

# TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION COMMITTEE

During the last few years Miami's reputation as an innovation hub has soared. The rise of the region as a center for technology, innovation and entrepreneurship is an integral part of long-term success. Without continual growth in this crucial arena, our economic engine will falter. The Chamber's Technology & Innovation Committee is helping to literally drive our region's long-term success.

## **MISSION:**

To create a forum for discussion on technology related topics relevant to the local business community and the region at large, while continuing to establish Miami's place as tech hub for innovation and growth.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- To create a networking environment that adds value to committee members, the technology industry and business community.
- To be a catalyst of the Greater Miami technology and innovation ecosystem through meetings, networking opportunities and specific initiatives
- Provide programming that is relevant, interesting and informative to a diverse group of stakeholders

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

Participation in the Technology & Innovation Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests or concerns related to all facets of the region's growing technology infrastructure. Members include technology companies, incubators, related businesses, industry professionals and technology stakeholders.

## **LEADERSHIP:**

The Technology and Innovation Committee is led by a Committee Chair and supported by a Vice-Chair who are designated by the Chairman of the Board for a one-year term and approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee Chairman is responsible for the effective functioning of the Technology and Innovation Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee's mission and objectives.

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## 2023-2024 TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION COMMITTEE GOALS

- Recruit 10 new tech companies to join the committee and the Chamber
- Host Miami 2050 Program in partnership with New World Center Committee
- Host (4) Education Forum on topics and trends in the technology industry such as *5G, Blockchain, Drones, Cybersecurity, Data & Analytics, AI, Robotics, ChatGPT and Cloud.*
- Work with Governmental Affairs Committee to initiate conversations with municipalities and local governments to identify how GMCC can assist them to further innovation and technological developments.

**Oscar Loynaz, Chair**

President, Homestead Campus, Miami Dade College

**Jessica Fernandez Ibarra, Vice Chair**

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