

Boards Association. Mr. Braddock received both his B.A. and M.Ed. degrees from the University of Miami. His term expires in November, 2000.

Perla Tabares Hantman, Member, was elected to the Board in 1996 to represent District 4. Born in Havana, Cuba, she completed high school and attended the University of Havana. Once in the United States, Ms. Hantman earned a Bachelor's Degree from Miami's Barry University and began a new career of public service as a member of the Cuban Refugee Program under the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). She later worked for the U.S. Department of State in the United States Foreign Service at the American Embassy in Mexico City. Ms. Hantman has been appointed by several Florida governors to various state posts. Her last appointment was as a member of the Florida Board of Regents for six years. She has served as a Trustee of the Florida International University Foundation Board and is an Honorary Life Member of the National PTA. She recently has won awards from the Cuban Women's Club, the José Martí Foundation, Inc., and the American Cancer Society. In 1997, she received the Stephen P. Clark Children's Award for Outstanding Miami-Dade County Educator. In 1991, Ms. Hantman received an honorary doctorate in humanities from the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. Her term expires in November, 2002.

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member, was elected to the Board in 1998 to represent District 1. He serves as a Full Professor and Chairperson of the Division of Extension and Continuing Education at Florida Memorial College. Dr. Ingram's academic credentials include a Ph.D. in Applied Behavioral Science from Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio, as well as a Masters Degree in Administration and Supervision of Adult Education and a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Justice from Florida International University. Dr. Ingram has been a police officer in the Miami Police Department, the Chief of Police in Opa-Locka, Florida, the Mayor of Opa-Locka and the President of the National Conference of Black Mayors and City Manager of South Miami, Florida. Dr. Ingram has received numerous awards for his dedicated community service and fostering of positive race relations. His term expires in November, 2000.

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Betsy Kaplan, Member, was elected to the Board in 1988 and reelected in 1992. In 1996, she was reelected to represent District 9. She served as Chair in 1993 and 1994. Ms. Kaplan has served as president of the Miami-Dade County Council PTA/PTSA and of the Miami-Dade and Monroe counties PTA. She has also participated in numerous citizen organizations related to public education. Ms. Kaplan has served on the Instructional Academic Advisory Committee since 1982, chairing the committee from 1986 to 1988, and on the Attendance Boundary Committee and the Instructional Oversight Committee. Ms. Kaplan has been a teacher for Dade County Public Schools, a college instructor and has served as an administrative aide to a former School Board Member. A graduate of Miami Edison Senior High School, she holds an A.B. and a B.F.A. (cum laude and magna cum laude) from Wesleyan College and Conservatory in Macon, Georgia. Her term expires in November, 2000.

Manty Sabatés Morse, Member, was elected to the Board in November 1996 to represent District 6. Ms. Morse is an optician licensed in the State of Florida and manages her family-owned optical business, Sabatés Optical. She has served as a member of the Florida Board of Opticianry for the past seven years, four as its chair. She is an elected member as well as the Chair of the Republican Executive Committee of Miami-Dade County and is a member and trustee of the Florida Network of Youth and Family Services. An alumnae of Miami Beach Senior High School, she received an Associate of Arts degree from Broward Community College. Her term expires in November, 2002.

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Demetrio Pérez, Jr., Member, was elected to the Board in November 1996 to represent District 5. Mr. Pérez has been involved in education in Miami since 1969. He possesses a B.A. and a Master's degree in Human Resources specializing in Exceptional Children. Mr. Pérez served as Commissioner and Vice Mayor of the City of Miami from 1981-1985. He is certified as a Child Care Personnel Instructor. In addition, Mr. Pérez is the publisher of LIBRE newspaper, host of a talk show "Education and Community" broadcast on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. on WAQI (710-AM) and educational commentator on WAQI (710-AM) broadcast twice daily. Mr. Pérez also writes for various newspapers throughout the United States. His term expires in November, 2000.

Dr. Marta Perez, Member, was elected to the Board in 1998 to represent District 8. She worked as a classroom teacher in the Miami-Dade County School System from 1974 to 1979. She then worked in the private sector. Dr. Perez was elected in 1996 as a Community Councilwoman, and subsequently President, of the Westchester Community Council. In 1997 she received her Doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Miami. She currently chairs the Financial Affairs Committee and is a member of the Elementary & Secondary Committee and the Facilities Construction Committee. Her term expires in November, 2002.

Administration

The Superintendent of Schools is appointed by, and serves as ex officio Secretary to, the Board. The Superintendent oversees operations of the school system, makes policy recommendations to the Board, and performs the duties assigned to him by law and the regulations of the State Department of Education. The Superintendent also prepares the annual budget for approval by the Board, recommends the tax levy necessary to operate schools, is responsible for all financial transactions of the District, keeps such records as approved by the Board, provides for the investment of available District funds and is responsible for debt issuance plans of the District.

Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent of Schools, joined Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1969 as a primary teacher at Little River Elementary School. He since has fulfilled many challenging roles: classroom teacher, community school assistant principal, adult school and junior high school principal, Assistant Superintendent for Dropout Prevention, Assistant Superintendent for Vocational, Adult, Career and Community Education, Associate Superintendent for Community Services and Career Preparation, and Deputy Superintendent for District Office Operations. He became Superintendent in November 1996, with unanimous support from the Board. He holds a Bachelor of Science in education from Florida Atlantic University and a Master of Science in curriculum from Northern Colorado University.

Dr. Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer, joined the Miami-Dade County School System in 1964 as a classroom teacher. He has served as Executive Director of Budget Management, Assistant to the Associate Superintendent for Business, Chief Educational Auditor and Director of Planning and Evaluation. His current assignment includes responsibility for traditional accounting and finance functions in addition to risk management, procurement, and federal and State legislative affairs. Dr. Hinds received his Ed.D. degree from the University of Miami in 1972 and Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the Catholic University of America. Dr. Hinds also served as an adjunct graduate professor at Pepperdine University, the University of Northern Colorado and Florida International University.