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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 25, 2014 4:26 PM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Brian Schriner, ISD Selection Committee Member (Conflict of Interest) INQ 14-183

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 4:55 PM  
**To:** Cordova, Amelia (ISD)  
**Cc:** Singer, Miriam (ISD); Samuels, Faith (ISD); Alfonso, L. Carolina (CUA); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ - Brian Schriner, ISD Selection Committee Member (Conflict of Interest)

Ms. Cordova,

You have inquired on behalf of Dr. Brian Schriner, an appointee to the County ISD selection committee to oversee the procurement for A/E Services for the Coconut Grove Playhouse. This question has been asked in light of Dr. Schriner's position as Dean of the College of Architecture and the Arts at Florida International University. Dean Schriner has indicated that four of the respondent firms for the project are also represented on the Dean's Leadership Advisory Board at the FIU School of Architecture. Dean Schriner further informed me that the Leadership Advisory Board, which includes a number of prominent local architectural firms, plays an important advisory and fundraising role at the School of Architecture. He is in regular communication with these board members, each of whom pays dues in the amount of \$2500 per year to the School. Additionally, a number of the Leadership Council members are contributors to other projects at the School. Fundraising is a significant part of the job duties that Dean Schriner assumes in his position at the College.

Given the centrality of the role played by these members in the leadership and fundraising at the School, Dean Schriner's pivotal role in the same activity, and the fact that as a member of the selection committee for this project he would be placed in a position of influence over a contract sought by a number of the firms that comprise his Leadership Council, I do not believe that it would be appropriate for Dean Schreiner to serve on this board. The likelihood that he would be placed in a position where his independence of judgment could be affected by his position at FIU and his close association with some of the applicants on this project would create a prohibited conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1(j) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. This is, of course, no reflection on Dean Schriner's personal integrity, but simply a recognition that our Ethics Code is in place to protect against certain activity that could damage public trust in government.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino  
Executive Director and General Counsel  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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**From:** Cordova, Amelia (ISD)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 1:33 PM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Cc:** Singer, Miriam (ISD); Samuels, Faith (ISD); Alfonso, L. Carolina (CUA)  
**Subject:** A14-CUA-14: A/E Services for the Coconut Grove Playhouse  
**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon Mr. Centorino,

The Internal Services Department (ISD) respectfully requests your opinion regarding the following matter:

ISD is currently overseeing the procurement for A/E Services for the Coconut Grove Playhouse. Mr. Brian Schriener, Dean, College of Architecture and the Arts, Florida International University, has been appointed as a Competitive Selection Committee (CSC) member for subject solicitation. Mr. Schriener has advised that the following respondent firms are part of his Dean's Leadership Advisory Board:

BEA Architects, Inc., MC Harry and Associates, Inc., Arquitectonica International Corporation, and Zyscovich Architects Inc. Each firm has an annual financial commitment to the College. As a result, Mr. Schriener would like to know if it is deemed appropriate that he participate as a member of the CSC for the Coconut Grove Playhouse project.

The First-Tier Evaluation Meeting for this project is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

**Amelia M. Córdova-Jiménez**

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**From:** Rebecca Longtemps [<mailto:rlongtem@fiu.edu>]

**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2014 4:51 PM

**To:** Cordova, Amelia (ISD)

**Subject:** Neutrality/Disclosure form for Brian Schriener

**Importance:** High

Hi Amelia,

Please see Brian Schriener's neutrality/disclosure form attached. He had a few questions regarding it which he emailed to you and copied the Clerk of the Board. Please call me at your earliest convenience to confirm that you have received both and to confirm whether or not he is able to participate due to his conflicts of interest. Thank you!

Kind Regards,

Rebecca Longtemps

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