
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 2:52 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, BCC (Voting Conflict) INQ 14-214
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INQ 14-214

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 2:06 PM
To: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair); Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)
Cc: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ - Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, BCC (Voting Conflict)

Ms. Palacio:

You have inquired on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she has any prohibited conflict of interest in voting on or otherwise participating in Item No. 141701, a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE PROVISION OF DRIVER'S EDUCATION FOR \$3,170,463.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN. This Resolution and Interlocal Agreement involves funds for Driver's Education Programs at 37 high schools in the Miami-Dade Public School District. The question is asked in light of Chairwoman Sosa's fulltime employment by the Miami-Dade Public Schools at the Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center.

It is my understanding that Chairwoman Sosa's position with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools would not be affected in any measurable degree by this program. She is not directly involved in Driver's Education and the Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center is not one of the schools that is involved in this program. Employment at the Miami-Dade County Public Schools would not by itself trigger a prohibited conflict under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance since it is a government entity. Further, since Chairwoman Sosa would not, directly or indirectly, profit or be enhanced by the passage of a measure authorizing funding for this program, she would not have a voting conflict under Section 2-11.1(d). Therefore, it is my opinion that Chairwoman Sosa may participate in and vote on this item when it comes before the Miami-Dade County Commission.

Sincerely,

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

From: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 2:12 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)
Subject: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 141701 (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

I am writing on Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa's behalf, because she would like to know whether she has a voting conflict regarding the following item, which is scheduled to come before the Board of County Commissioners on September 16, 2014:

141701 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE PROVISION OF DRIVER'S EDUCATION FOR \$3,170,463.00; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Office of Management and Budget)

I have also attached a copy of the resolution. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your time and help, as always.

Most sincerely,



Vanessa Palacio, Esq.

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