

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

#K12-175

Date Opened: 11/15/12

Date Closed: 1/31/13

Investigator: Sylvia Batista

Information was provided to the COE involving lobbyists in the City of Miami being permitted to lobby without first taking the lobbyist training course as required by the City.

Investigation:

On or about 11/20/12, Dwight Danie, City Clerk, responded to a public records request from the COE by providing a list of eight (8) lobbyists whose training requirement was waived by the City Commission since the Ethics Training Ordinance was enacted on January 14, 2010. The waivers are provided in instances where the lobbyist is unable to comply with the training requirement prior to his or her required date of presentation before the City Commission. Another reason for granting a waiver is when a lobbyist is from out of town and will only be in town long enough to appear before the City Commission.

Conclusion:

No violation of the Ethics Code was identified. It is not an unreasonable exercise of the City Commission's authority to grant waivers in these limited, specified instances. Accordingly, no further action will be taken by the COE on this matter.