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FBA's SANCHEZ NAMED TO SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE COMMISSION

TALLAHASSEE — Alex Sanchez, president and CEO of the Florida Bankers Association (FBA), has been appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission. The commission is a charter school authorizing entity established by House Bill 135 to allow municipalities and universities to share in the responsibility of creating new charter schools.

"I am very proud and excited to have been appointed to this very important commission," said Sanchez. "As our state continues to grow and become a model for the rest of the nation in so many areas, it is paramount that we continue to improve the quality of education our children receive."

The commission will work with the Florida Department of Education and under the supervision of the State Board of Education to better meet the growing needs of the state's current charter schools and to allow municipalities, state universities, community colleges and other regional educational organizations to participate in the development and support of charter schools throughout the state. The commission will also be responsible for developing and disseminating best practices to charter schools and charter school sponsors to ensure high standards of academics and accountability are maintained.

"Alex has been — and continues to be — a motivating force for the banking industry," said Gwynn Cochran Virostek, FBA chairman. "I have no doubt that he will apply the same passion and enthusiasm in this new role. Florida's educational system will be better for having him as an ally."

Sanchez has been president and CEO of the association since 1998. He has been a leader and resource for Florida's banking industry as it has grown throughout the state.

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