



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

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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

	Appointed
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

	Awarded
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 & 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