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Attorney Felix Lasarte, a registered lobbyist, inquired regarding whether individuals representing his client, the principal would need to register as lobbyists and take the lobbyist ethics course if they were to participate in a meeting with County officials along with him. He was advised that a principal who engages in lobbying activity, i.e, attempting to influence a decision made by county personnel that would ultimately go to the County Commission, the Mayor or a County board, would have to register as a lobbyist under Section 2-11.1(s)(2). Although such a person would not need to pay the lobbyist registration fee, the lobbyist ethics course would need to be taken by that individual. If the person involved was only attending the meeting to answer technical questions or provide information requested by the County personnel, and did not engage in any attempt at influencing the decision, then that person would not be considered a lobbyist and would not need to register or take the course.

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