



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

**HAND-DELIVERED**

April 15, 2011

Honorable Members  
Providence City Council  
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 Keith Oliveira, of 63 Roanoke Street, Providence, RI 02908, as a member of the Providence School Board for a term to end January 1, 2012, and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Mr. Oliveira replaces Melissa Malone, who has resigned.

Sincerely,

Angel Taveras  
Mayor

AT/gc

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 19 2011

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED  
 CLERK

## KEITH A. OLIVEIRA

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Providence, RI 02908

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### EXPERIENCE

#### **Office of Lt. Governor Elizabeth H. Roberts**

Providence, RI

#### Senior Policy Analyst

June 2010 – January 2011

- Senior policy adviser to the Lt. Governor on small business development and economic development policy.
- Project manager for the Buy Local RI small business development initiative.
- Staff coordinator for the R.I. Small Business Advocacy Council (SBAC)
- Lt. Governor's liaison to the Federal SBA, the R.I. Economic Development Corporation, municipal economic development agencies, local chambers of commerce, and various small business advocacy organizations.
- Lt. Governor's representative at various small business conferences and business expo's

#### **Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE)**

Providence, RI

#### Special Assistant to the R.I. Commissioner of Education

May 2006 - June 2010

- Special projects manager and policy adviser to former State Education Commissioner Peter McWalters.
- RIDE Legislative Liaison to the R.I. General Assembly.
- RIDE project manager providing direct oversight over the \$21 million construction of the Metropolitan Regional Career & Technical Center's Providence Campus.
- Commissioner McWalter's state appointed special monitor of Hope High School after state intervention.
- Managed the establishment of the Central Falls School District Board of Trustees.
- Commissioner's designee to the Central Falls Public Schools superintendent search committee.
- Coordinated the recruitment, screening, and appointment of candidates to serve on three state school Boards of Trustees (Davies Career & Tech School, R.I. School for the Deaf, and the Central Falls Public Schools District)
- Area coordinator on the Rhode Island H1N1 school-based vaccination clinic coordinating task force.
- Providence Mayoral appointee to the Providence Public Schools superintendent search committee.
- Member of the Providence Progressive Support & Intervention Team.

#### Director of Charter Schools

August 1999 – May 2006

- State program administrator of the Rhode Island Charter Public Schools program.
- Designed and managed a multi-faceted charter school application review and authorization process.
- Responsible for the authorization and regulatory oversight of 15 charter schools throughout Rhode Island.
- Chairman of the RIDE Charter School Application Review Committee.
- Coordinated and conducted dozens of public hearings throughout the state of Rhode Island.
- Prepared written evaluation reports and presented charter authorization recommendations to the State Commissioner and the R.I. Board of Regents for Elementary & Secondary Education.
- Program administrator of \$11.7 million in federal funding to provide start-up grants to new charter schools.
- RIDE project coordinator of a performance study of Rhode Island charter schools in collaboration with Brown University's Department of Urban Education Policy.
- RIDE liaison to U.S. Department of Education charter school officials, other state agencies, local government officials, advocacy organizations, and various other charter school stakeholder groups.
- Technical assistance adviser to existing charter school operators and prospective charter school applicants.
- Coordinated RIDE charter school data collection and monitored charter schools compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations.

## **Rhode Island Urban Project**

Providence, RI

### Executive Director

May 1996 – August 1999

- Managed the day-to-day operation of a community-based nonprofit urban development agency.
- Co-created the *Partnerships Rhode Island: Minority and Women Small Business Expo*.
- Proposed and advocated numerous public policy initiatives in support of minority small business and urban economic development.
- Advocated and collaborated with the RIEDC in the creation Urban Ventures small business incubator.
- Appointed by Governor Lincoln Almond as the founding Chairman of Urban Ventures, Inc.
- Published an annual directory of state-certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBE's).
- Developed strategic supply-chain relationships between Rhode Island-based corporations and large nonprofit institutions with minority small business vendors and suppliers.
- Facilitated \$1 million deposit into a newly formed urban community bank located in South Providence.
- Named 1999 Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

## **Big Picture Learning, Inc.**

Providence, RI

### Director of Community & Government Relations

March 1995 – May 1996

- Designed and implemented a broad community outreach strategy in support of the proposed Metropolitan Regional Career & Technical Center (The Met School)
- Coordinated and facilitated numerous community-based meetings and information forums with various community groups, parent organizations, and state and local elected officials.
- Designed and implemented a successful legislative strategy to secure \$500,000 in operational funding from the R.I. General Assembly.
- Recruited and enrolled founding class of Met School students (Class of 2000).
- Appointed by the R.I. Board of Regents to the Met School Board of Trustees. Currently serve as Vice-chairman of the Board.

## **Urban League of Rhode Island**

Providence, RI

### Senior Policy Advocate

August 1989 – March 1995

- Conducted research and policy analysis on numerous urban public policy issues.
- Presented independent research and analysis to state and local elected-officials, policy-makers, and community.
- Organized grassroots community-based coalitions around numerous urban development issues.
- Coordinated the Urban League's legislative agenda and served as principal legislative advocate.
- Created and managed a successful youth development program – Youth Leadership Academy.
- Appointed to serve on numerous public policy boards and commissions related to urban economic development, public education, and housing.
- Recipient of numerous honors in recognition of community leadership and advocacy.

## **EDUCATION**

University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI

College of Urban Affairs

Bachelor of Arts, Urban Public Policy Formulation

June 1986

**COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

R.I. Economic Development Corporation Urban Investment Roundtable	2010 - 2011
Segue Institute for Learning Charter School Board of Trustees	2010 - present
United Way of Southeastern New England Community Advisory Board	2008 - present
Providence Waterfront Park Design Competition Review Committee	2006
Providence Human Relations Commission (Chairman)	2003 - 2005
Urban Ventures, Inc. (Chairman)	1999 - 2002
R.I. Public Expenditures Council Urban Strategy Task Force	1996 - 1998
Metropolitan Regional Career & Technical School (Vice-chairman)	1996 - present
Rhode Island Enterprise Zone Council (Secretary)	1995 - 2001
R.I. Coalition for Minority Investment (RICMI)	1994 - 1999
Providence School Board Nominating Commission (Chairman)	1994 - 1998
Providence Plan Housing Corporation (Vice-chairman)	1992 - 1998
Fox Point Boys & Girls Club Alumni Association (Vice-president)	1992 - 1996
Providence Blueprint for Education Advisory Council (PROBE)	1991 - 1993
Direct Action for Rights and Equality (DARE)	1991 - 1994

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS AND HONORS**

	<b>Awarded</b>
Segue Institute for Learning Charter School <i>Outstanding Citizenship Award</i>	2009
Fox Point Boys and Girls Club Alumni Association <i>Hall of Fame Inductee</i>	2005
The Groden Network, (Kingston Hill Academy Charter School) <i>Excellence in Public Service Award</i>	2002
Johnson & Wales University <i>Legacy Champion Community Service Award &amp; Scholarship</i>	2001
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) – Rhode Island District <i>Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year Award</i>	1999
Rhode Island Cape Verdean Association <i>Community Service Award</i>	1997
University of Rhode Island Alumni Association <i>Excellence in Community Service Award</i>	1997
Urban Bankers Association of Rhode Island <i>Community Advocate of the Year Award</i>	1995
Direct Action for Rights and Equality <i>Unsung Community Hero Award</i>	1994
Rhode Island Black Caucus of State Legislators <i>Community Leadership Award</i>	1993
NAACP – Providence Chapter <i>Freedom Fund Award</i>	1992