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SPORTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

MIAMI – The Miami-Dade Sports Commission (MDSC) announces the selection of 20 new members to its Board of Directors. The new members come as part of a restructuring of the Board that began with the Board of County Commissioners amending the ordinance creating the MDSC to allow for an expanded Board.

“The expanded Board provides the opportunity for the Sports Commission to better represent the sports community, the corporate community, and the community as a whole,” stated Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Co-Chair of the MDSC, “and it will give us a greater reach into the community with our events and programs.”

“We are very pleased that all of the new members have agreed to support our efforts to develop and promote sports in Miami-Dade County,” added Co-Chair Larry Gautier. “Each of the new members bring a diverse and extensive background in sports and our community, and their experience will be a great asset to the Sports Commission.”

The new members are as follows:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
Arnaldo Alonso	City of Hialeah
Adam Barrett	Sony Ericsson Open
Eddie Carbone	World Golf Championships - CA Championship
Billy Cypress	Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
Alan Fertel	Ferrell Law, P.A.
Sean Flynn	Florida Marlins, L.P.
Pete Garcia	Florida International University
Andy Gillentine	University of Miami - Dept. of Exercise & Sport Sciences
Lisa Gory	Don Shula's Hotel & Golf Club
Curtis Gray	Homestead-Miami Speedway
Dennis Kelly	City of North Miami
Bob Murray	James L. Knight International Center
Jennifer Rodriguez	Olympian
Frankie Ruiz	PR Racing/ING Miami Marathon
Doug Tober	Miami Beach Convention Center
Mike Walker	HEAT Group
Tony Walton	Cottonwood Management Group

The previous members that continue to serve are:

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
Larry Gautier	Limitedbrands
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County
Jeffrey Solomon	Mobile Chiropractic Development Corporation
Isaac Salver	Town of Bay Harbor Islands
Linda Dunn Brown	Miami-Dade Public Schools
John Mulrey	Marriott Lodging at Miami International Airport
Alex Munoz	County Managers Office
Peter Pruitt	The Orange Bowl Committee
Vivian Donnell Rodriguez	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department
Dorrin Rolle	Board of County Commissioners
William Talbert	Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau

For a complete bio of each new member, please visit the Miami-Dade Sports Commission website at www.MiamiSports.org.

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission was created by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in 2003, and opened for business in April of 2004. The Sports Commission promotes sports in Miami-Dade County, and works to secure sports events that will generate economic impact for the community. MDSC has proudly secured events such as the 2005 & 2006 FHSAA Football Finals, the 2006 Florida Sunshine State Games, 2009 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Regional, and created events such as the Miami-Dade Senior Games and the Miami Sports Kick-Off Classic.

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