

Habitat Broward Strengthens Board with Business, Community Leaders

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Habitat for Humanity of Broward has named a new Executive Committee and appointed five business leaders to its Board of Directors as the organization continues expanding affordable homeownership opportunities throughout Broward County.

Maria Menendez, chief financial officer of GL Homes of Florida Holding Corporation and GL Financial Services, was elected board chair, succeeding Robert Taylor Jr., CEO of Burdette Beckmann, Inc.

(BBI). Carlos lafigliola, president and CEO of Amerant Bank, was named vice chair. Steve Palmer, retired chief operating officer and current board member of Stiles, will continue as treasurer, while Ray Berry, founder and CEO of Health Business Solutions, was elected secretary.

The organization also welcomed five new directors: Brent Burns, board member and former president and CEO of JM Family Enterprises; Chris Hannaka, senior vice president of Miller Construction Company; Jonathan Schwartz, vice president of real estate and business development for BBX Capital and IT'SUGAR; Matt Shore, chief executive officer of StevenDouglas; and Rob Pluta, chief product officer of JM&A Group.

"We are honored to welcome our new board members," said Habitat Broward CEO and Executive Director Nancy Robin. "The collective expertise of our executive committee and new directors will strengthen our efforts to address Broward County's affordable housing crisis and empower more families through homeownership."

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