

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-034  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, HONORING ROBERTO MARTINEZ, FORMER  
VICE CHAIR OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE:           INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:           STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Roberto Martinez, former Vice Chair of the Florida State Board of Education, is a lawyer and a partner at the law firm of Colson Hicks Eidson. He previously served as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys. Mr. Martinez earned a Bachelor of Science in economics and Master of Science in accounting at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. He went on to earn his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was on the Dean's List.

Active in the community, Mr. Martinez served as Chairman of the District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College, Chairman of the City of Miami Beach's Blue Ribbon Committee on Diversity, and he is part of the University of Miami's School of Law Adjunct Faculty. He has been the recipient of several honors and recognitions including a Special Recognition Award from the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, and the Supreme Court of the State of Florida Voluntary Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award for the Florida Bar.

Mr. Martinez believes that education is the state's top priority and its future. He began his service on the State Board of Education in 2005. The State Board of Education is composed of members, appointed by Florida's governor, who guide and direct public education in the state. Its mission is to increase the proficiency of all students by providing learning opportunities and to maintain an accountability system that measures student progress. During his tenure on the Board, Mr. Martinez was a strong advocate for adequate funding for public education. Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Roberto Martinez for his unwavering commitment to public education and for his support of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-034 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Roberto Martinez, former Vice Chair of the State Board of Education.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 13-034  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING ROBERTO MARTINEZ, FORMER VICE CHAIR OF  
THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, Roberto Martinez, former Vice Chair of the Florida State Board of Education, is a lawyer and a partner at the law firm of Colson Hicks Eidson; and

**WHEREAS**, active in the community, Mr. Martinez served as Chairman of the District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College, Chairman of the City of Miami Beach's Blue Ribbon Committee on Diversity, and he is part of the University of Miami's School of Law Adjunct Faculty; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Martinez believes that education is the state's top priority and its future; and

**WHEREAS**, he began his service on the State Board of Education in 2005. The State Board of Education is composed of members, appointed by Florida's governor, who guide and direct public education in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure on the Board, Mr. Martinez was a strong advocate for adequate funding for public education; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Roberto Martinez for his unwavering commitment to public education and for his support of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-034 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Roberto Martinez, former Vice Chair of the State Board of Education.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

**Presented this thirteenth day of February, A.D. 2013**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary