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EVENT SPEAKERS

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Hon. Cameron McKenzie

*Master of Ceremonies — President of FACES
Committee*

KEY MESSAGE

Serving as Master of Ceremonies for the evening — delivering the welcome, framing the event's goals and objectives, and leading the Champions of Puerto Rico awards presentation and closing remarks.

ABOUT

Investment banker and founder of McKenzie & Associates. He has served as Chairman of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce and on the Financial Oversight & Management Board for Puerto Rico, is the first Puerto Rican on the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce, sits on the B20 Digital Transformation Taskforce advising the G20, and serves as Honorary Consul of Japan in Puerto Rico.



Margaret Ramírez Báez

President, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce

KEY MESSAGE

Presenting the history and advocacy efforts of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce and speaking on federal funds — their proper use and importance to the Island's recovery and growth.

ABOUT

Attorney and President of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce (2025–2026), leading a 'Growth and Freedom' agenda built on private property rights and free enterprise. Founder of the law firm LegalmentePR LLC, she is also an executive at Air Flamenco and Flamenco Cargo and owner of ProntoCare, and holds a JD, a Master's in Finance, and a BBA.



José Julio Aparicio

President-Elect, PR Chamber — FACES Founder

KEY MESSAGE

Presenting the history and mission of FACES — the federal-advocacy initiative he created within the Chamber — and its work advancing Puerto Rico's priorities before Congress.

ABOUT

Attorney, entrepreneur, and President-Elect of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce. He is the creator and founder of the FACES federal-advocacy program and a serial founder across industries — from Knox Medical, which helped pioneer Puerto Rico's medical-cannabis sector, to Gentech Security, Red Rooster, and WininPR.



Luis Pizarro

*Founder & CEO, FIDE LLC — Past PRCC
Chairman*

KEY MESSAGE

Speaking on the health sector and the opportunities in Medicaid and Medicare Advantage, making the case for equitable federal health funding for Puerto Rico's beneficiaries.

ABOUT

Health-policy attorney and founder, President & CEO of FIDE LLC, and Immediate Past Chairman of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce. He holds an LLM in Health Law from Loyola University Chicago and a BA from George Washington University, with more than a decade of leadership across Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance.



Solange de Lahongrais

President, MMAPA & MMM Multihealth

KEY MESSAGE

Joining the health-sector remarks on Medicaid and Medicare Advantage opportunities, advocating for fair federal funding and parity for the programs that serve Puerto Rico's beneficiaries.

ABOUT

Attorney and President of MMM Multihealth, which serves more than 280,000 Medicaid beneficiaries in Puerto Rico, and the first woman to preside over MMAPA. A magna cum laude graduate of the Pontifical Catholic University law school, she was appointed by the Governor in 2026 to a multisectoral working group advocating for fair federal health funding for the Island.



David Rodríguez

President, PR Society of CPAs

KEY MESSAGE

Speaking on tax reform and the impact of GILTI on Puerto Rico — and the role of sound, competitive tax policy in the Island's economic growth.

ABOUT

Certified Public Accountant and Certified Internal Auditor, and President of the Puerto Rico Society of CPAs (2025–2026). He founded the CPA firm Sageza, LLC in 2010 and previously chaired the board of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce (2016). A UPR graduate, he is also a business columnist and frequent media commentator on tax and economic matters.



Kenneth Rivera

*Tax Partner, Galíndez LLC — Past PRCC
President*

KEY MESSAGE

Speaking on tax incentives and the importance of the Malliotakis bill (the MMEDS Act) for reshoring pharmaceutical and critical manufacturing to Puerto Rico.

ABOUT

Tax Partner at Galíndez LLC with more than three decades of experience. A CPA, attorney, and notary public who also holds the CVA, CGMA, and CM&AA designations, he is a Professor of Tax Law at the UPR School of Law, a past President of both the PR Chamber of Commerce and the PR Society of CPAs, and Secretary of the PR Manufacturers Association.



Rafael Vélez

President, PR Manufacturers Association

KEY MESSAGE

Speaking on Puerto Rico's electric power sector — the path toward a reliable, resilient, and modern energy system, including new transmission infrastructure linking the Island to the region.

ABOUT

President of the Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association (since 2025) and a CPA. He is Founder and President of Atabey Capital and CEO of Caribbean Transmission Development Co., advancing a 700 MW submarine power-transmission cable between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. A director of OFG Bancorp, he holds degrees from Babson College and Georgetown and completed IESE's Advanced Management Program.