

Dr. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-033 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CONSUL GENERAL OF ISRAEL IN MIAMI, MR. MAOR ELBAZ-STARINSKY

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Maor Elbaz-Starinsky was born and raised in Eilat, Israel. He is to be commended for his commitment to promoting interfaith cooperation, combating antisemitism and racism, and strengthening multicultural relations in many communities across the globe.

A career diplomat since 2006, Maor's first posting was as the Deputy Ambassador at the Embassy of Israel in Nairobi from 2008 to 2011, where he managed humanitarian projects with support from Israel and handled issues such as security, agriculture, trade, and culture. As a member of the Strategic Affairs Division from 2014 to 2017, he represented Israel at international forums and conferences and served as a Policy Advisor to the Israeli Delegation to the European Union and NATO. Maor headed the Training and Personnel Development Department of the Israeli Foreign Ministry for four years, beginning in 2017. He was recognized by the Ministry in 2019 with an Award of Excellence for improving the process of recruiting and training the prestigious Diplomatic Cadet class each year.

In June 2021, Mr. Elbaz-Starinsky was selected for the position of Consul General of Israel in Miami by a committee of seven members headed by the Foreign Minister and Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As Consul General, he has built partnerships and coalitions for Israel with the people and governments of Florida, Kansas, Missouri, and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Elbaz-Starinsky holds a Master of Arts (MA) degree, with distinction, in Conflict Management and Resolution from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Biology from Tel Aviv University where he conducted projects in Marine and Molecular Biology. Mr. Elbaz-Starinsky also attended a master's degree program in Immunology at the Graduate School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University. During his service in the Israel Defense Forces, he was a commander in the Paratroopers.

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As Consul General of Israel in Miami, he has offered immediate aid in our times of crisis, such as the collapse of the Champlain Towers in Surfside. Mr. Elbaz-Starinsky brought medication, food, and other supplies to the Jewish-led volunteer emergency services assisting first responders and offered to fly in search-and-rescue experts from the Israel Defense Force (IDF) to Miami. He is a shining example of how to unite communities in the consulate's jurisdiction in order to fortify relations in politics, innovation, technology, trade, business, tourism, media, and culture.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-033, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the Consul General of Israel in Miami, Mr. Maor Elbaz-Starinsky.