

Biography of Dr. Barbara M. Sharief, M.S.N., A.P.R.N., D.N.P.
Broward County Commissioner
Commission District 8, located in Southern Broward County

Broward County Commissioner Dr. Barbara Sharief was born in South Florida, raised in Broward County and is a long-time resident of District 8. In her personal life, Barbara is a mother of three children Amanda, Alyssa and Hailey, and an active volunteer in the Broward County Schools. Commissioner Sharief comes from a family of 10. Her father was a self-employed clothing salesman, and her mother assisted her father in the financial workings of his company. Both of her parents have given her strong values, morals, and ethical beliefs.

Professionally, Commissioner Sharief is an accomplished, self-made businesswoman. Her career began after she graduated from North Miami Senior High School and enrolled at Miami Dade Community College. She later graduated from Jackson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and obtained an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing from Miami Dade Community College. She continued her educational pursuits and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, and an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Degree from Florida International University. Commissioner Sharief is one of the youngest people to have passed the RN board exam in the State of Florida. Commissioner Sharief received her Doctor of Nursing Practice on October 13, 2017.

She has more than 26 years of experience in the specialized field of issues pertaining to medically complex children. Through this invaluable experience, Commissioner Sharief was successful at creating and managing a variety of companies and has a strong success record for making non-profitable businesses profitable.

In 2001, Commissioner Sharief founded South Florida Pediatric Homecare Inc. The company is currently servicing residents of Broward and Miami-Dade Counties providing jobs for approximately 200 professionals in South Florida and has done so by providing an invaluable service. The company is considered one of the top home health care agencies in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties for the care of children and adults with complex medical issues.

As a business owner and active parent, her commitment to her community led her to public service. Commissioner Sharief was Commissioner and Vice-Mayor for the City of Miramar from 2009 to 2010. In 2010, she was elected to the Broward County Commission, District 8 which serves the culturally diverse population of Hallandale Beach, Miramar, Pembroke Park, Pembroke Pines, and West Park.

In 2013, Commissioner Sharief was selected as the first African American Mayor of Broward County and in 2016, was selected once again as Broward County's Mayor. During her tenure, she has advocated for affordable healthcare, mortgage and foreclosure relief, solutions for homelessness, and for entrepreneurial/small business assistance and mentoring programs.

Commissioner Sharief has been a member of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) since 2009 and in 2015 was elected President. She has also been a member of the National Association of Counties (NACo) since 2009 and currently serves as Chair of the National Association of Counties' Subcommittee on Medicaid.

Commissioner Sharief will continue representing her constituents on a state and national level to advocate for economic stability through job creation, small business support, advocating for COVID 19 financial assistance, affordable healthcare, equal access to care, fair wages, neighborhood revitalization, education, equal rights for all and quality care for the elderly, veterans, and children.
