

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST



In Re: Kionne McGhee

C 20-40-10

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

Complainant Johnny Farias (Farias), former candidate for Miami-Dade County Commission, filed this complaint against his opponent and newly elected Commissioner Kionne McGhee (McGhee)<sup>1</sup>, alleging the following actions: he violated the Minimum Housing Condemnation Act; he failed to pay Farias for electrical work done at his residence; and he failed to disclose his company on his 2019 Financial Statement.

Legal sufficiency exists where the complaint adequately alleges a violation of an ordinance within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission, committed by an individual within the authority of the Ethics Commission and filed with the Ethics Commission within three years of the alleged violation.

The Ethics Commission does not enforce the Minimum Housing Condemnation Act. Also, failure to pay a contractor is a private matter not within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission. Finally, a violation of Section 2-11.1(i) of the County Ethics Code (Financial disclosure) requires that the asset or property in question belong to the Respondent. In this instance, there can be no violation where the property was not owned by Respondent McGhee at the time of the filing of the Candidate Financial Statement.

On December 9, 2020, the Ethics Commission dismissed the complaint for lack of legal sufficiency. Wherefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C20-40-10 against Respondent McGhee is hereby dismissed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session at the virtual meeting held on December 9, 2020.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

  
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Nelson C. Bellido, Esq.

<sup>1</sup> At the time this complaint was filed, both Farias and McGhee were candidates for Miami-Dade County Commission seat District 9.

Signed on 12-21-2020