk Management Committee, University Hospital, 1993-2001.
- Co-Chair - Quality Assessment Committee - Managed Care Task Force (Health First), University Hospital, 1994-1998.
- Interviewer - Medical School Admissions Committee, SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn, 1996-2011.
- Representative - Department of Medicine, University Hospital, Executive Committee of the Medical Board, 1988-2011.
- Representative - Executive Performance Improvement Committee, University Hospital, 1993-2003.
- Member - Finance Committee - Managed Care Task Force, University Hospital, 1995-2000.
- Member - Length of Stay Committee, University Hospital, 1994-2001.
- Representative - Department of Medicine, OPD Phase I Implementation Committee, HSCB Ambulatory Care Task Force, University Hospital, 1990-1994.
- Representative - Department of Medicine, Kings County Hospital - Medical Records Committee, 1988-1993.



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- Or
- c. Full-time employee of such a business (for a minimum of six months); and I am based in an office or other location of the business that is physically located in Miami Beach (for a minimum of six months): No
- Notwithstanding the requirements set forth herein, the qualified full-time employee of a business must be approved by a 4/7th vote of the Mayor and City Commission.*

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- I am applying for an appointment because I have special abilities, knowledge and experience. Please list below:  
Construction management, Project & Program Management, Design and Engineering management, Plan Review, Critical Path Scheduling, Project Life Cycle Cost Estimating, Multi-discipline Coordination, Permits/Codes/Inspections, Communication, ADA Safety Compliance. Capitol Heavy Industry Project Feasibility, Design, Construction, and Close Out.

- Are you presently a registered lobbyist with the City of Miami Beach? No
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony: No If yes, please explain in detail:  
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- Do you currently have a violation(s) of City of Miami Beach codes: No If yes, please explain in detail:  
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- Do you currently owe the City of Miami Beach any money: No If yes, please explain in detail:  
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- Are you currently serving on any City Boards or Committees: No If yes, which board?  
\_\_\_\_\_

- In what organization(s) in the City of Miami Beach do you currently hold membership in?

No Organization Information Submitted.

- List the address of all properties owned or in which you have an interest within the City of Miami Beach:

Property

N/A

- Are you now employed by the City of Miami Beach: No If so, which department and title?

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• Pursuant to City Code Section 2-25 (b) and 2-448:

Do you have a parent, spouse, child, brother, or sister who is employed by the City of Miami Beach?

No

If "Yes", identify person(s) and department(s):

No relative's information submitted.

**NOTE: IF APPOINTED, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW CERTAIN LAWS THAT APPLY TO CITY BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THESE LAWS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

- o Prohibition from directly or indirectly lobbying city personnel (Miami Beach City Code section 2-459).
- o Prohibition from contracting with the city (Miami-Dade County Code section 2-11.1).
- o Prohibition from lobbying before board/committee you have served on for period of one year after leaving office (Miami Beach Code section 2-26)
- o Requirement to disclose certain financial interests and gifts (Miami-Dade County Code section 2-11.1).
- o Sunshine Law - Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine Law was enacted in 1967. Today, the Sunshine Law regarding open government can be found in Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes. These statutes establish a basic right of access to most meetings of Boards, Commissions, and other governing bodies of state and local governmental agencies or authorities.
- o Voting conflict - Form 8B is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected Board, Council, Commission, Authority, or Committee. It applies equally to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143. Florida Statutes.
- o Commencing with terms beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and as a condition of applying for appointment to a City agency, board, or committee, each applicant must voluntarily agree that in the event the applicant files with the City Clerk a Statement of Candidate formally announcing candidacy for City elective office, such filing with the City Clerk shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board or committee, and the member's automatic resignation shall thereby immediately create a vacancy in the agency, board, or committee.
- o If an appointee is engaged to provide services, for compensation, to either (1) a candidate for City elected office, or (2) a political committee or electioneering communications organization expending funds for or against candidates for City elected office, such engagement shall be deemed a tender of resignation from such City agency, board, or committee. (Miami Beach City Code Section 2-22)

**BOARD & COMMITTEE FINANCIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

**Acknowledgement of fines/suspension for Board/Committee Members for failure to comply with Miami-Dade County Financial Disclosure Code Section 2-11.1(i)(2)**

I understand that no later than **July 1, of each year** all members of Boards and Committees of the City of Miami Beach, including those of a purely advisory nature, are required to comply with Miami-Dade County Financial Disclosure Requirements.

**One** of the following forms **must be filled** with the City Clerk of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, no later than 12:00 noon of **July 1, of each year**:

1. A "Source of Income Statement;" or
2. A Copy of your latest Federal Income Tax Return.

Members of the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment must electronically file a "Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1)" directly with the Florida Commission on Ethics.

**Failure to file** one of these forms, pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Code, may subject the person to a fine of no more than \$500, 60 days in jail, or both.

**Acknowledgment to Comply with Miami Beach Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-22 (23)**

I understand that commencing with terms beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and as a condition of applying for appointment to a City agency, board, or committee, I voluntarily agree that in the event I file with the City Clerk a Statement of Candidate formally announcing candidacy for City elective office, such filing with the City Clerk shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board, or committee.

**Acknowledgment to Comply with Miami Beach Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-22 (24)**

I understand that if I am engaged to provide services, for compensation, to either (1) a candidate for City elected office, or (2) a political committee or electioneering communications organization expending funds for or against candidates for City elected office, such engagement shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board, or committee.

<sup>1</sup> Members of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment will be notified directly by the State of Florida, pursuant to F.S. §112.3145(1)(a), to file a Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1) with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections by 12:00 noon, July 1. Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members who file their Form 1 with the County Supervisor of Elections automatically satisfy the County's financial disclosure requirement as a Miami Beach City Board/Committee member and need not file an additional form with the Office of the City Clerk. However, compliance with the County disclosure requirement does not satisfy the State requirement.

**DIVERSITY STATISTICS REPORT**

The following information is voluntary and has no bearing on your consideration for appointment. It is being asked to comply with City diversity reporting requirements.

**Gender:** Male

**Race/Ethnic Categories**  
**What is your race?** African-American/Black

Are you Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino? Mark the "No" box if not Spanish / Hispanic / Latino. No

**Other Description:** No details provided

**Physically Challenged:** No

**Board and Committee Application Checklist:** Please ensure you have provided all information before applying or reapplying to any Board and Committee.

- YES I have answered all questions fully.
- YES I have uploaded a current resume, photograph, and a copy of any applicable professional license.
- YES I have completed and attached the Board & Committee Financial Acknowledgment Statement.
- YES I have completed and attached the Diversity Statistics Report.
- YES I voluntarily agree to the resignation from the City agency, board, or committee, if I file a Statement of Candidate for a City Elective Office (1).

(1) I understand that commencing with terms beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and as a condition of applying for appointment to a City agency, board, or committee, I must voluntarily agree that in the event I file with the City Clerk a Statement of Candidate formally announcing candidacy for City elective office, such filing with the City Clerk shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board, or committee.

YES I understand that (2).

(2) If am engaged to provide services, for compensation, to either (1) a candidate for City elected office, or (2) a political committee or electioneering communications organization expending funds for or against candidates for City elected office, such engagement shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board, or committee.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk via email: [BC@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:BC@miamibeachfl.gov) or telephone: 305.673.7411

**Note: Florida Statutes 119.071:** The role of the Office of the City Clerk is to receive and maintain forms filed as public records. If your home address, telephone numbers, and/or photograph are exempt from disclosure and you do not wish your home address, telephone numbers, and/or photograph to be made public, please:

- 1) Use your office or other address for your mailing address;
- 2) Use your office or other telephone number for your contact number; and
- 3) Do not attach a photograph.

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING APPLICATION AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. ADDITIONALLY, I AGREE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENTS OR FALSE INFORMATION SUBMITTED AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE A BASIS FOR MY REMOVAL FROM A CITY BOARD OR COMMITTEE. I HAVE RECEIVED, READ AND WILL ABIDE BY CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE, ENTITLED "STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR CITY OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENCY MEMBERS" AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE CITY, COUNTY, AND/OR STATE LAWS AND STATUTES ACCORDINGLY.**

I Akil Lester agreed to the following terms on 11/14/2024 10:55:11 AM

Received in the City Clerk's Office by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Control No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Akil Lester

240.423.3050

## Summary

I have 12 years of progressive hands-on experience working as lead design and construction team lead on multi-million-dollar projects in the design and construction of commercial buildings from concept to completion. Specifically Managing the following: Feasibility Studies, IFC Design, Preconstruction/Bidding, General Contractors, Technology Vendors, and Close Out. I have a proven ability to oversee multiple projects and teams at any given time. dedication, confidence, knowledge, and ability to effectively communicate with internal and external project stakeholders. This has produced a track record of successful project completions throughout my career.

## Education

Franklin & Marshall College Lancaster, PA BA in Government & Economics 2002 – 2006	George Mason University, Herndon, VA Project Management Certificate Program 2008 – 2012
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## Key Skills

- Multi Discipline Design & Budget Management
- Spearhead strategic project pursuits
- Multi-Jurisdictional Permitting
- Coordination with internal and external architect/engineering design teams, specialty technology consultants, and client operation groups to align strategic objectives and overall design
- Full Accountability and ownership for project and team outcomes

## Select Work Experience

### Senior Program Manager, Arcadis, North America Sept 2022 – Present Remote

- Responsible for the Architectural and Engineering design of industrial and heavy manufacturing projects throughout North America. Clients include: BMW, Valero Renewable Fuels, Siemens, Flextronics, Boeing, Exxon Mobil, and Pratt & Whitney.
- Multi-disciplinary/BIM design coordination and technical oversight for project teams.
- Lead multidisciplinary design teams for large industrial projects within a design and engineering consultancy environment.
- Primary client point of contact for project design execution, construction planning, and leading formal and informal touchpoints.
- Responsible for the financial and project management controls which enable monitoring, modification, and forecasting as appropriate.
- Drive efficient service delivery including technical and commercial outcomes and timely reviews, ensuring delivery meets and exceeds client expectations. Clearly set project deliverables at set milestones for project from the Feasibility Study to 100% Issue for Construction Set.

### Construction Manager, G-Con Manufacturing August 2021 – Sept 2022 College Station, TX

- Construction Manager for Pharmaceutical & Life Science Companies for large capital projects.
- Led the master planning, design/engineering, equipment procurement and construction of 50,000 sq ft GMP lab space at Marker Therapeutics.
- Worked onsite with contractors to problem solve field issues and ensure project was on schedule and on budget.
- Created and oversaw project financials with monthly reports on fee changes. Responsible for all facets of Change Orders (CO), Contingency, & Design Changes.

# Akil Lester

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## **Construction Project Manager, HITT Contracting**

**June 2019 – November 2020**

**Austin, TX**

- Collaborated with the owner and design teams on pricing exercises that provided transparent & accurate cost. Ensured owner had a clear/realistic understanding of cost, CPM schedule, scope, and potential risks.
- Managed Pre-construction RFP packages and attending client interviews.
- Negotiated and oversaw subcontractor buyout process.
- Led weekly meetings with Owner, Design Team, and CM. Reviewed Schedule Milestones & Owner reports.
- Generated GC/Owner AIA contracts/exhibits before submitting to Principal for final approval.
- Oversaw and coordinated Project Close Out process.

## **Construction Project Engineer, Rand\* Construction Corporation**

**March 2015 – June 2017**

**Austin, TX**

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## **Certifications**

**+**

## **Proficiencies**

- Building Automation System Fundamentals, Duct Design, Fans/Pumps/Motors & VFD, VRF Design Basics HVAC Engineering & System, Modular Construction Methods
- Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Project, Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint)
- Project Management Software: ProLog 9.0, Procore, Avid Accounting, Plan grid, Timberline, and Bluebeam.

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## **Select Projects**

- **BMW Stacker Plant 10, Greenville, South Carolina**  
Served as Design Manager for the BMW Stacker Project. The scope included designing pre-zone and building sections as well as the conveyor tunnels connecting existing building with technology vendor automated stacker system. Approximately 36,890 square feet (79-foot height) for the BMW stacker building, a pre-zone footprint of approximately 9,520 square feet (32-foot height). Scope included all new and existing civil/site, MEP, and underground utility design, connections, and modifications.
- **Flex Mevex Phase 2, Flextronics, Austin, TX**  
Design Manager for multi-tenant manufacturing facility build out located in Austin TX.
- **World Bank HQ, Washington, D.C**  
PM for the construction of the World Bank's Class A HQ space in downtown Washington D.C.
- **IBM Austin Campus Upgrades, Austin, TX**  
Responsibilities included negotiating and overseeing complex subcontractor buyout process that was unique to IBM Procurement in the role as GC PM.

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## **References**

Available upon request.

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## Granado, Rafael

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**From:** Mooney, Thomas  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:42 PM  
**To:** Granado, Rafael  
**Subject:** FW: Board and Committee Application Submitted by Akil Lester  
**Attachments:** Akil Lester Application Package (2).pdf

**From:** Mooney, Thomas  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 09:58  
**To:** Granado, Rafael <[RafaelGranado@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:RafaelGranado@miamibeachfl.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Board and Committee Application Submitted by Akil Lester

Hi Ralph

Based on the attached, it appears the applicant would meet the Planning Board category 1 requirements for a "professional practicing in the fields of architectural or urban design, or urban planning."

Tom

**Thomas R. Mooney, AICP**

Planning Director

Planning Department

1700 Convention Center Drive – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Tel: 305-673-7000 x6191 / [tmooney@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:tmooney@miamibeachfl.gov)

[www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov)

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- **Linda B. Kolko, Vice Chair**

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Kolko		Linda	B
Last Name		First Name	Middle Initial
Home Address		Miami Beach	FL 33140
		City	State Zip Code
+1 (301)-785-1342			127lkolko@gmail.com
Cellular	Work	Home	Email Address
Flamingo Terrace Enterprises, Inc.		President ( owner of nine-unit apartment building)	
Business Name:		Occupation:	
Business Address		Miami Beach	FL 33140
		City	State Zip Code

Please list your preferences in order of ranking [1] first choice [2] second choice, and [3] third choice. **Please note that only three (3) choices will be observed by the City Clerk's Office.** (Regular Boards of City)

**Choice 1:** Transportation, Parking and Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee

**Choice 2:** LGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee

**Choice 3:**

### Professional License

No Professional Licenses Submitted.

**Note:** If you are seeking appointment to a professional seat (e.g. attorney, architect, etc.), you must attach a copy of your currently effective corresponding professional license.

★ **Note:** If applying for the At-Large position of the Historic Preservation Board, please answer the below questions:

- Have you ever resided in one of the City's Historic Districts for at least one year? Yes

If you answered "Yes", please indicate:

Address	From:	To:
334 W 25 St #9 Miami Beach FL	1/3/2020	12/11/2022

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I am a member of the City of Miami Beach Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee since November 2021, currently serving as its vice chair. I attend every meeting and contribute on issues related to bicycle and pedestrian safety as I have experience in that area. As an avid cyclist, I am a member of Transit Alliance, a non-profit organization advocating for walkable streets, bike-able neighborhoods, and better public transit in Miami-Dade County. I have been biking around Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County for over 30 years and am very pleased with the bicycle infrastructure in Miami Beach and I want to see it continue to improve.

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- Have you ever been convicted of a felony: No If yes, please explain in detail:  
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- Do you currently have a violation(s) of City of Miami Beach codes: No If yes, please explain in detail:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you currently owe the City of Miami Beach any money: No If yes, please explain in detail:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Are you currently serving on any City Boards or Committees: No If yes, which board?  
Yes. The City of Miami Beach Transportation, Parking & Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Committee.

- In what organization(s) in the City of Miami Beach do you currently hold membership in?

Name	Position
Collins Park Neighborhood Association	member
Transit Alliance	member
Miami Beach Democratic Club	Vice President
Miami Beach United	member
Miami Design Preservation League	member
Greater Miami LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce	Advisory Board Member
Miami Beach Botanical Garden	member

- List the address of all properties owned or in which you have an interest within the City of Miami Beach:

Property

i Beach, FL 33140

- Are you now employed by the City of Miami Beach: No If so, which department and title?

**● Pursuant to City Code Section 2-25 (b) and 2-448:**

Do you have a parent, spouse, child, brother, or sister who is employed by the City of Miami Beach?

No

If "Yes", identify person(s) and department(s):

No relative's information submitted.

**NOTE: IF APPOINTED, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW CERTAIN LAWS THAT APPLY TO CITY BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THESE LAWS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

- Prohibition from directly or indirectly lobbying city personnel (Miami Beach City Code section 2-459).
- Prohibition from contracting with the city (Miami-Dade County Code section 2-11.1).
- Prohibition from lobbying before board/committee you have served on for period of one year after leaving office (Miami Beach Code section 2-26)
- Requirement to disclose certain financial interests and gifts (Miami-Dade County Code section 2-11.1).
- Sunshine Law - Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine Law was enacted in 1967. Today, the Sunshine Law regarding open government can be found in Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes. These statutes establish a basic right of access to most meetings of Boards, Commissions, and other governing bodies of state and local governmental agencies or authorities.
- Voting conflict - Form 8B is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected Board, Council, Commission, Authority, or Committee. It applies equality to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143. Florida Statutes.
- Commencing with terms beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and as a condition of applying for appointment to a City agency, board, or committee, each applicant must voluntarily agree that in the event the applicant files with the City Clerk a Statement of Candidate formally announcing candidacy for City elective office, such filing with the City Clerk shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board or committee, and the member's automatic resignation shall thereby immediately create a vacancy in the agency, board, or committee.
- If an appointee is engaged to provide services, for compensation, to either (1) a candidate for City elected office, or (2) a political committee or electioneering communications organization expending funds for or against candidates for City elected office, such engagement shall be deemed a tender of resignation from such City agency, board, or committee. (Miami Beach City Code Section 2-22)

**BOARD & COMMITTEE FINANCIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

**Acknowledgement of fines/suspension for Board/Committee Members for failure to comply with Miami-Dade County Financial Disclosure Code Section 2-11.1(i)(2)**

I understand that no later than **July 1, of each year** all members of Boards and Committees of the City of Miami Beach, including those of a purely advisory nature, are required to comply with Miami-Dade County Financial Disclosure Requirements.

**One** of the following forms **must be filled** with the City Clerk of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, no later than 12:00 noon of **July 1, of each year**:

1. A "Source of Income Statement;" or
2. A Copy of your latest Federal Income Tax Return.

Members of the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment must electronically file a "Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1)"<sup>1</sup> directly with the Florida Commission on Ethics.

**Failure to file** one of these forms, pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Code, may subject the person to a fine of no more than \$500, 60 days in jail, or both.

**Acknowledgment to Comply with Miami Beach Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-22 (23)**

I understand that commencing with terms beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and as a condition of applying for appointment to a City agency, board, or committee, I voluntarily agree that in the event I file with the City Clerk a Statement of Candidate formally announcing candidacy for City elective office, such filing with the City Clerk shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board, or committee.

**Acknowledgment to Comply with Miami Beach Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-22 (24)**

I understand that if I am engaged to provide services, for compensation, to either (1) a candidate for City elected office, or (2) a political committee or electioneering communications organization expending funds for or against candidates for City elected office, such engagement shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board, or committee.

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<sup>1</sup> Members of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment will be notified directly by the State of Florida, pursuant to F.S. §112.3145(1)(a), to file a Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1) with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections by 12:00 noon, July 1. Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members who file their Form 1 with the County Supervisor of Elections automatically satisfy the County's financial disclosure requirement as a Miami Beach City Board/Committee member and need not file an additional form with the Office of the City Clerk. However, compliance with the County disclosure requirement does not satisfy the State requirement.

## DIVERSITY STATISTICS REPORT

The following information is voluntary and has no bearing on your consideration for appointment. It is being asked to comply with City diversity reporting requirements.

**Gender:** Female

Race/Ethnic Categories  
**What is your race?** White

Are you Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino? Mark the "No" box if not Spanish / Hispanic / Latino. No

Other Description: No details provided

Physically Challenged: No

**Board and Committee Application Checklist:** Please ensure you have provided all information before applying or reapplying to any Board and Committee.

- YES** I have answered all questions fully.
- YES** I have uploaded a current resume, photograph, and a copy of any applicable professional license.
- YES** I have completed and attached the Board & Committee Financial Acknowledgment Statement.
- YES** I have completed and attached the Diversity Statistics Report.
- YES** I voluntarily agree to the resignation from the City agency, board, or committee, if I file a Statement of Candidate for a City Elective Office **(1)**.

**(1)** I understand that commencing with terms beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and as a condition of applying for appointment to a City agency, board, or committee, I must voluntarily agree that in the event I file with the City Clerk a Statement of Candidate formally announcing candidacy for City elective office, such filing with the City Clerk shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board, or committee.

**YES** I understand that **(2)**.

**(2)** If am engaged to provide services, for compensation, to either (1) a candidate for City elected office, or (2) a political committee or electioneering communications organization expending funds for or against candidates for City elected office, such engagement shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board, or committee.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk via email: [BC@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:BC@miamibeachfl.gov) or telephone: 305.673.7411

**Note: Florida Statutes 119.071:** The role of the Office of the City Clerk is to receive and maintain forms filed as public records. If your home address, telephone numbers, and/or photograph are exempt from disclosure and you do not wish your home address, telephone numbers, and/or photograph to be made public, please:

- 1) Use your office or other address for your mailing address;
- 2) Use your office or other telephone number for your contact number; and
- 3) Do not attach a photograph.

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING APPLICATION AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. ADDITIONALLY, I AGREE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENTS OR FALSE INFORMATION SUBMITTED AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE A BASIS FOR MY REMOVAL FROM A CITY BOARD OR COMMITTEE. I HAVE RECEIVED, READ AND WILL ABIDE BY CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE, ENTITLED "STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR CITY OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENCY MEMBERS" AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE CITY, COUNTY, AND/OR STATE LAWS AND STATUTES ACCORDINGLY.**

I Linda Kolko agreed to the following terms on 11/18/2024 3:00:06 PM

Received in the City Clerk's Office by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Control No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **LINDA B. KOLKO**

Miami Beach, FL 33140  
Cell: (301) 785-1342  
E-mail: [127lkolko@gmail.com](mailto:127lkolko@gmail.com)

Originally from New York City, Linda Kolko retired in 2011 after a successful 40-year career as a federal executive, 33 years of which were managing international development assistance programs in Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa. (Professional experience detailed below.) In 1989, Linda purchased a nine-unit Art Deco building, designed by L. Murray Dixon in 1936, in the Collins Park neighborhood of Miami Beach and established her business, Flamingo Terrace Enterprises, Inc. She has been visiting Miami Beach regularly since, passing through on her trips to Latin America. She became a fulltime resident of Miami Beach in 2020. With an on-site manager, Linda manages all financial and legal matters and oversees all renovations, including the 40-year recertification process. She is also a member of the Miami-Dade Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, the Collins Park Neighborhood Association, Miami Beach United, the Miami Beach Botanical Garden, and the Miami Design Preservation League. Linda is on the board of the Miami Beach Democratic Club and is the Treasurer of All Souls Episcopal Church of Miami Beach. She volunteers with Miami Beach Commissioner Richardson and SAVE/LGBT to distribute food to needy families.

An avid cyclist since her childhood, Linda is an active member of Transit Alliance, a non-profit organization advocating for walkable streets, bike-able neighborhoods, and better public transit in Miami-Dade County. She has been biking around Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County for over 30 years and is very pleased with the bicycle infrastructure in Miami Beach and wants to see it continue to improve. As a resident of cities by choice (NYC, Belize City, San Francisco, Kingston, Washington, DC, and Miami Beach), Linda appreciates the value of viable public transportation. She served on the board of the Potomac Pedalers of the Washington, DC metro area, one of the largest recreational bicycle clubs in the United States.

Linda currently serves as the Treasurer of the Board of the International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights which advocates for the rights of African Descendants and LGBTQ Human Rights Activists in Latin America and the Caribbean.

She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics Education from the University of Vermont. Linda was very active in the Maryland Democratic Party, serving as president of the Women's Democratic Club of Montgomery County, where she received "Democrat of the Year Award". She also served as the Takoma Park Maryland Neighborhood Team Leader for the 2012 Obama campaign. She is conversant in Spanish.

**Linda B. Kolko**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION**

**2002 to 2011 Vice President for Operations**

Managed all aspects of financial management and administration for the Inter-American Foundation (Foundation), ensuring the most cost-effective use of the Foundations' resources (i.e. human, financial and material) and compliance with all relevant federal regulations and policies. Served as Acting President. In addition, managed the Foundation's Evaluation and Information Management Services Programs.

- Directed five offices: Budget, Evaluation, General Services, Information Management Services and Translation Services.
- Developed and monitored entire annual agency budget of \$29 million budget with oversight of 11 employees. Supervised production of annual budget submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- Managed the Foundation's franchise services with the Bureau of Public Debt, which provides the Foundation with accounting, budget, travel, information technology and procurement services. Also oversaw the Foundation's franchise services with the Department of the Interior, which provides the Foundation with a variety of personnel services.
- Served as the Foundation's liaison with the Offices of the Inspector General of the Agency for International Development (OIG), OMB, and Office of Personnel Management.
- Managed the Foundation's Finances which entails the preparation of the annual budget presentations to OMB and the U.S. Congress.
- Responsible for assigning budgets to the various Foundation offices; monitoring the budget expenditures, ensuring strict adherence to federal accounting principles; and providing advice to the Foundation President regarding budget and finance matters. Under her tenure, the Foundation received unqualified financial audits from the OIG, confirming that the Foundation has effective internal controls over finances and assets and its financial systems comply with federal laws and regulations.
- Advised the President on all aspects of the Foundation's operations.
- Served as Interim President January –July 2005 and July 2010-present.
- Organized the first regional capacity-building workshop on socio-economic development for African-descendent communities. This historic event, held in Honduras in February 2004, was attended by the major international donors and 160 community leaders from 18 countries in the Western Hemisphere. The event received extensive media coverage and the President of Honduras and the U.S. Ambassador to Honduras gave key note addresses.
- Directed major renovations of the Foundation's office space, completing all renovations under budget and within deadlines.

**2000 to 2002 Vice President for Programs**

Managed the Foundation's development assistance program in 17 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean mandated with providing grassroots development assistance grants to non-governmental organizations throughout the region. In addition, managed the Corporate Outreach Program, formerly the Office of External Affairs, which mobilizes resources from corporations to support grassroots development initiatives; and the Office of Evaluation and Dissemination, which evaluates Foundation projects and disseminates the results of Foundation grants.

- Directed three offices: two regional offices engaged in the identification, review, processing and monitoring of grants to community-based organizations working in grassroots development activities; and the Office of Evaluation and Dissemination, which oversees the evaluation of Foundation grants and programs and publishes materials on grassroots development that is disseminated to development professionals throughout the Americas.

## **Linda B. Kolko**

### Vice President for Programs (continued)

- Directed corporate outreach program to identify, negotiate and implement joint ventures with U.S. and multinational corporations. Joint ventures mobilize cash contributions (at least 50% of total program costs) to support self-help grassroots development initiatives.
- Responsible for mobilizing over \$1 million from corporate partners such as JP Morgan, Levi Strauss and Raytheon Corporation.
- Developed and monitored \$17 million annual budget with oversight of 22 employees.
- Established, executed and monitored regional and country development assistance strategies to include innovative self-help approaches to solving economic and social development needs of poor communities in Latin America and the Caribbean. Developed strategic plans for the Foundation's Program based on the Government Performance and Review Act (GPRA) requirements.
- Developed the Program Office's submission to OMB, including reporting on results and establishing two-year program and budget plans related to the Program's activities in grant management, corporate outreach, and evaluation and dissemination.
- Reviewed and approved all grants that meet the Foundation's funding criteria.
- Represented the Program Office's interest to the Foundation, advising the President on critical issues and resource needs.
- Represented the Foundation to foreign governments, other federal agencies, private sector and international organizations.

### 1996 to 2000 **Vice President for External Affairs**

Established a new office within the Foundation to engage U.S. and multinational corporations in social investment in Latin America and the Caribbean as part of the Foundation's mandate to mobilize new resources for grassroots development. This office's functions were eventually integrated into the Office of Programs as described above.

- Directed corporate outreach unit to identify, negotiate and implement joint ventures with U.S. and multinational corporations. All joint ventures mobilized cash contributions (at least 50% of total program costs) to support self-help grassroots development initiatives.
- Responsible for mobilizing over \$1.7 million from corporate partners such as BP-Amoco, Pillsbury, Levi Strauss and Company, Coca Cola, Coastal Technologies, Battle Mountain Gold Company, Newmont Gold Company, Dow Corning and FMC.
- Established, executed and monitored resource mobilization strategies that included co-funding, technical assistance and the establishment of strategic alliances with American Chambers of Commerce, The Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum, Latin American Centers for Philanthropy and Business for Social Responsibility.
- Negotiated and managed the Foundation's partnership with The Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum, an international non-profit organization that promotes the practice of good corporate citizenship, as a natural part of successful business operations. Conducted training programs in corporate social responsibility trends and social investment for corporations, non-profit organizations and local governments.
- Developed and monitored \$2.3 million annual budget and supervised seven employees.
- Developed marketing and public relations materials targeted to the U.S. corporate community outlining what the Foundation can offer U.S. corporations interested in developing community affairs programs in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Managed the Foundation's Information Technology Services, including the development of the Integrated Program Management Information System (MIS).

## **Linda B. Kolko**

### **1991 to 1996 Vice President for Programs**

Managed the Foundation's development assistance programs in 22 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean mandated with providing grassroots development assistance grants to non-governmental organizations throughout the region.

- Directed four regional offices engaged in the identification, review, processing and monitoring of grants to community-based organizations working in grassroots development activities.
- Developed and monitored \$28 million annual budget with oversight of 46 employees.
- Established, executed and monitored regional and country development assistance strategies to include innovative self-help approaches to solving economic and social development needs of poor communities in Latin America and the Caribbean. Developed strategic plans for the Foundation's Program based on GPRA requirements. Annually developed the Program Office's OMB submission, including reporting on results of the Program's activities, and establishing two-year program and budget plans.
- Represented the Program Office's interest to the Foundation, advising the President on critical issues and resource needs.
- Hired over 30 employees.
- Supervised Program staff management of 22 overseas contracts that provided technical assistance to Foundation grantees. Contracts ranged in size from \$100,000 to \$300,000.
- Represented the Foundation to foreign governments, other federal agencies, private sector and international organizations.

### **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

#### **1990-1991 Group Leader, Mitigation and Natural Hazards Curriculum, Emmitsburg, Maryland**

Managed and developed training activities for the Emergency Management Institute, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) national training center for all federal, state and local emergency management personnel.

- Managed the development, revision and presentation of training activities for all natural hazards, emphasizing earthquakes, hurricanes and floods, supervising two employees.
- Evaluated training programs, identifying potential activities for revision and development based on FEMA's priorities and the needs of field personnel.
- Managed all aspects of the natural hazards training contracts, including the identification of need, reviewing technical proposals, negotiating and monitoring contracts ranging from \$10,000 to \$140,000.

### **UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS**

#### **1986 to 1990 Chief of Operations, Africa Region, Washington, D.C.**

Managed daily operations of the Africa Region, including the administration of programs in 27 countries and the supervision of 34 employees based in Washington, D.C., 600 employees based overseas and 2,500 Peace Corps volunteers.

- Developed and monitored \$50 million annual budget.
- Evaluated overseas programming, training and financial operations, which determined long range regional plans.
- Designed, executed and monitored management and programming policy.
- Initiated the development of a two-year \$8 million resource allocation plan outlining the Africa Region's potential growth.
- Hired over 70 headquarters and overseas staff.
- Chaired panels that selected companies bidding for \$800,000 training contracts.

**Linda B. Kolko**

Chief of Operations (continued)

- Coordinated two Africa Region Country Directors conferences and planned three staff development workshops.
- Reorganized office operations and training program in Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde.
- Represented Peace Corps to foreign governments and other international organizations.
- Served as Acting Regional Director for eight months.

**1982 to 1986 Programming and Training Officer, Kingston, Jamaica and Belize City, Belize**

Managed programming and training activities for 230 Peace Corps volunteers in Belize (1982 to 1984) and Jamaica (1984 to 1986).

- Identified and developed volunteer projects in agriculture, health, education, business, community development, forestry and fisheries in conjunction with host country officials.
- Supervised up to 12 host country staff and monitored annual budgets of \$1 million.
- Prepared yearly program, training and budget reports, and developed two-year implementation plans.
- Negotiated and monitored individual and corporate training contracts totaling \$300,000.
- Designed and conducted all in-service training conferences. Managed workshops in appropriate technology, gardening and nutrition, small business development and special education.
- Developed comprehensive emergency evacuation plan. Designed and conducted disaster preparedness workshops in Antigua, Grenada and Jamaica.
- Served as Acting Country Director for eight months in Belize and for two months in Jamaica.

**ACTION**

**1978 to 1981 Placement Manager, Peace Corps/VISTA, New York, New York**

Managed office of seven employees responsible for evaluating 25,000 Peace Corps and VISTA applicants and selecting 350 VISTA volunteers annually for projects in ten northeastern states, in 1978 Puerto Rico and in the Virgin Islands. Developed and monitored annual budget of \$152,000.

**1974 to 1978 Evaluation and Placement Specialist, Peace Corps/VISTA, San Francisco, California and New York, New York**

Evaluated 5,000 Peace Corps and VISTA applicants annually and managed the placement of 350 VISTA volunteers in community service projects. Worked as a **Peace Corps/VISTA Recruiter in New York City** for one year, conducting recruitment and selection activities at universities and communities throughout the New York metropolitan area and Puerto Rico. Completed short-term special assignment as a Reservist with the Federal Disaster Assistance Agency.

**1972-1974 Peace Corps Volunteer, Belize City, Belize**

Taught mathematics to 300 Junior High School students. Worked for six weeks as **Training Assistant** for the Peace Corps/Belize Training Program. Handled logistics for training program, assisted in preparation of training manual and counseled trainees.

**EDUCATION**

**1972 University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont**

- Bachelor of Science in Education.
- *Cum laude*
- Major: Mathematics. Minor: Spanish.

**Linda B. Kolko**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Development Notes: Encuentros: Where North Meets South”, *Journal of Grassroots Development* of the Inter-American Foundation, Volume 21, Number 1, 1997

“Corporate Social Responsibility: Examples from Our Hemisphere”, *Directions*, Volume 15, April 1998, Partners of the Americas

“Development Notes: Encuentros III: Business and Development in Central America”, *Journal of Grassroots Development* of the Inter-American Foundation, Volume 21, Number 2, 1998

“Development Notes: Partnership Insights”, *Journal of Grassroots Development* of the Inter-American Foundation, Volume 22, Number 1, 1999

## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS**

President and CEO of Flamingo Terrace Enterprises, Inc., a small real estate business based in Miami Beach, Florida since 1989.

Treasurer of the Board of the International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights since 2015.

Democrat of the Year of Montgomery County, Maryland (2016)

Received **16 performance** Awards from the Foundation for outstanding service (1993-95, 1999-2000, 2002-09) and **three Special Achievement** Awards from the Peace Corps, one for Special Service (1988) and two for Sustained Superior Performance (1981 and 1983).

### **Miami Beach:**

Volunteer with SAVE/LGBT (2021-present)

Member of Miami Beach Democratic Club (2020-present)

Member of Transit Alliance (2019-present)

Member of Miami Beach United since its inception (2018-present)

Member of Miami-Dade Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (2018-present)

Member of the Miami Beach Botanical Garden (2012-present)

Member of the Collins Park Neighborhood Association. (2012-present)

Member of the Miami Design Preservation League (1990-present)

### **Maryland:**

Action in Montgomery (2012-present)

Women’s Democratic Club of Montgomery County (2012-present)

Member of Friends of Sligo Creek (2000-present).

Board member and Ride Leader for Potomac Pedalers Touring Club (1999-present).

Volunteer Coordinator at Shepherds Table Soup Kitchen, Silver Spring, MD (1992-2000).

Member of Mentor Team for a transitional housing program for low-income people (1996-97).

Member of Takoma Park Citizen's Advisory Committee on Affordable Housing (1992).

Member of Lioness Clubs of Belize City and Kingston (1982 to 1986), **President** of Belize City Club (1983).

References available upon request.



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