

# Bios

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(includes all initially proposed members)

# GEPSIE M. METELLUS

## EDUCATION

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October 1994 Nova Southeastern University Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
*Post Masters Certificate in Educational Leadership*

April 1992 Florida International University Miami, Florida  
*Master of Science, Modern Language Education*

September 1983 Queens College Queens, New York  
*Bachelor of Arts, French Language*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**October 2001 - Present Haitian Neighborhood Center, Sant La  
Miami, FL**

*Executive Director*

- Leadership and overall responsibility for the fiscal, administrative and programmatic operations of this non-profit, community-based agency. Plan, formulate and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding policies and programs that meet organizational mission and objectives. Represent the organization with funders, stakeholders and the public.

**November 1996 – September 2001 Office of Miami-Dade County  
Commissioner Barbara Carey-Shuler Miami, FL**

*Director of Public Affairs*

- A highly intense and dynamic position in the legislative and governing body of central Miami-Dade County Government. Primary responsibilities included advising and assisting the commissioner in designing policy and legislation related to the affairs, property and governance of the County. Additional assignments included public relations; constituents concerns; background research on legislative matters; agenda preparation and briefing; representing and speaking on behalf of the commissioner at various local, state and national meetings/functions, and/or other pertinent gatherings; liaising with the Haitian constituency; writing speeches, special reports and other necessary duties.

**December 1989 - November 1996 Miami Dade County Public Schools,  
Office of Multicultural Programs Miami, FL**

*Intergroup Relations Specialist*

- Provided leadership for the Assessment, design, planning and implementing of training for instructional, non-instructional and administrative personnel, students, parents and community representatives in the areas of: multicultural/race relations, conflict resolution, group dynamics, team building, leadership development, interpersonal relations, crisis counseling, organizational development, learning styles, cross cultural awareness and communication. Also developed district-wide academic projects and programs.

**(1991 – 1993)**

*Intergroup Relations Team Leader*

- In addition to duties listed above, additional administrative responsibilities included: supervising selected program staff, coordinating schedules and activities of seven other specialists; and representing immediate supervisor at community events, selected school district meetings, governmental as well as non-profit agency meetings.

**September 1986 – December 1989 Miami Edison Senior High School**

*Foreign Language Instructor*

- Introduced students to the French language and francophone cultures as well as to the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures from beginning to advanced levels.

**February 1985 – September 1986 Shenandoah Junior High School**

*Foreign Language Instructor*

- Introduced students to the French language and francophone cultures.

**LANGUAGES**

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Read, write and speak fluently: Creole, English and French. Limited proficiency in spoken and written Spanish. Reading knowledge of Italian.

**AWARDS RECEIVED**

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Recognized by numerous local and national organizations for personal and professional contributions to educational excellence, student achievement, improved intergroup relations, community building, advocacy, involvement and leadership in the Haitian community as well as the community at-large.

(Complete List available upon request)

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Little Haiti USA**, In: The Haitian Community in Miami-Dade, Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program, 2005

**The Magic of Little Haiti**, In: Miami, A Sense of Place, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, 2004

**The Haitian Presence in the United States**, In: Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in American Schools. Orteize E. and Balado C., Editors. Sunshine Press. Tampa. 1995.

**Haitians: Their History and Culture**. Center for Applied Linguistics. Washington DC. 1994

**The Long Journey of South Florida's Haitian Community**, In: A World of Difference Supplement. ADL, Miami 1990.

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- **Speaking Engagements:** Commentator on issues pertaining to Haiti as well as Haitian-American communities throughout the United States for local, national and international media. Presenter in numerous panel presentations, conferences and workshops about community issues. (Complete List available upon request)
- **Community Leadership and Involvement:** Involvement in several local, national and international organizations.
- **Present Board Memberships:** The Miami Coalition of Christian and Jews; The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; Aventura Hospital and Medical Center; Miami Dade County Public Schools Superintendent's Business Advisory Council; The Diversity, Excellence, and Equity Advisory Committee; Breakthrough Miami.

# Doug Bartel, MBA

Director of Business Development/Public Affairs at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida

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## Experience

### **Director of Business Development/Public Affairs at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida**

September 2006 - Present (5 years 8 months)

### **Owner and President at Excel Communications Group**

August 2003 - September 2006 (3 years 2 months)

### **Director of MultiMedia at Dan Marino Foundation**

2003 - 2005 (2 years)

### **Executive Producer - Local (WTVJ) at NBC News - Miami/NBC Nightly News - NY**

1997 - 2003 (6 years)

### **Executive Producer/News at WTVJ-NBC**

1997 - 2003 (6 years)

*1 recommendation available upon request*

### **Producer at WPLG**

1995 - 1998 (3 years)

### **Executive Producer at WIS-TV**

1991 - 1995 (4 years)

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## Education

### **University of Miami - School of Business**

MBA with Honors, Business/Health Sector Management, 2009 - 2011

### **University of Miami**

Certified Six Sigma Champion, Business/Healthcare, 2010 - 2010

### **Gold Coast Schools**

2-15 Life, Health & Variable Annuity License, Health Insurance and Life Insurance, 2008 - 2008

### **University of Florida**

B.S. with Honors, Communications, 1987 - 1991

### **Gulliver Preparatory**

High School Graduate with Honors

## Kathryn Hensley: St. Lucie County School Board



***"Advocating for the well-being and education of every child is always energizing and often politically frustrating; however, the mission is of paramount importance to the life of each young citizen and the future of our state and nation. It is the morally correct thing to do as well as the best return on the taxpayers' investment dollar. Putting the best interests of children first will always more than pay for itself in the long run and create a better quality of life for all."***

Born into a farming family in Illinois, education and service were emphases for Kathryn Hensley and her nine siblings. After graduating from Western Illinois University, she pursued the career of education in Iowa, and Oregon before moving to Florida in 1983. She and her high school sweetheart have been married for 43 years and are the parents of three St. Lucie County public school and university graduates who live in Gainesville.

Eager to be an active participant in creating opportunities for all children, Kathryn was elected to the St. Lucie County School Board in 1996. Knowing that all aspects of the community impact the future of children led her to become involved with all sorts of organizations that are part of the continuum of designing the future for her county and region. A few examples of the 30+ groups and organizations are the Children's Services Council, the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, the Transportation Planning Organization, the University of Florida IFAS/Extension Advisory Service, the Hibiscus Children's Center, the SLC Chamber of Commerce and the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments. Building collaborations among many organizations with the shared commitment to create a sustainable economy with a pathway to success for every child has been her passion for decades. That's the essence of her dedication to Kids at Hope and the Children's Movement.



**Raquel Regalado** is a lifelong resident of the Miami-Dade County School Board District 6, which encompasses the areas of Key Biscayne, the Roads, East Little Havana, Shenandoah, Silver Bluff, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, South Miami and East Kendall. In the Board, Ms. Regalado is the Chair of the Facilities and Construction Reform Committee, Former Chair of the Innovation, Efficiency and Governmental Relations Committee, and currently a member of the following committees: Instructional Excellence & Community Engagement, School Support & Accountability, and Innovation, Efficiency & Governmental Relations.

A proud graduate of Coral Gables Senior High, Ms. Regalado attended Miami-Dade Community College and then Florida International University, where she earned a degree in Liberal Studies with honors. She then went on to earn a Juris Doctorate degree from St. Thomas University School of Law. While at St. Thomas, she was the recipient of the Florida Bar's Young Lawyers Division Scholarship and winner of the St. Thomas University School of Law C. Clyde Atkins Memorial Moot Court Competition and American Trial Lawyers Association Open/Close Competition. While in law school, Ms. Regalado was a member of the St. Thomas Law Review and the Moot Court Team. In the summer of her first year, Ms. Regalado was a Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Shelly Kravitz. In the summer of her second year, she was hired as a law clerk by Holland & Knight LLP and later became an associate at said national firm. In the years that followed, Ms. Regalado worked as a commercial litigator at Holland & Knight's Miami office and as an attorney specializing in patent and trademark litigation with the law firm of Malloy & Malloy PA. Currently, she is Of Counsel for the nationwide intellectual property law firm of Feldman Gale, focusing her practice on patent prosecution and commercial litigation.

Ms. Regalado is admitted to practice law in Florida state courts, as well as in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. She is an active member of several bar associations, including the American Bar Association, the Cuban American Bar Association, and the Intellectual Property Law Association of Florida. She was also an Adjunct Professor of Business Law at Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus. Ms. Regalado was named a Rising Star in Intellectual Property Litigation by Florida Trend and in 2009, was ranked among the top 40 attorneys in Miami-Dade County under 40 years old by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Since 2009, Ms. Regalado has conducted a daily Spanish language radio program on La Poderosa, 670 AM, dedicated to informing listeners about local politics, education and social services. Another of her projects is "Esta Semana con Raquel", a weekly television show with political and news analysis, airing on Telemiami throughout the state of Florida. She is a member of the Community Advisory Board of WLRN, Channel 17, in Miami, FL. Ms. Regalado has also been very active in local and national communities, serving on the boards of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, the Miami Children's Initiative, and the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).

Ms. Regalado is the proud mother of two children and the daughter of Tomas Regalado, the Mayor of the City of Miami.

## **RESUME**

### **SUSAN E. O'ROURKE, P.E.**

Business Owner/Traffic Engineer

Ms. O'Rourke has been involved in Land Use and Transportation Policy since the beginning of her career nearly 27 years ago. A native of Florida, Ms. O'Rourke returned to Florida in 2001 after 12 years in California. She opened the doors to her business at the age of 26. Since that time, her unique mix of public sector policy development and private sector implementation provide the insight to participate and shape the Regional Blueprint. Ms. O'Rourke has followed the project from grant application through its current point of commencing services with the contractor Dover Kohl.

She has provided leadership through key policy development in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast as well as communities in Southern California. As the land use regulatory environment enters this next phase, it is interesting to note that Ms. O'Rourke was there at the beginning of the growth management regulations being one of the first engineers to author Comprehensive Plans under the original 9J-5 for agencies to include Belle Glade, St. Augustine and the St. Lucie County. She continues to evolve with the changing environment. Careful consideration of regulation on today's businesses and citizens is paramount in a project such as this with such far reaching potential.

#### **Work Experience**

Vanderbilt University, Traffic and Parking, 1982-1985

Kimley-Horn and Associates, (KHA) Analyst, West Palm Beach, 1985-1988

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Regional Vice President, Orange, California, 1988-1989

O'Rourke Engineering, President, 1989-2000

RBF/O'Rourke Engineering, Principal Engineer, 2001

Susan E. O'Rourke, P.E., Inc., President, 2001-present

#### **Registration**

Registered Civil Engineer, Florida,

Registered Civil Engineer, California

Registered Traffic Engineer, California

#### **Affiliations/ Memberships (current and past)**

Member Institute of Transportation Engineers

Member American Society of Civil Engineers

Economic Council of Martin County- Government Affairs, Transportation Sub-committee

Palm City Chamber of Commerce

Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce

Future Group

#### **Community Involvement/ Charitable Giving**

St. Vincent de Paul

Advocates for Rights of the Challenged

House of Hope

Council on Aging

FIRST Robotics Team 180 SPAM

#### **Representative Projects**



**Palm Beach County Traffic Performance Standards and Data Base** As a consultant to Palm Beach County, Ms. O'Rourke led the efforts to rewrite the Traffic Performance Standards and accompanying Comprehensive Plans resulting in what is now Article 12. Finally, a system of Corridor Master Plans was developed for long term comprehensive solutions.

**Areawide Studies:** Town of Jupiter, On-call services and Indiantown Corridor Analysis; Northwest Annexation Area, City of Port St, Lucie study to address comp plan issues related to future roadway network in the northwest annexation area; SR 76 Group LLC, worked with developers and County to prepare methodology and assessment for improvements in the corridor, Martin County.

**Comprehensive Plans:** Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus, Port St. Lucie, Canopus Creek, Martin County, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Martin County, OIP – 598, Okeechobee County, Gagbee, Okeechobee County ; Lulf's Groves, Port St. Lucie ;

**DRIs** – Scripps Florida Phase II/ Briger, Palm Beach County; Isles of Athena, North Port; LTC Ranch, Port St. Lucie; Quillen DRI Martin County LUPA and DRI,

**Rail/ Transit:** Statewide Transit Needs Plan, FDOT; High Speed Rail Long Range Analysis, High Speed Rail Corporation, Maglev Transportation Review, California –Nevada Bi- State Commission

**Modeling Experience-** Transcad, San Marcos City Wide Model, Carlsbad City Wide Model, FSUTMS—NWAA, LTC Ranch, Federal Highway Corridor Master Plan, Palm Beach County Analytical tests.

**Education**

Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science, Vanderbilt University



**President  
Palm Beach Community College  
Lake Worth, Florida**

**Dennis P. Gallon, Ph.D.**

Dennis P. Gallon, Ph.D., became the fifth President of Palm Beach Community College in 1997. Prior to becoming President of PBCC, he served as President of the Kent Campus at Florida Community College at Jacksonville.

Gallon brought to this position a long and successful career at the secondary and postsecondary levels of education. After serving as a tenured faculty member at FCCJ, his administrative career there included Campus Business Manager, Campus Dean of Occupational, Adult and Continuing Education, Campus Dean of Instructions, and College-wide Associate Vice President of Academic Programs. He also served as an Adjunct Professor in the Doctoral Program in Higher Education Administration at the University of Florida.

Gallon completed the requirements for the Ph.D. in Higher Education at UF. He received his Master of Science degree in Business from Indiana University (Bloomington) and his Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Edward Waters College in Jacksonville.

Gallon's professional involvement includes serving on the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) President's Roundtable, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges (SACS COC), Florida Association of Colleges and Universities (FACU), Leadership Florida, University of Florida Alumni Board, and he has served as a Fulbright Scholar in Israel through the Fulbright Senior Specialist Program.

Gallon has been active in many Palm Beach County organizations taking leadership roles on the boards of directors of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, the Education Commission of Palm Beach County, the United Way of Palm Beach County, the Urban League of Palm Beach County, the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, the Palm Beach County Workforce Alliance Board, the Palm Beach County Health Care District, two Hospital Board of Directors and the Forum Club of Palm Beach County. Dr. Gallon is also affiliated with several other national, state and local organizations.

Gallon has been recognized by several organizations which include the "2002 Community Leader of the Year Award" from the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce, the "2007 Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Urban League of Palm Beach County, and the "2004 Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Leader Award" from the NAACP.