

George Latimer  
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Denise Miranda, 25 Stuyvesant Plaza, Mount Vernon, New York as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, for the term April 29, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Given under my hand  
and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day  
of April, 2021.

  
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April 29, 2021

Ms. Denise Miranda  
25 Stuyvesant Plaza  
Mount Vernon, NY 10552

Dear Ms. Miranda,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, effective today, Thursday, April 29, 2021, pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County §277.461. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Hispanic Advisory Board meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact Martha Lopez of my office at (914) 995-2947 for the date, place, and time of the Hispanic Advisory Board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics. A financial disclosure form is attached.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

George Latimer  
Westchester County Executive

GL/ts

cc: Honorable Board of Legislators  
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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## DENISE M. MIRANDA, ESQ.

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### NYS JUSTICE CENTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Executive Director; 2017 -Present

Founded in 2013, the Justice Center is the first in the nation oversight agency created to ensure accountability for the welfare and well-being of people with special needs who are in state and private care within the State of New York. All allegations of abuse and neglect, including but not limited to mortality reviews, physical assaults and sexual abuse committed by a custodian are investigated administratively and if appropriate, prosecuted criminally. Additionally, the Justice Center performs statutorily required pre employment checks on those seeking positions with providers under JC jurisdiction and provides legal representation in administrative disciplinary proceedings. The Justice Center has jurisdiction over one million individuals receiving services from six state oversight agencies. With over 425 employees and 17 regional offices, the JC maintains an operating budget of over 41 million dollars.

- Appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo and confirmed by the New York State Senate.
- Oversight of all agency functions including but not limited to strategic planning, policy determination and implementation, ensuring statutory compliance of the PPSNA.
- Testify annually before NYS legislators.
- Report to Executive Chamber.
- Present and attend events on behalf of the Governor.
- Engage statewide with various stakeholders.
- Liaise with other NYS agencies.

### URBAN JUSTICE CENTER

NEW YORK, NY

Managing Director, Safety Net Project; 2010-2017

- Supervised staff of 20+ with responsibility for strategic planning, hiring and training.
- Fundraised and managed 1.4 million dollar budget from foundations and government programs.
- Instituted citywide legal programs that ensure access to economic supports and federally subsidized housing for low- and no-income residents of New York City through direct legal services, impact litigation, policy advocacy and research.
- Established and implemented program initiatives based on current trends with federal, state and city safety net programs.
- Collaborated with city agencies, citywide organizations, and community-based organizations with a focus on improving access and retention of economic supports.
- Initiated and implemented media and public relations strategies in English and Spanish outlets.
- Provided structural support and professional development for staff.
- Represented management at collective bargaining sessions with union.
- Spearheaded organizational diversity and inclusion efforts and established partnerships with pipeline programs.
- Contributed to and interviewed with national and regional media: The Nation, Huffington Post, New York Times, New York Law Journal, Daily News, City Limits.

### HARRIS & MIRANDA, LLP

NEW YORK, NY

Founding Partner; 2004–May 2010

- Handled general litigation matters, including criminal, matrimonial/family, employment, real estate and business formation matters.
- Commentator providing legal analysis on nationally televised network, *Court Television*.

**DENISE MIRANDA & ASSOCIATES**

Founder; 2003-2004

NEW YORK, NY

- Managed all facets of practice, including budgeting, securing small-business financing, networking, and supervision of staff.

**NETWORK FOR WOMEN'S SERVICES, INC.**

BRONX, NY

Attorney; 2000-2001

- Provided counsel and legal services to women seeking assistance with family and matrimonial matters.
- Facilitated and conducted Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Training for volunteer, pro bono attorneys.

**THE BRONX COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEX CRIMES BUREAU**

BRONX, NY

Assistant District Attorney; 1996-2000

- Prosecuted criminal cases, including homicides and high-profile felonies from arrest through trial, including investigations, hearings, grand jury presentations, and plea negotiations.

**EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS**

**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

QUEENS, NY

Juris Doctor, May 1996

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, College of Arts and Sciences**

NEW YORK, NY

Bachelor of Arts, May 1993

New York State Bar, Southern District of New York, Eastern District of New York

**COMMUNITY SERVICE, AFFILIATIONS & SKILLS**

- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Westchester
- 100 Hispanic Women of Westchester
- Westchester Black Bar Association
- Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus
- Puerto Rican Bar Association
- New York Bar Association
- 2013-2017; Board Member, Finance Committee Member, Union Community Health Center, Bronx, NY
- 2015-2017; Co-Chair, Public Housing Taskforce, Women's City Club of New York
- 2014-2015; Board Member, Community Service Associates, Mount Vernon, NY
- 2007-2009; Board Member, Mutual Housing Association, Diego Beekman

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER  
OATH OF OFFICE

For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )

I, Denise Miranda do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support  
(Print or Type Name)

the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will  
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of W.A. Co. Trip Adv. Bd. in and for the  
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.

Date: May 31, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31 day of May,  
2021.

Afna Afraye Fullwood  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)  
Afna Afraye - Fullwood  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or Type Name)

NYS. Notary #2AF6137435 exp. 11/28/21  
Commissioned in Bronx (Title of Official Administering Oath)

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.