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Commission Meeting Summary September 25, 2008

Opinions

08-43: The Commission on Ethics opined that the Executive Project Manager of Air Transport IT Services, whose company is a contractor with the Aviation Department, may hire the son of an Aviation Department employee to work on an Aviation contract, as the County's nepotism policy permits immediate family members to work in the same department. Further, the County employee does not have a controlling financial interest in the company doing business with the Aviation Department.

08-44: The Commission on Ethics opined that a member of the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust who serves as General Counsel and registered agent to her father's company, a company which provides concrete to several local developers, has no voting conflict concerning construction-related contracts that come before the Vizcaya Trust. The Commission found that the requester is not directly affected by the decisions that the Trust may make concerning the Vizcayans litigation with the Related Group, the developer who has previously contracted with the father's company. Furthermore, the Commission found that the requester does not have any of the enumerated relationships with a party or entity appearing before the Vizcaya Trust connected to the Related Group litigation.

08-45: The Commission on Ethics opined that the City of Miami Beach may hire a candidate to advise the City Manager, City Commission and senior staff on capital construction projects when the candidate, in his private capacity, owns a local construction company provided certain conditions are met: the candidate's company will not contract with the City of Miami Beach; the company will not engage in any work within the city limits of the City of Miami Beach; the company and its subcontractors will not apply for, nor be issued, building permits in the City of Miami Beach for any project associated with his company; the company will have no business relationship with any vendors engaged in construction for the City of Miami Beach; all of the company's clients will be disclosed on annual basis to the City of Miami Beach and the Ethics Commission; the candidate may not use governmental resources to conduct company business, the candidate must receive permission to engage outside employment and report said income from outside employment and he must hire either a general contractor to run the day-to-day operations of his private company or use an existing employee who can handle these responsibilities during his full-time employment with the City of Miami Beach.

Complaints

08-13: The Commission on Ethics accepted the first of two payments from City of Florida City Planning Board member Lovey Clayton. Respondent Clayton agreed to pay a fine of \$500 (in two installments) and accept a Letter of Instruction at a prior meeting. The charges against him were based on his failure to properly disclose his holdings on his financial disclosure forms.

08-19: The Commission on Ethics found legal sufficiency and probable cause against Respondent Rebecca Alvarez-Mena in connection with her failure to file a financial disclosure statement as a member of the City of Miami's Equal Opportunity Advisory Board.

08-23: The Commission on Ethics found legal sufficiency and probable cause against Respondent Rebecca Sam Mason in connection with his failure to file a financial disclosure statement as a member of the City of Miami's Equal Opportunity Advisory Board.

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**Executive Director
Robert Meyers'**
message on issues and
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Miscellaneous

The Ethics Commission released a report entitled "Survey of Local Government Reimbursement and Credit Card Policies."



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