



RODRICK T. MILLER

President and CEO, Miami-Dade Beacon Council

Rodrick Miller has emerged as one of the nation's foremost economic development leaders respected globally for his ability to maneuver in complex political and business environments, and craft strategies and structure deals to provide long-term value to communities and investors. His skills as a salesman, negotiator, policy expert, and corporate strategist have been refined in over 10 countries. Throughout his career, he has brought more than \$6B in private investment and 50,000 new jobs to communities where he has worked. He firmly believes sustained economic development growth is only achievable through an approach that is people-centered, leverages assets to add distinct value, and encourages strategic capital flows to create new opportunities.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of Miami-Dade public private partnership for economic development, The Miami Dade Beacon Council, Miller is focused on attracting and retaining companies that create high-value jobs and actively invest in the community. Miller champions Miami's unique advantages as a diverse, global business destination, collaborating with key stakeholders in both the private and public sectors to leverage the strengths of the market's target industries, deliver workforce solutions, and create opportunities that drive long-term economic prosperity and inclusive growth for both residents and businesses.

Experienced in leading economic recovery efforts in challenged markets across the country, Miller has launched or turned around public-private development agencies in New Orleans, Detroit, and, most recently, Puerto Rico, where he served as Chief Executive Officer of Invest Puerto Rico. He led these efforts during and after some of the most challenging times these communities faced – bankruptcy, natural disasters, and entrenched economic decline. In each of these roles, Miller focused on enhancing competitiveness, providing prescriptive solutions to fix market challenges, building more inclusive economies, and attracting catalytic high-value private investment. The solutions he led encompass real estate and infrastructure, small business and entrepreneurship, workforce development, capital access, project finance, foreign direct investment and trade, and more. He began his career in project finance focused on real estate and infrastructure before moving into economic development.

Miller is a board member of the New Growth Innovation Network, the Harvard Kennedy School Alumni Board, New Corp (CDFI), and the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind. He is a former board member of the International Economic Development Council and completed a term membership with the Council on Foreign Relations. He has advised various federal agencies on economic policy including the Federal Reserve Board, the Economic Development Administration, and the White House. Miller has received numerous accolades including Young Economic Developer of the Year (2013), the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Harvard Kennedy School Black Student Union (2018), South Florida Business Journal Power Leader (2024) and various others. Miller holds a Master of Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor of Science in International Business from St. Augustine's College. He also gained a Graduate Diploma in Finance from the Monterrey Institute of Technology (ITESM) in Mexico as a Fulbright Fellow.