

**MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST
MEETING SUMMARY
APRIL 27, 2006
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Opinions

06-32: The Commission on Ethics opined that a Parks volunteer at Amelia Earhart Park may serve as a member of a design team for the Amelia Earhart Sports Complex – a facility to be located in a County park.

06-33: The Commission on Ethics opined that two former County Commissioners may enter into a contractual relationship with an entity that benefited from a decision of the Board of County Commissioners when the subject commissioners were members of the County Commission as long as these commissioners did not attempt to steer the contract to the firm which now seeks to employ them. Further, the Ethics Commission found that the former County Commissioners would be prohibited from lobbying the County for two year leaving office.

06-34: The Ethics Commission opined that the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance that prohibits lobbyists from accepting success fees does not apply to salespeople doing business with the County when they receive a commission pursuant to their employers landing contracts with Miami-Dade County as long as the compensation arrangement between the salespeople and their firm are customary in the industry.

06-35: The Ethics Commission opined board members of the CAMACOL Loan Fund who simultaneously serve on the board of CAMACOL are permitted to serve in both capacities as long as the board members, their families, or their associates do not financially benefit from dual board service.

06-36: The Ethics Commission opined that Malcolm Pirnie and URS Corporation may provide bond engineering services for the county's Water and Sewer Department due to the fact the scope of work the team previously worked on does not conflict with the scope of work under the proposed agreement.

SEC 06-24: The Ethics Commission opined that an employee with the Miami-Dade Housing Agency who has no involvement with the division that administers the Section 8 Housing Program is not permitted to accept Section 8 housing vouchers on account of the Code provision that prohibits County employees from contracting with their own departments.

Complaints

06-06: The Commission on Ethics accepted the proposed settlement agreement between the Assistant Advocate and the Respondent Donald Abbott, when Mr. Abbott, as a sitting Community Council member, voted to approve a zoning change necessary for Lennar Homes to proceed when Mr. Abbott's company had active contracts with Lennar. As part of the settlement agreement, Respondent Abbott pled no contest to the allegations contained in the complaint and agreed to pay a fine of \$750.

06-13: The Commission on Ethics granted Respondent's Irby Motion to Dismiss the complaint filed against her by the Advocate and concluded that Ms. Irby, who was alleged to have exploited her official position as City Clerk when she used City gasoline for use in her private home generator following Hurricane Wilma, did not act improperly under the circumstances.