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Richard Kuper, executive director of the Miami-Dade League of Cities wanted to know whether any conflicts exist if he sits on the City of Miami Beach's Planning Board due to the fact associate members of the League could represent applicants appearing before the Planning Board. The League of Cities encourages local businesses, colleges and universities, law firms and other professional associations to join the League as associate members. They are non-voting members and they do not sit on the Executive Committee, which affixes Mr. Kuper's salary and benefits package. A real possibility is for attorneys whose firms are associate members to represent clients who have cases in front of the Planning Board. No voting conflict is present because Mr. Kuper does not have a special relationship with the law firm and he would not be directly affected, nor does he financially benefit, by the decision of local firms to join the Miami-Dade League as associate members. I spoke to Chairman Rosenthal about this matter and he agreed, although we both felt an appearance of bias could be created if Mr. Kuper accepts this appointment.

Robert Meyers  
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