

MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

Summary of Minutes and Agenda Actions

Public Hearing of March 5, 2014

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics convened in the Biscayne Building, 19 West Flagler Street, Suite 820, Miami, FL, on March 5, 2014. Present were Commission Chair Nelson Bellido, Commission Vice Chair Lawrence Schwartz, Commissioner Dawn Addy, Commissioner Charlton Copeland and Commissioner Kerry Rosenthal. Also present were Joseph Centorino, Executive Director; Michael Murawski, Advocate; Miriam Ramos, Deputy General Counsel; Gilma Diaz-Greco, Staff Attorney; Rhonda Victor Sibilia, Communications Director; and Rachelle Cedeno Ross, Executive Secretary. Also present: Miami City Commissioner Frank Carollo, his attorney Ben Kuehne, Joe Carollo, Al Crespo, and Sandra Peebles and Carlos Corrales from Univision. The hearing was called to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

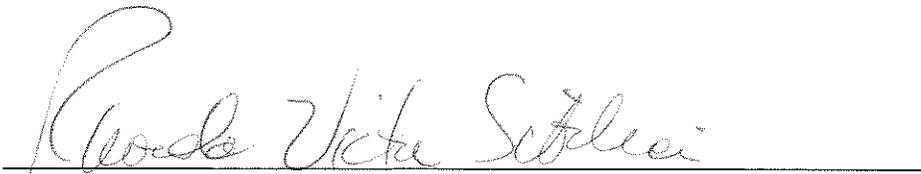
I. Complaint

Deputy General Counsel Miriam Ramos reported that negotiations were on going with the respondent and requested a brief adjournment. Attorney Ben Kuehne concurred. Chair Bellido adjourned the meeting until 10:20.

The meeting was called back into order at 10:23 a.m. when Ms. Ramos announced that a settlement has been agreed to for **C 12-32**, in which Miami City Commissioner Frank Carollo was accused of exploitation of official position for calling the police chief when he was pulled over for a traffic violation in August of 2012. Respondent agreed not to contest the allegation and for the violation will pay a fine of \$1,000, investigative costs of \$1,404.15 and accept a Letter of Instruction, which will be presented at the next regular meeting on March 13, 2014. Vice-Chair Schwartz made a motion to accept the settlement. It was seconded by Commissioner Addy and unanimously approved (**5-0**).

II. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Ethics Commission, Commissioner Rosenthal moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schwartz and it passed unanimously (**5-0**). The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.



Prepared by Rhonda Victor Sibilia, Communications Director