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Ethics Commission concludes internal investigation & elects new chair

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust today examined and accepted the Ethics Employer Investigative Interview Report conducted by Vice-Chair Dawn Addy. The review, which took place during November and December, was in response to allegations reported to Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez by an anonymous complaint. The report makes several recommendations to improve the structure and function of employee relations among staff members — many of which will be implemented soon or discussed at a staff retreat later this month. Copies of the report will be provided upon request.

Prior to the end of the meeting, Commission members voted Dr. Addy to chair the board for the next two year term. The Director of the Center for Labor Research and Studies at Florida International University has served on the Ethics Commission since the fall of 2001.

The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.