Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.

Fonseca currently serves as a Trustee of the Florida TaxWatch. As a financial professional, his entrepreneurial spirit led him to start his own business, where he specializes on working with clients to achieve their financial goals. He also has a minor in world history at the University Dijon, France.

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rbb Communications announced an agreement with West Palm Beach based O’Donnell Agency to merge its operations with rbb effective June 1. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. O’Donnell Agency has been a major force on South Florida’s public relations landscape since its formation in 1995. The agreement strengthens rbb’s presence in the Palm Beach County market where it already represents many of the top businesses in the energy, banking and professional service sectors. Like much of South Florida, Palm Beach County continues to see robust growth and rbb is actively looking to increase its engagement and footing in the area to better serve its existing and prospective clients.

“Owen Casey O’Donnell dominates the Palm Beach County market,” said Christine Barney, CEO of rbb communications. “Marry that with her impeccable reputation, energy and her focused commitment to generating real results for clients, and that makes her a great addition to rbb’s team. This will enhance our integrated communication services both in Florida and nationally.”

“From my perspective, this move benefits everybody, with the priority being my clients,” O’Donnell added. “Both firms are closely aligned in our missions and mandates to provide smart strategy and the very best marketing expertise, so we already feel like we’ve been partners for years. rbb has a proven, Florida-wide footprint and a depth of talent in digital, creative and PR services that our clients will value immediately.”

O’Donnell has been recognized as one of the top public relations professionals in Florida for decades and has been named as one of the state’s 500 Most Influential Leaders by Florida Trend since they introduced the list four years ago. This is in her second year as chair of the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County and is a past-chaire of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. O’Donnell will serve as lead counsel with rbb in the Palm Beach market.

“Owen is widely known as a triple threat, recognized as champions in the field of PR, digital, advertising and creative services. In 2020 alone, rbb was among top Five Global Creative Agencies of the Year, the Pl牽et US Small Agency of the Year, the Forbes Top PR Firms and was ranked first in the 2020 South Florida Business Journal’s list of largest PR agencies.”

State of the Workforce

The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches is partnering with CareerSource Palm Beach County for the State of the Workforce webinar on Wednesday, June 23, at 10 a.m. Hospitality and Tourism are bouncing back, join our panel of speakers to learn more on how the hospitality industries are recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic from global, national and regional perspectives. The pandemic from global, national and regional perspectives. The pandemic from global, national and regional perspectives. The pandemic from global, national and regional perspectives.

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City Commissioner addresses Chamber Board

The District Flats is a brand-new apartment home community at 500 Corporate Way, Suite 200 in west Palm Beach. Executive on its premise for effortlessly easy luxury living near downtown, choose between one-, two- and three-bedroom layouts that feature a relaxed design to match your hyper-local lifestyle.

The project is being led by Saahid Wang, COO of PGA of America and will offer kids programs when it is completed in the fall of 2022. City Commissioner Lambert also spoke about the recent grand opening of District Flats in the Warehouse District, and La Clara Palm Beach and Forte, two new residential developments. Her address included a report on the purchase of the site at Dixie Highway, where the community is passionate about the opportunity to determine how best to utilize the property.