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Tanya I. Davis, CPA is the assurance partner at S. Davis & Associates, P.A. (“SDA”), a public accounting and consulting firm with four Florida offices. She oversees the assurance and human resources departments and plays a major role in the consulting department and general office oversight. She joined SDA in 1997 after gaining experience with the global accounting firms of PricewaterhouseCoopers and Grant Thornton. During her career, she has worked with clients in a variety of industries, including government, not-for-profit, hospitality, sports and entertainment, wholesale distribution, higher education, insurance, and healthcare.

Tanya has served on various boards and, often, chairs committees related to audit, finance and compliance. In the public accounting field, she was the first African-American female CPA appointed to the Florida Board of Accountancy and served on the board for 7 years. During her tenure, she chaired the Board, itself, and its Probable Cause Panel and Minority Scholarships Committee, and was a member of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. As a member of Barry University’s President Search Committee, she was instrumental in hiring the first lay person and first male President of the University, helping catapult her to becoming a Vice-Chair of the Board in under five years of serving as a Trustee. As a member of the audit committees of Barry University, the Humane Society of Broward County, Community Foundation of Broward, and the Art & Culture Center of Hollywood, she is relied upon for her audit and accounting acumen and has improved the organizations’ policies around audit, tax, and compliance matters, ensuring proper controls are in place.

Tanya is a Cum Laude graduate of Barry University and is licensed to practice as a CPA in Florida. Tanya’s husband, Shaun, is a fellow CPA and they have three adult children, one of whom is also a CPA.



Francesca de Quesada Covey is the Chief Innovation and Economic Development Officer for Miami-Dade County. Reporting to Mayor Levine Cava, de Quesada Covey leads efforts to accelerate innovation and economic opportunity, growing the County’s “FutureReady” economy where all residents can succeed and thrive. de Quesada Covey is a seasoned executive and tech investor with over 15 years of experience developing public-private partnerships and advising technology firms, elected officials, and government agencies.

Prior to joining the County, de Quesada Covey was the Chief Investment Officer at TheVentureCity, a global early-stage investment firm. In this role, she oversaw the strategy for pre-seed and seed investments and supported the growth of 108 portfolio companies. In parallel, she served the Mayor of Miami Dade County as Tech and Innovation Advisor and she founded the Miami-Dade Innovation Authority in 2023, a not-for-profit investment vehicle supporting early-stage companies scale products solving pressing local challenges through strategic procurement partnerships.

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From 2013-2021, de Quesada Covey worked at Facebook (now Meta) where she led business development and partnerships teams focused on internationalization and growth. During her time at Facebook, she worked on connectivity, payments, and small business efforts, culminating in a cross-company strategy role in the CEO and COO's office. Before joining Meta, she served as Deputy Counselor of Strategic Engagement in the Office of Public Engagement under President Obama.

Francesca holds degrees from Columbia University (B.A., political science and French) and Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, France (M.A., finance). She is the daughter of Cuban immigrants, and along with her husband and two daughters she proudly calls Miami-Dade home.