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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

In re: Willis Howard

Case No: 10-37

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

The Advocate filed the above-captioned complaint against Willis Howard ("Respondent") for alleged violation of Section 2-11.1(s) (6) (failing to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report).

In 2007, the Respondent registered as a lobbyist for North Miami Outdoors. Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(s), the Respondent was required to file a lobbyist expenditure report on or before July 1, 2008. On July 11, 2008, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners sent the Respondent a Notice of Violation for failing to file his report. On February 11, 2010, the Ethics Commission sent the Respondent a final notice regarding his failure to file his expenditure report. As of the date of the filing of the complaint, the Respondent had not filed his expenditure report.

On October 28, 2010, after reviewing the pleadings, the Advocate's probable cause memorandum and being otherwise advised in the premises, the Ethics Commission found probable cause. Subsequently, on November 22, 2010, the Respondent appeared at the Ethics Commission and indicated that he would file the required report and requested the Ethics Commission waive the applicable fines. On December 7, 2010, the Respondent filed the required report.

On February 8, 2011, the Advocate made an *ore tenus* motion that the Ethics Commission settle the matter with a fine of five hundred dollars. Thereafter, upon review of the pleadings and being otherwise advised in the premises, the Ethics Commission ordered the complaint dismissed with a fine of five hundred dollars.

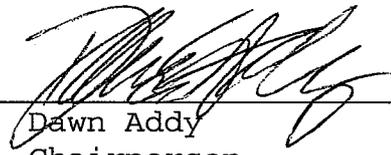
Therefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT** the Complaint is **DISMISSED** and that the Respondent pay a fine of five hundred dollars.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust in public session on February 11, 2011.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION  
ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Dawn Addy  
Chairperson

cc: Willis Howard

2/14/2011