

THRIVING MIND APPOINTS NEW OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND HONORARY DIRECTORS TO ITS BOARD

The Thriving Mind South Florida Board of Directors has appointed new directors, renewed and appointed new officers and appointed new honorary directors.

Officers

- Paul Imbrone will continue to serve as Chair of the Board for 2 additional years.
- Paul Armstrong will continue to serve as Chair Elect of the Board for 2 additional years.
- Luis Collazo was appointed Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Collazo has been a Director on the Board for over 5 years and he is a longtime, active volunteer in Miami Lakes and the broader community. He has served in many volunteer capacities including Chair of the Elderly Affairs Committee for six years.

Directors

- Michael Nozile has been an honorary board member for 2 years and he is also a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. He is the President and CEO of GANG Alternative, a vital need for the community that his organization serves.
- Valera Jackson has been a dedicated Board member, past (Founding) Chair and was recently appointed by Chair, Paul Imbrone as Co-Chair of our Provider Advisory Committee.
- Captain Michael DiGiovanni is a Captain with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department since 2001. He is trained in various positions with the Sheriff's Department and has lots to share with our Board of Directors with us moving forward to achieve our goals.
- Bishop Joanem "Fanfan" Floreal is the Bishop of Shalom Community Churches, He was elevated to Bishop in September 2021. He is very active in the community and the Nomination Committee feels that he will be an asset to our Board of Directors.
- Mecca McCain (Youth Member) Ms. McCain is a sophomore at the University of Miami double majoring in Psychology and Criminology. Her interests include mental health, the welfare of incarcerated individuals, and working with underserved communities. She volunteers at 3 South Florida Correctional Institutions helping to empower youth offenders.
- Shanika Ampah Haynes Ms. Ampah is a mother, nurse, advocate, policy leader, and motivational speaker. Currently employed as an Outreach Coordinator at the University of Miami T.H.R.I.V.E. Clinic and Kristi's House as a Survivor Leader for Human Trafficking Division Project Gold. She is the Founder and Director of Guiding Light Outreach, Inc., a nonprofit organization that serves the community as a beacon of light to address social issues and traumatic events. Ms. Ampah is living life full circle by using her life's experiences and nursing career to help other victims and survivors. Describing this venture as a marriage between her career, passion, and purpose.
- Commissioner Holly Raschein is a member of the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners. She previously served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2012 - 2020 representing the 120th district, which includes Monroe County and southern Miami-Dade County. She is originally from Alaska.

- Commissioner Jean Monestime is a real estate businessman and member of the Miami-Dade County Commission since 2010. He is the first Haitian American to serve as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner, as well as the first to chair the Commission. Commissioner Monestime represents District 2 in Northeast Miami-Dade County, which incorporates portions of North Miami, North Miami Beach and Biscayne Gardens, as well as Miami neighborhoods of Little Haiti and Liberty City.

Honorary Directors

The following people will serve as honorary directors, after having served on the board.

- Mario Jardon
- Rosemary Smith-Noel
- Duane Triplet
- Victoria Mallette
- Rev. Jose Hernandez