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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FL  
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In re:

Beth Spiegel

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**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

Complainant, Alter Gambarte (Gambarte), filed this complaint against City of North Miami Beach Mayor Beth Spiegel (Spiegel) alleging a violation of Section (A) (5) of the Citizens' Bill of Rights entitled, "Right to be Heard."

Gambarte alleged that Spiegel interrupted him during the "Public Comments" portion of the July 17, 2018, meeting of the City of North Miami Beach Commission.

Investigation showed that Gambarte was permitted to speak in excess of the three minute time limit. A video recording of the meeting shows that Gambarte was permitted to speak and express his dissatisfaction with Commissioner Smith for well over two minutes before Mayor Spiegel interjected, essentially cautioning Gambarte that she felt his tone had "stepped beyond the bounds of civility." After that brief interruption, however, Gambarte was permitted to continue speaking and in fact, spoke for more time than the allotted three minutes. The evidence showed that Gambarte was afforded the opportunity to express his opinion and he was not silenced by the actions of Mayor Spiegel.

On August 15, 2018 the Ethics Commission agreed with the recommendation of the Advocate that there was No Probable Cause to proceed against Spiegel and dismissed the complaint.

Wherefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C18-29-07 against Beth Spiegel is dismissed.

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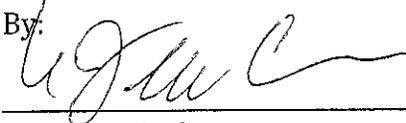
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Final Order

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



H. Jeffrey Cutler

Chairman

Signed on : 8/17/2018