

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST
CLERK'S SUMMARY MINUTES AND AGENDA ACTION
MEETING OF MAY 19, 2010**

The Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics convened in the Biscayne Building, 19 West Flagler Street, Suite 820 on May 19, 2010 there being present Commission members Dawn Addy, Charlton Copeland, Seymour Gelber, Kerry Rosenthal, Robert Meyers, Executive Director, Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel, Michael Murawski, Advocate, Miriam Ramos, Assistant Advocate, Victoria Frigo, Staff Attorney, Kennedy Rosario, Investigator, Rachelle Cedeno, Administrative Assistant, Barnaby Min, Miriam Singer, Miguel DeGrandy and Andre Crenshaw.

I. Swearing In New Commissioner

Professor Charlton Copeland was sworn in by Judge Scott Bernstein. Commissioner Copeland, who was appointed by the University of Miami School of Law and replaced Magda Abdo-Gomez, was given a warm welcome by the other members of the Ethics Commission

II. Approval of Minutes April 14, 2010 meeting

Commissioner Addy moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

III. Request for Opinions 10-09, 13 to 15, Section 8

Victoria Frigo presented a draft opinion for RQO 10-09. Commissioner Addy moved to adopt the draft opinion. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

Ardyth Walker presented a draft opinion for RQO 10-13. Commissioner Addy moved to adopt the draft opinion. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

Ardyth Walker presented a draft opinion for RQO 10-14. Commissioner Addy moved to approve the draft opinion. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

Ardyth Walker presented a draft opinion for RQO 10-15. Commissioner Addy moved to approve the draft opinion. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

Victoria Frigo presented a draft Section 8 memorandum. Commission Addy moved to approve the draft memorandum. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

IV. Lobbyists' Appeals

The Office of the Advocate presented a report streamlining the process by which lobbyist appeals will be handled. After a brief discussion, the Ethics Commission approved the new procedures by consensus.

V. Legislative Update

Robert Meyers gave the Ethics Commission an update on all the pending legislative matters before the Board of County Commissioners.

VI. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported on preliminary 2010-11 budget, the remaining vacancy on the Ethics Commission and the Procurement Ethics Conference held on May 14, 2010.

VII. Public Comments

There were no public comments at the meeting.

VIII. Complaints 09-05, 27, 30, 35, 10-11, 14, 16, 19-22, Subpoenas

In open session, the Ethics Commission took the following action:

09-05 and 09-27: Commissioner Addy moved to approve the proposed settlement agreement between the Office of the Advocate and the Respondents. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

09-30: Commissioner Addy moved to approve the Letter of Instruction drafted by the Office of the Advocate. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

09-35: Commissioner Addy moved to grant Advocate's Motion for Voluntary Dismissal. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

The Ethics Commission went into executive session at 11:25 a.m. to hear the remaining complaints. Upon returning to open session at 11:58 a.m., the Ethics Commission took the following action:

10-11: Commissioner Addy moved to approve the Letter of Instruction. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

10-14: Commissioner Addy moved to find probable cause. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

10-16: Commissioner Addy moved to grant Advocate's Motion for Voluntary Dismissal. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

10-19: Commissioner Addy moved to grant Advocate's Motion for Voluntary Dismissal. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

10-20: Commissioner Addy moved to grant Advocate's Motion to Extend Time to Make a Probable Cause Finding. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

10-21: Commissioner Addy moved to find probable cause. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

10-22: Commissioner Addy moved to grant Advocate's Motion for Voluntary Dismissal. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

The Ethics Commission authorized three subpoenas for investigation 10-038.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business, Commissioner Addy moved to adjourn the meeting. Judge Gelber seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Kerry Rosenthal, Chairman