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Cañellas sworn in as PR CofC chief

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Jorge Cañellas Hidalgo was sworn in as the new president of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.

Cañellas and the new CofC board took the oath during a ceremony presided by Puerto Rico Supreme Court Chief Justice Federico Hernández Denton at a San Juan hotel.

Joining family members in attendance were government officials from the executive, legislative and judicial branches, business leaders and members of the diplomatic corps on the island.

Hernández Denton spoke of the importance of the CofC for Puerto Rico's economic development.

Cañellas, a certified public accountant, outlined the five key pillars of his strategic plan at the CofC: helping to unify Puerto Rico in a shared vision for the island; helping implement ways to boost the island's competitiveness; contribute to the development of entrepreneurs and businesses; spur an entrepreneurial culture in Puerto Rico; and develop an organizational structure to further its mission to foment business growth and job creation.

"We all have a duty to take part in this transformation for the good of the CofC, Puerto Rico and our socioeconomic development," Cañellas said.

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