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In re:

C19-26-05

Phillipe Bien-Aimee

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**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

Complainant, Stephanie Kienzle (Kienzle), a private citizen, filed this complaint against Respondent, Phillipe Bien-Aimee, the Mayor of North Miami, alleging he engaged in numerous irregularities involving his Financial Disclosure forms.

At least one of the allegations occurred sometime in 2015 which is beyond the three-year statute of limitations. Another allegation alleged Bien-Aimee did not report a mortgage liability (the Huston mortgage) in the financial disclosure he filed for the year 2016 (which was filed March 30, 2017.) However, Bien-Aimee did file a corrected financial disclosure in June 2017 which disclosed the Huston mortgage.

A third allegation alleged that the Form 1 Financial Disclosure Bien-Aimee filed in 2016 (disclosing financial interest for the previous year, 2015) failed to disclose a mortgage liability to JBS Financial Group. The JBS mortgage was satisfied on March 2, 2016, about four months prior to Bien-Aimee filing his Financial Disclosure on July 11, 2016. It appeared that, since Bien-Aimee had satisfied the outstanding mortgage before he filled out his financial disclosure form, he believed it did not need to be reported because the debt did not exist at the time, he filed the form.

The Advocate recommended that Probable Cause existed to believe that Respondent, Bien-Aimee, violated Section 2-11.1(i) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance entitled, "Financial disclosure." However, the violations appeared to be inadvertent and/or insubstantial, accordingly, it was recommended this complaint be dismissed, and a Letter of Instruction should be issued.

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On August 14, 2019, in open session, the Ethics Commission agreed with the Advocate's recommendation and found Probable Cause did exist but that the violations were inadvertent and/or insubstantial and Ordered the complaint be dismissed and a Letter of Instruction be issued.

Wherefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C19-26-05 is hereby dismissed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

*H Jeff Cutler*

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H. Jeffrey Cutler

Chairman

Signed on : August 21st, 2019