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KIRBY HOCUTT AND ART NORIEGA ADDED TO SPORTS COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MIAMI – The Miami-Dade Sports Commission (MDSC) is proud to announce the addition of Kirby Hocutt, Athletic Director of the University of Miami, and Arthur (Art) Noriega, Chief Executive Officer of the Miami Parking Authority, to the Board of Directors.

Kirby Hocutt is in his first year as the Director of Athletics at the University of Miami. Introduced as University of Miami's new Director of Athletics on February 8, 2008, Hocutt began his tenure as the university's 11th Director of Athletics on June 1, 2008. A former star linebacker at Kansas State, Hocutt has a total of 17 years experience in intercollegiate athletics, including five as a student-athlete. He comes to Miami after 3 years as Director of Athletics at Ohio University, and 6 years leading the fundraising efforts for the University of Oklahoma athletic program.

Art Noriega has headed the Miami Parking Authority since 1999. As Chief Executive Officer, he is responsible for all of the parking and enforcement operations in the City of Miami, overseeing a staff of 160 employees and a \$27 million budget. Noriega has been responsible for unprecedented revenue growth at the Authority, as well as the development of the City's two newly constructed public garages. He is also a dedicated community leader and volunteer, serving on a number of boards and committees.

"We are pleased to have two individuals of this caliber join the sports commission board," said MDSC Board Co-Chairman Larry Gautier. "Their background and experience in sports and community development will be a great asset to our organization."

Currently the MDSC Board is composed of 46 seats, of which 39 have been filled. For a complete list MDSC Board Members please visit www.MiamiSports.org or contact (305) 818-7188.

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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. Since beginning full operation in 2004, the Miami-Dade Sports Commission has secured over 80,000 room nights, \$100 million in economic impact, and more than 26 events, including the 2005 & 2006 FHSAA Football Finals, the 2009 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Regional, US Fencing Summer Nationals, and 2006 Florida's Sunshine State Games.

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