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To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Matthew Pigatt, Commissioner, City of Opa-locka (Sunshine Law, Section 286.011, F.S.) INQ 17-140

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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:14 PM
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Commissioner Pigatt:

The Sunshine Law, Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, which applies only to meetings involving more than one member of a public board, requires that such meetings take place in locations that are easily accessible to the public. The meetings you describe appear to involve no other board members. You may meet as an individual board member with the City Manager, City Attorney or City Clerk without the necessity of complying with the Sunshine Law. Therefore, as long as your meetings do not involve another board member, you may schedule them at your Florida Memorial University office without the necessity of meeting the notice and accessibility requirements of the Sunshine Law.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>
Subject: Ethics Opinion Request

Good afternoon Joe,

I hope all is well with you.

One of my colleagues brought up a concern about me having meetings with city staff at my Florida Memorial University office. I have regularly scheduled meetings with my city manager, city attorney, and city clerk. I asked the city attorney about this before having them and was advised that it was okay.

Could you let me know if there are any grounds for an ethics violation?

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