

Nanette A. Rivera, Big Cypress Basin - Board Member

Nanette Rivera retired in 2018 after a 40-year career in the Pharmaceutical Industry. She started her career as a newly minted Engineer from GA Tech, and later added an MBA in Finance from The University of Chicago. She ended her career as an executive at global firms such as Bristol Myers-Squibb and Johnson & Johnson. Initially she moved from product engineering into manufacturing and on to Executive level positions in Supply Chain Strategy Development, Integration Design & Head of Corporate Integrations for Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate and Supply Chain Restructurings, Off-shoring Operations, and Plant & Operations Consolidations and Optimizations.

In 2008, she founded and became Managing Partner of Merton Partners, a boutique management consulting firm specializing in pharmaceutical global Supply-Chain strategy work and corporate integrations & divestitures.

Nanette and her husband have owned a home on Marco Island since 1999. They live on an active waterway bay, with significant natural habitat, such as dolphins, manatees, turtles, ospreys & eagles; subsequently they are active in learning about water-quality issues and how to actively support resiliency of their environment. They have installed Florida Friendly (Xeriscaping) yard design, mini-reef under their dock, and rainwater capturing cisterns.

Nanette's family were expats for an American multinational corporation, which afforded her the opportunity to live & study during her formative years in Central & South America (Panama, Colombia, Mexico, Puerto Rico). She graduated from High School in Atlanta after completing an exchange year abroad to Johannesburg, South Africa. She was born in the United States to American parents and is fully bilingual in English & Spanish.

As an adult she further expanded her international cultural experience by accepting overseas work assignments in: **Asia** (Indonesia, China, Japan), **EU** (Ireland, Italy, Belgium, Nordic Countries), **Latin America** (Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Puerto Rico), **Africa & Australia** (South Africa, Australia).

She earned her B.S. in Industrial Engineering from GA Tech, and a Master's in Finance (MBA) from The University of Chicago.

Current Term: February 2021 – March 2024

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Areas Represented: Collier County and portions of Monroe County

Appointed by: Governor Ron DeSantis

Original Appointment: February 2021

Education:

- **MBA – Finance:** University of Chicago (Booth School of Business); 1987
- **BS – Industrial Engineering:** Georgia Institute of Technology (GA Tech); 1980

Professional, Business, and Service Affiliations:

- Republican Hispanic National Assembly – Collier County
 - Board Membership: Vice-President & Campaign Chair
- Collier County Republican Executive Committee
 - Board Treasurer
 - Campaign Co-Chair: Organized & Delivered the first Non-Partisan Collier Countywide 'swing' Voter-Outreach, (hand delivered 12,000 invitations to target homes)
- Marco Island - US Coast Guard Auxiliary
 - Certified Crew on Coast-Guard vessels
 - Certified Boat Safety & Navigation
 - Crewed in numerous "patrols" in Marco Island & the 10,000 Islands
- Sailing Captain Certificate for Bare-Boat Sailing Vessel up to 50-ft.
 - Bare-Boat Sailed: Caribbean, Mediterranean, South Pacific