


Memorandum



Date: May 20, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Mayoral Appointment – Director of the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under Section 2.02(C) of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, I hereby appoint Christina White to the position of Director of the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS), effective June 2, 2025

Christina White has served Miami-Dade County since 2002, primarily working with the Elections Department – now an independent Constitutional Office. In 2015, Christina was appointed as Supervisor of Elections; in this role she oversaw the largest elections operation in the state of Florida and seventh largest in the nation. This includes administering up to 30 federal, state, and municipal elections annually, serving more than 1.5 million registered voters, processing 500,000 mail-in ballots, managing up to 33 early voting locations and 850 precincts on Election Day for countywide elections. Christina is an exceptional administrator with extensive experience in managing complex operations, identifying operational efficiencies, and implementing strategic planning initiatives. Since January 2025 she has served as the Chief Executive Officer in the Office of the Supervisor of Elections. A copy of her resume is attached for your reference.

I want to express my gratitude to Maria Nardi for serving as Parks Director since 2017. Prior to her work at Miami-Dade County, Ms. Nardi initiated Miami21; a rewrite of the City of Miami's zoning to transform the city into a walkable, pedestrian friendly community. Maria will be joining the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as an Assistant Director, responsible for Land Planning, Development and Communications for the department. Maria's background includes over 18 years of experience in the private and public sector including urban design, architecture, and planning. She holds a baccalaureate degree in architecture from the University of Miami and a master's degree in landscape architecture from Harvard University.

Please join me in welcoming Christina to her new role while also thanking Maria for her continued service.

Attachment

c: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
Gerald Sanchez, First Assistant County Attorney
Jess McCarty, Executive Assistant County Attorney
Office of the Mayor Senior Staff
Department Directors
Yinka Majekodunmi, Commission Auditor
Basia Pruna, Director, Clerk of the Board

CHRISTINA WHITE

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Professional administrator with extensive experience in:

- Executive leadership and management of a large-scale workforce
- Developing and implementing short-term and long-term strategic planning initiatives
- Identifying operational efficiencies, process improvement, and opportunities for technology enhancements
- Developing and managing complex operating and capital improvement budgets
- Acting as primary spokesperson with local, state, and federal officials, media outlets, and key stakeholders
- Overseeing all aspects of human resources, including identifying, developing, and retaining talent; and maintaining a strong culture that promotes success
- Promoting community engagement and education programs, and upholding transparency and public trust
- Ensuring compliance with local, state and federal laws and working with elected officials on legislation and policy development

This experience has been gained through a dedicated career in public service, proudly serving Miami-Dade County residents for 22 years in a variety of leadership capacities.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Chief Executive Officer

Office of the Supervisor of Elections, Miami-Dade County

January 2025- Present

- Manage the day-to-day operations of the Office to include logistics, warehouse operations, budgetary and human resources functions, information technology, voter registration activities, vote by mail processing, oversight of Early Voting and Election Day operations, election results tabulation and dissemination, and education campaigns.
- Monitor an annual operating budget of \$46 million, participate in contract negotiations, and identify cost saving measures.
- Meet regularly with the public, candidates, public officials and activist groups to instill trust in government.

Supervisor of Elections

Miami-Dade County Elections Department

October 2015-January 2025

- Served as Department Director, managing the largest elections operation in the State of Florida and seventh in the nation, serving over 1.5 million registered voters.
- Led a team of 150 full-time employees, up to 1,500 temporary staff, and 5,500 poll workers.
- Managed an annual operating budget of \$46 million.
- Administered more than 300 municipal elections and 31 countywide elections, earning national recognition as a model of success.
- Managed logistics for 755 precincts on Election Day and up to 33 Early Voting locations throughout Miami-Dade County for countywide elections, ensuring adequate staffing and resource allocation.
- Ensured compliance with federal, state, and local laws.
- Served as the primary department spokesperson, ensuring effective communication.
- Implemented and maintained secure voting systems, safeguarding election equipment and ballot tabulation processes.
- Streamlined operations by implementing two new voting systems and multiple information technology upgrades, improving efficiency and accessibility.
- Developed and executed education programs, partnering with local schools and community organizations to promote civic engagement
- Responded to public inquiries and media requests, providing timely and accurate information to maintain public confidence.

- Represented the department at state and national forums, contributing to discussions on policy and best practices, having become known as a trusted leader throughout the community.
- Established relationships with members of the Board of Commissioners and other elected officials regarding proposed adopted legislation and policy.
- Coordinated hundreds of audits and dozens of recounts, upholding transparency and public trust.
- Administered comprehensive voter registration activities, maintaining accurate voter rolls in accordance with Florida laws.
- Oversaw the processing and verification of ballots, ensuring timely and accurate election results.

July 2013 – October 2015

Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections

Miami-Dade County Elections Department

July 2009 – July 2013

Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Governmental Affairs & Media Relations

Miami-Dade County Elections Department

June 2006 - July 2009

Senior Executive Assistant to the Department Director

Miami-Dade County Elections Department

November 2005 – June 2006

Media Relations/Fundraiser/Community Outreach

Partnership for Recovery, Miami-Dade County Manager's Office

Public/Private Partnership to Provide Hurricane Wilma Relief

January 2002 - November 2005

Public Information Officer

Department of Environmental Resources Management

Miami-Dade County

EDUCATION

Florida International University

Graduate, Chapmanville Leadership Program

Florida International University

Bachelor's Degree, Environmental Studies

RELEVANT RECOGNITIONS

Miami-Dade Mayor and Board of County Commissioners –
Designation of Christina White Day, December 17, 2024

Miami-Dade Mayor and Board of County Commissioners - Distinguished Department Director who inspires young women, 2022

In the Company of Women Award Recipient, 2021

Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners - Tireless commitment during the COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining trust and confidence in the electoral process for all voters in the 2020 Presidential Election

Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners - Maintaining the highest level of professionalism and demonstrating excellence during three statewide recounts in the 2018 General Election

Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners - Outstanding service and preparation for the 2016 Presidential Election