

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Suarez, Caesar (SBD)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 1:02 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** RE: Questions Concerning Running for Office

Thank you for all your assistance Mr. Meyers.  
I will let you know if I have any further questions.  
Regards,

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 11:45 AM  
**To:** Suarez, Caesar (SBD)  
**Subject:** RE: Questions Concerning Running for Office

Mr. Suarez:

Upon qualifying for office, a Miami-Dade County employee must take a leave of absence. If the employee is not elected, he/she is entitled to be reinstated to his/her former position. If the employee is elected, then the County position is forfeited – there are no exceptions. It is my understanding that county commissioners receive health care coverage, but you may want to ask HR about that. If an elected official serves a non-profit board, there may be voting conflicts if the non-profit receives funding from the elected official's government, but it would not prevent the elected official from serving on the non-profit board.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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

**From:** Suarez, Caesar (SBD)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 11:06 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** Questions Concerning Running for Office

Good Morning Mr. Meyers,

This email is to follow-up my initial email that I sent your office with a letter attached on November 29, 6:41 PM.

Specifically, I had the following questions:

12/8/2009

1. Does an employee of Miami-Dade County who chooses to run for a Board of County Commission seat have to take a leave of absence while running for office?
2. If an employee of Miami-Dade County is elected to a Commission Seat, is the employee **REQUIRED** To give up their county job and medical benefits?
3. What limitations if any are elected officials required to abide by when serving on Non-Profit Boards as they pertain to avoiding a conflict of interest with serving the public?

I attended one of the Commission's seminars concerning running for office a few years back and it was extremely informative.

Regards,

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