

February 26, 2013

APPOINTMENTS TO THE WORKNET PINELLAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**New Board Member Recommendation**

On February 6, 2013, the WorkNet Pinellas Executive Committee recommended the Pinellas County Board of County Commission appoint Dr. Michael Grego and Mr. Kelly Kirschner to the WorkNet Pinellas Board of Directors for a current term through June 30, 2014.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
Dr. Michael Grego	Local Education Entities
Mr. Kelly Kirschner	Nonpublic Postsecondary Education

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**Excerpt for BCC**

## **WorkNet Pinellas Executive Committee**

### **Consent Agenda February 6, 2013**

#### **Call to Order:**

Chair Lenne' Nicklaus-Ball called the WorkNet Pinellas Executive meeting teleconference to order at 11:05 a.m.

#### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Chair Lenne' Nicklaus-Ball welcomed committee members and guests.

#### **Roll Call/Quorum:**

There was a quorum with the following committee members participating by teleconference:

Lenne' Nicklaus-Ball, Chair

Bill Price

Commissioner Janet Long

Jack Geller

Sondra Cranford

Dr. Robert Arnold

Craig Brethauer

Terri Furr Hoskins

Rene' Watts

Not in attendance: Aundre Green.

Others participating included President & CEO Ed Peachey, COO Mark Douglass, CFO Sue Pagan, Director of Customer Service Wayne Feuer, Director of Economic Development Kristin Dailey, and Charles Harris, Esquire.

### ***Business Meeting*** **Action/Discussion Items**

#### **Action 2                      New Board Member Recommendations**

##### **A. New Board Member Nomination:**

**Dr. Michael Grego**

Superintendent

Pinellas County Schools

Category: Local Education Entities

The Pinellas Education Foundation nominated Pinellas County School Superintendent Dr. Michael Grego to serve on the WorkNet Pinellas Board of Directors in the mandatory category Local Education Entities which is currently vacant.

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Consent Agenda of February 6, 2013

## **DRAFT**

Staff recommends the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners (BCC) appoint Dr. Michael Grego to the WorkNet Pinellas Board for a term through June 30, 2014.

**Motion:** Jack Geller  
**Second:** Lenne' Nicklaus-Ball

*Recommend appointment by the BCC of Dr. Michael Grego to the WorkNet Pinellas Board of Directors.*

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. New Board Member Nomination:**

**Mr. Kelly Kirschner**

Dean, Special Programs and Continuing Education

Eckerd College

Category: Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institution, confers degrees

The Pinellas Education Foundation nominated Mr. Kelly Kirschner to serve on the WorkNet Pinellas Board of Directors in the mandatory category which is currently vacant due to the retirement of Dr. James Deegan.

Staff recommends the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners appoint Mr. Kelly Kirschner to the WorkNet Pinellas Board for a term through June 30, 2014.

**Motion:** Lenne' Nicklaus-Ball  
**Second:** Jack Geller

*Recommend appointment by the BCC of Mr. Kelly Kirschner to the WorkNet Pinellas Board of Directors.*

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Lenne' Nicklaus Ball adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.



**WorkNet Pinellas**  
**Board Membership Application**

Applicant Name:	Michael A. Grego
Job Title:	Superintendent, Pinellas County Schools
Employer Name:	Pinellas County Schools
Employer Address:	301 4th Street S.W., Largo, FL 33779
Employer's estimated annual revenue:	

Industry Segment please check one:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> a. Manufacturing</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> b. Healthcare</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> c. Communications</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> d. Bio-Tech</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> e. Insurance/Finance</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> f. Construction</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> g. Hospitality/Tourism</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> h. Retail</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> i. Wholesale</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> j. Real Estate</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> k. Accounting/Audit</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> l. Utilities</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> m. Other (specify)</li></ul>
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Please attach a brief summary of why you want to serve on the WorkNet Board of Directors and what your expectations are?

Please attach a biography that includes pertinent employment and educational information as well as other activities in which you are engaged (such as serving on other boards, chambers of commerce, hobbies, etc.)

## Superintendent



**Dr. Michael A. Grego** — Michael A. Grego, Ed.D., began his first day as superintendent on Sept. 26, 2012, a day after his contract was approved by the Pinellas County School Board. Dr. Grego (pronounced: GREG-o) was selected following a national search.

Before joining the district, Dr. Grego held a job as an associate professor at the University of Central Florida. An educator with more than three decades of experience in public education, Dr. Grego spent five months as Florida's Interim Chancellor of K-12 Education in 2011.

From 2008 to 2011, Dr. Grego served as superintendent of Osceola County, where he oversaw dramatic academic improvements in the district.

Dr. Grego began his career in Hillsborough County as a teacher in 1980. He climbed the ranks over his 28-year career in the district to become assistant superintendent for technical, career and adult education in 2000 and assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction in 2002.

A New York native, Dr. Grego earned a Bachelor of Science degree in technology education from the State University of New York in Oswego. He holds two master's degrees in education, one in industrial technology education from Illinois State University and another in educational leadership from the University of South Florida. He also holds a doctorate degree in educational leadership from the University of South Florida, Tampa.

Dr. Grego has received numerous recognitions and awards, including two in recent years for his efforts to promote arts education. In 2010, the Florida Alliance for Arts Education recognized him with an annual Superintendent leadership award for his efforts to promote arts education, and the previous year, the Florida Music Educators Association named him Superintendent of the Year for his ardent support of music education.



January 16, 2013

Ms. Lenne' Nicklaus-Ball, Chairman  
WorkNet Pinellas Board of Directors  
13805 58 Street North, Suite 2-140  
Clearwater, FL 33760

Dear Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners:

Please accept this letter as our nomination of Dr. Michael Grego to serve on the Board of WorkNet Pinellas.

We realize the importance of having the involvement of education as a part of the WorkNet organization and, based on Dr. Grego's position as Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools and previous work experience, we believe that he will be a great addition to the WorkNet Pinellas Board of Directors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Terry A. Boehm

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Encl. Biography of Dr. Michael Grego

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# WorkNet Pinellas

## Board Membership Application

Applicant Name:	Kelly Kirschner
Job Title:	Dean, Special Programs and Continuing Education
Employer Name:	Eckerd College
Employer Address:	4200 54th Avenue South
Employer's estimated annual revenue:	\$69M

Industry Segment please check one:	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> b. Healthcare <input type="checkbox"/> c. Communications <input type="checkbox"/> d. Bio-Tech <input type="checkbox"/> e. Insurance/Finance <input type="checkbox"/> f. Construction <input type="checkbox"/> g. Hospitality/Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> h. Retail <input type="checkbox"/> i. Wholesale <input type="checkbox"/> j. Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> k. Accounting/Audit <input type="checkbox"/> l. Utilities <input type="checkbox"/> m. Other (specify)
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## **Bio – Kelly Kirschner**

Kelly Kirschner is the Dean of Special Programs and Continuing Education at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. Raised in Sarasota, Kirschner is a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, receiving his BS in Environmental Issues in International Politics and MA in Latin American Studies. At Georgetown, Kirschner worked on full scholarship as the Head Manager for the men's basketball team and interned three years in the West Wing of the Clinton White House, working directly for Assistant to the President, Alexis Herman, who later became the first African-American Secretary of Labor.

After Georgetown, Kirschner worked in rural Guatemala as a US Peace Corps Municipal Development volunteer. Following the Peace Corps, he led a USAID Mayan-community conservation project in the same region of Guatemala. He is fluent in Spanish and speaks some Mayan Q'eqchi.

Returning home, served as president of his neighborhood association and in 2007, was the youngest City Commissioner ever elected in Sarasota's 100+ year history. Serving two terms as Vice Mayor and one year as Mayor, key accomplishments during Kirschner's four years in office included:

- Successful push for strongest campaign finance reform legislation of any city in the state of Florida
- Initiation of concerted minority outreach programs, including particularly with City's booming Hispanic population
- Reduction of City operating budget by \$22.6M or 37% over four years, while maintaining performance, operating efficiency service levels, ad valorem tax rates and a strong AA bond rating
- Creation of innovative local-hiring program in partnership with the Suncoast Workforce Board to address severe unemployment in area, leveraging City, Housing Authority, County, School and Hospital Board investments reaching \$400M in infrastructure projects in the area over a four year period

Having two children during his time in office, Kirschner and his wife made the decision to not run again.

Prior to joining Eckerd, Kirschner was the director of UnidosNow.org – a nascent, non-profit organization aiming to unite Florida's Hispanic and associated immigrant communities in integrating and accessing the full benefits of the state's civic, economic and cultural weave. He currently is a board member with UnidosNow and the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee Community Leadership Council. He has previously served on the boards of the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); Sarasota Bay Estuary Program; Sarasota Juvenile Justice Coalition; Florida League of Cities Energy & Environmental Quality Committee; Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Sarasota County; and Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County.



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As an elected official in Sarasota weathering Florida's Great Recession, I found it to be an imperative to work closely with the Suncoast Workforce Board in aligning multiple governmental, nongovernmental and private corporate actors' efforts at addressing our City's severe unemployment. Creating minimum local hiring requirements on public infrastructure projects, the Workforce Board became the facilitator for contractors to identify and interview local pools of qualified candidates, including candidates residing in particular geographic areas that the City was targeting. It was a positive and powerful experience that has now included over \$400M in public investment in the system, with the City of Sarasota, Sarasota County, Sarasota Housing Authority, Sarasota School Board, and the Sarasota Hospital Board all participating.

I am humbled to be currently serving as Eckerd College's Dean of Special Programs and Continuing Education. Eckerd's executive education programs, part of the Center for Creative Leadership's global network, are consistently ranked among the top ten in the world, frequently coming in ahead of Harvard, Penn, and others in rankings by publications such as the *Financial Times* and *US News and World Report*. For over three decades, Eckerd has played a key role in workforce development for corporations and government in the Tampa Bay area. Eckerd is heavily invested in Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay region and I would be honored to represent the College on the WorkNet Board.



January, 2013

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WorkNet Pinellas Board of Directors  
13805 58 Street North, Suite 2-140  
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