

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 1:02 PM  
**To:** Martinez, Sheila (CED) (786) 469-2193  
**Subject:** RE: Appointment to AHAB

Ms. Martinez:

Based upon the facts presented to me, no conflict of interest is created if Ms. Terry Coble is appointed to the Affordable Housing Advisory Board. If, in the future, Ms. Coble believes she may have a potential voting conflict, our office would be more than willing to give her an opinion after reviewing all of the relevant facts.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Martinez, Sheila (CED) (786) 469-2193  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2008 6:03 PM  
**To:** Glazer, Jeremy (DIST8); Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** FW: Appointment to AHAB  
**Importance:** High

Mr. Meyers,

Please see email trail below.

We are in a tight time frame here and need to get our Affordable housing board members appointed. Can you please review the ordinance (attached for your convenience) and rule?

Thanks for your attention to this.

Sheila Martinez

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dashtaki, Mandana (CAO)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2008 5:25 PM  
**To:** Martinez, Sheila (CED) (786) 469-2193; Glazer, Jeremy (DIST8)  
**Subject:** RE: Appointment to AHAB

Hi,

Reading the ordinance, as amended, it does not appear that there would be an issue with Commissioner Sorenson's appointment. However, as you know, the Commission on Ethics fields all conflict of interest questions. So, in an abundance of caution I would ask the Commission on Ethics for a formal opinion.

Please let me know if you need anything else,  
Mandana

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From: Martinez, Sheila (CED) (786) 469-2193  
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 4:03 PM  
To: Glazer, Jeremy (DIST8); Dashtaki, Mandana (CAO)  
Subject: Re: Appointment to AHAB

I don't under a strict interpretation, but let's ask our legal eagle.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

----- Original Message -----

From: Glazer, Jeremy (DIST8)  
To: Martinez, Sheila (CED) (786) 469-2193  
Sent: Tue Apr 08 15:59:15 2008  
Subject: Fw: Appointment to AHAB

Do you see this as a conflict that would preclude her from serving on the board?

Jeremy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: Terry A. Coble <terry@miamihomeless.org>  
To: Glazer, Jeremy (DIST8)  
Cc: Ben Burton <bbbenburton@aol.com>; District8  
Sent: Tue Apr 08 16:04:14 2008  
Subject: Appointment to AHAB

Dear Jeremy:

I want to thank you and Commissioner Sorensen for considering me as a potential candidate for appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Board. After consulting the Executive Director of the Miami Coalition for the Homeless, Ben Burton, and researching the applicable Miami-Dade County ordinance, I am happy to say that I would be pleased to accept such an appointment, should it be offered.

As we discussed, the Miami Coalition for the Homeless for which I work, does not receive any county funding. However, I think it is important to let you know that one of the members of the twelve-member board of the Miami Coalition for the Homeless, Gonzalo DeRamon, is a co-owner of Biscayne Housing Group, which is an applicant for funding through AHAB. Mr. DeRamon is not an officer of the MCH board. In order to avoid any appearance of conflict if I were appointed, I would however suggest that I take no part in any decisions affecting funding for Biscayne Housing Group.

Thanks again for considering me.

Sincerely,

Terry A. Coble, Esq.  
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