



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

**HAND-DELIVERED**

January 7, 2011

Honorable Members  
Providence City Council  
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 415 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing John Kelly, of 21 Parkside Drive, Providence, RI, 02910, as a member of the Salary Review Commission to fill the vacancy created by the term expiration of Michael VanLeesten and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Sincerely,

Angel Taveras  
Mayor

AT/gc

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
**FEB - 3 2011**

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED

**JOHN M. KELLY**  
**21 Parkside Drive**  
**Providence, Rhode Island 02910**

**PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, Meeting Street**, a 501(c)(3) organization formed to provide developmental, educational and clinical support services for children, including children with disabilities, developmental delays and who are at risk. Meeting Street serves over 3,000 children each year (January 1998 to present).

- Responsible for all aspects of \$14,000,000+ community service agency with 180+ employees.
- Led design and development of LEED certified 75,000 square foot building on over 9 acres in Providence including the successful leadership of \$15,000,000 capital campaign.
- Launched several innovative new programs, including the introduction of mental health services for our youngest clients and the development of an inclusive early learning center and the nation's first fully inclusive K-8 school for children with severe and profound needs.

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**LEAD STAFF PERSON, Coalition for Community Development**, a Rhode Island non-profit corporation (January 1995 to January 1998).

- Created organizational structure and managed and implemented all project initiatives for 501(c)(3) organization charged with the revitalization of Providence, Rhode Island's long-vacant historic urban core.
- Drafted and secured enactment of landmark legislation to support the conversion of vacant commercial and retail properties into artist and low to moderate income housing.
- Worked in partnership with the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, artist community, local property owners and other concerned individuals and non-profit organizations to convert vacant commercial and retail buildings into housing.

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**GENERAL COUNSEL, Cornish Associates, L.P.**, a Providence-based planning, development and management firm (January 1995 to January 1998).

- Served on management committee and participated in all phases of the partnership's business activities.
  - Established organizational structures and negotiated financial transactions and contractual relationships for numerous developments owned, operated and/or sponsored by the partnership or its affiliates.
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**PRINCIPAL, Tillinghast Collins & Graham**, a leading law firm based in Providence, Rhode Island (September 1987 to January 1995).

- Member of the firm's Business Law Practice Group. Practice areas included asset purchases, mergers and acquisitions, business succession planning and general business law. Named a principal in 1993.
- Represented publicly traded companies, large private corporations, small businesses, high net worth individuals and numerous 501(c)(3) organizations, including health care, educational and community organizations, as well as the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation.

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**PROJECT DIRECTOR, Housing Development Corporation**, a not-for-profit developer of affordable housing based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania (May 1983 to August 1984).

- Worked with development team to identify and secure scattered site properties for acquisition and redevelopment.
- Oversaw home ownership program.

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**EDUCATION:** Boston College Law School  
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts  
J.D. cum laude (1987)

Franklin and Marshall College  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
A.B., Government (1983)  
Dana Scholar  
Black Pyramid Senior Honor Society

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### **COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, AND HONORS**

Chair, Board of Trustees of The Highlander Charter School (K-8) (2006 to present). The Highlander Charter School is a publicly chartered K-8 school located at 891 Broad Street in Providence.

Chair, Board of Trustees of The Highlander Dunn Institute (2007 to present). The Highlander Dunn Institute is a not-for-profit focused on professional development for teachers and positively impacting children with learning differences and is an affiliate of The Highlander Charter School.

Chair, Board of Directors of The Providence Revolving Fund (2001 to present). The Revolving Fund is a not-for profit that provides financing and technical assistance to homeowners in historic districts located in the western and southern parts of Providence.

Member, Board of Directors of GLAD (2009 to present). GLAD is New England's leading legal organization devoted to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status, gender identity and expression. GLAD brought the lawsuits that resulted in marriage equality in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Chair, Zoning Board of Review of the City of Providence (2006 to 2008).

Member, Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Providence (2005 to 2006).

Member, Interagency Coordinating Council (1998-2001). Appointed by the Governor of the State of Rhode Island to serve on 15-member advisory board relating to early childhood development and education, with emphasis on services to children with disabilities and developmental delays.

Member, Governor's Special Commission on Early Intervention (1999-2000). Appointed by the Governor of the State of Rhode Island to serve on a 7-member advisory panel to make recommendations regarding system improvements and funding needs.

Member, Board of Directors, Boys & Girls Club of Providence (1997 to 2005). The Boys and Girls Club operates four clubhouses in Providence.

Member, Board of Directors, The Genesis Center (1990 to 2000). Served as Chair from 1993-95. The Genesis Center is dedicated to helping immigrants and refugees achieve economic self sufficiency.

Member, Board of Trustees, Meeting Street (1990-97). Served as Chair from 1994-97.

Recipient, 1996 Dorothy Lohman Community Service Award, Rhode Island Bar Association. (This award is given annually by the Rhode Island Bar Association to attorneys who have donated a significant amount of time and leadership to the community.)

Fellow, Rhode Island Foundation (2002). Selected to participate in year-long fellowship program for not-for-profit leaders. Designed own personal development plan and implemented it during Fellowship year. Activities included 4 week language immersion program in Costa Rica, course work at the Darden School of Business (University of Virginia) and working with a communications professor to improve my public speaking.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS:**

Rhode Island Bar Association  
Massachusetts Bar Association