

EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS

AS A GENERAL MATTER, APPLICATIONS FOR ALL POSITIONS WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT ARE PUBLIC RECORDS THAT MAY BE VIEWED UPON REQUEST. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW FOR CERTAIN IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RELATING TO PAST AND PRESENT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, VICTIMS OF CERTAIN CRIMES, ETC. IF YOU BELIEVE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW APPLIES TO YOUR SUBMISSION, PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX.

Yes, I assert that identifying information provided in this application should be excluded from inspection under the Public Records Law.

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AS TO THE APPLICABILITY OF ANY PUBLIC RECORDS LAW EXEMPTION TO YOUR SITUATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

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10. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No If "Yes" explain.
Given name was Ricardo Oscar Suarez and when i became a citizen (around the age of 18) I removed the "Oscar" because my father had the same name.

11. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No If "No" explain.

12. If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: around May of 1988

13. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? Resident of FL from 1970-2001

14. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes No

15. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? (Exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No If "Yes" give details:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Disposition</u>

16. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of Part III, Chapter 112, F.S., the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees? Yes No If "Yes", give details:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Nature of Violation</u>	<u>Disposition</u>

17. Have you ever been suspended from any office by the Governor of the State of Florida? Yes No If "Yes", list:

Title of Office: _____ Reason for Suspension: _____
Date of Suspension: _____ Result: Reinstated Removed Resigned

18. Are there any pending lawsuits against you or are you a party to a lawsuit in any court in which you are the plaintiff or defendant? Yes No If "yes", what type and where?

19. Have any judgments been entered against you as a result of any civil or administrative proceeding(s)? Yes No If "yes", identify the proceeding(s) that resulted in the judgment and the date the judgment was entered.

20. Are you now engaged in activities, or have you engaged in activities in the past, that will reflect unfavorably on the board to which you seek appointment? Yes No If "yes", explain.

21. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No If "Yes", explain.

EDUCATION, LICENSURE, MEMBERSHIPS

22. Education:

A. High School: Miami Senior High school Year Graduated: 1982
(Name and Location)

B. List all postsecondary educational institutions attended:

<u>Name and Location</u>	<u>Date Attended</u>	<u>Certificates/Degrees Received</u>
Miami Dade Community College	1982-1985	Associates in Science
FAU	1985-1988	Bachelors in Electrical Engineering
UM	1998-2001	MBA & MSIE

23. Have you received any degree(s) or professional certification(s) related to the subject matter of this appointment? Yes No If "Yes", list:

Masters in Business Administration, Masters in Industrial Engineering, countless leadership certificates from BellSouth and from AT&T

24. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the State of Florida? Yes No If "Yes", provide the title and number, original issue date, and issuing authority. If any disciplinary action (fine, probation, suspension, revocation, and/or disbarment) has ever been taken against you by the issuing authority, state the type and date of the action taken:

<u>License/Certificate Title & Number</u>	<u>Original Issue Date</u>	<u>Issuing Authority</u>	<u>Disciplinary Action/Date</u>

25. Identify all association memberships and association offices held by you that relate to this appointment:

none

26. Name any business, professional, occupational, civic, or fraternal organization(s) of which you are now a member, or of which you have been a member during the past five (5) years, the organization address(es), and date(s) of your membership(s).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Office(s) Held & Term</u>	<u>Date(s) of Membership</u>
CT Technology Council		Board member	6 months (moved)
NSORO Foundation		Board Member	in review process

27. Are you now, or have you within the past four (4) years, been a member of any club or organization that, to your knowledge, in practice or in policy, restricts membership or restricted membership during the time that you belonged, on the basis of race, religion, national origin or gender? Yes No If "yes", detail the name and nature of the organization, relevant policies and practices, and state whether you intend to continue as a member if appointed by the Board of Governors.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

28. Concerning your current employer and for all of your employment, including self-employment, during the last five years, list your employer's name, business address, type of business, occupation or job title, and period(s) of employment:

<u>Employer Name and Address</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Occupation/Title</u>	<u>Period of Employment</u>
AT&T	Telecommunications	Vice President	2007- Present
BellSouth	Telecommunications	General Manager	2001-2007

29. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida? Yes No If "Yes", identify the position(s), the name(s) of the employing agency, and the period(s) of employment, and reason for leaving:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employing Agency</u>	<u>Period of Employment</u>
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30. Have you ever been responsible or played a role in managing a business or other corporate entity? Yes No "Yes", state the name of the business, the dates of your involvement, and provide a brief description of your involvement.

In my current role I am responsible for a 3.2B dollar capital budget, a 650M expense budget, and 8500 employees. My group is responsible for building out and maintaining the wireline and wireless network for for AT&T's South East region that includes LA, MS, AL, TN, KY, GA, SC, NC and Florida.

31. Are you or have you ever been a member of the United States armed forces? Yes No
If "Yes" list:

A. Dates of service: _____

B. Branch or component: _____

C. Date and type of discharge: _____

32. Do you currently hold an office or position (appointive, civil service, or other) with the Federal or any foreign government? Yes No If "Yes", please list:

33. Have you previously been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate? Yes No If "Yes", list:

Title of Office: _____

Term of Appointment: _____

Confirmation results: _____

34. Have you ever been elected or appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No
If "Yes", state the office title, date of election or appointment, term of office, and level of government (city, county, district or state):

<u>Office Title</u>	<u>Date of Election or Appointment</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	<u>Level of Government</u>
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If your service was on an appointed board(s), committee(s) or council(s):

A. How frequently were meetings scheduled? _____

B. If you missed any of the regularly scheduled meetings, state the number of meetings attended, number missed, and the reason(s) for absence(s).

Meetings Attended

Meetings Missed

Reason for Absence

35. Have you ever served on any profit or not-for-profit board? Yes No If "Yes", state the title, date of appointment, length of service, and provide a brief description of your involvement.
 President of the Angela Garden's Homeowner's association, 1989-1991. Served as the president of the homeowner's association of a community of 200 homes in the North Miami Lakes area.
 Served on the Board of Directors a very brief period of time on the Connecticut Technology Council, 2008.
 In this role, I provided guidance on how to best position the State of CT to leverage emerging technologies.

36. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the past five years? Yes No If "Yes", please explain:
 A. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes No
 B. Name of agency or entity you lobbied and the principals you represented:

<u>Agency Lobbied</u>	<u>Principals Represented</u>

37. Describe your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for this appointment.
 My family immigrated from Cuba in 1970, leaving everything behind and my parents struggled to make my life better. I worked from the time I was 12 to help out and had to pay for my own college education. I truly understand what freedom means, the value of a good education and how that education helps one in life.
 My children are now attending UCF and FAU and it is time for me to give back to the state that helped my family.

38. Describe your understanding of the role of a member of a university board of trustees.
 To serve as a steering team that will help influence the future of our State Universities. We'll make decisions on how to most effectively utilize the resources and funding made available to the college. This board will also implement cost effective policy and help implement the highest level education programs that are in line with the university's mission. I believe that with my corporate experience, I can add significant value to this team.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

39. Describe any involvement with and/or relationship to the university to which you are applying (other than as a student).

40. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any employment or contractual relationship during the last four (4) years with the university to which you are seeking appointment? Yes No If "Yes", identify:

<u>Name of Business</u>	<u>Your Relationship to Business</u>	<u>Business' Relationship to University</u>
AT&T	Senior Leader	AT&T has service contracts with the State

41. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any employment or contractual relationship during the last four (4) years with the university to which you are seeking appointment? Yes No If "Yes", explain:

<u>Name of Business</u>	<u>Family Member's Relationship to you</u>	<u>Family Member's Relationship to Business</u>	<u>Business' Relationship to University</u>

42. Do you know of any reason why you will not be able to attend fully the duties of the position to which you have been or will be appointed? Yes No If "yes", explain:

REFERENCES

43. List three persons who have known you well during the past five (5) years. Include a current, complete address and telephone number. Exclude your relatives and members of the Florida Senate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>Area Code/Telephone Number</u>
Oscar Primelles	Oscar.Primelles@mastec.com		786-972-0427
Wayne Trevisol	theboys2@bellsouth.net		5617160882
Ernie Carey	ec9096@att.com		(214) 464-5444

CERTIFICATION

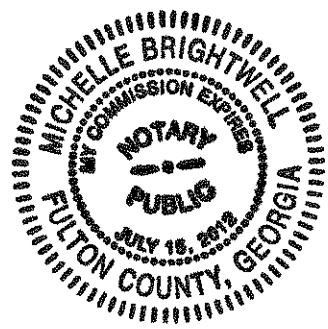
STATE OF Georgia

COUNTY OF Fulton

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Ricardo Suarez who after being duly sworn, says: 1) that he/she has carefully prepared or read the answers to the foregoing question; 2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; 3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida. Be it further known that in signing this document the undersigned understands that a background check by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will be performed on all nominees who are recommended to the Florida Board of Governors and that he/she has received a copy of the Board of Governors' Statement on the Collection, Use or Release of Social Security Numbers.

[Signature]
Affiant's signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 10 day of August, 2010, by Michelle Brightwell.



Michelle Brightwell
(signature of notary)

Michelle Brightwell
(typed, printed or stamped name)
Notary Public
Commission No.: NA
My Commission Expires: July 15, 2012

Personally Known X OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____