

MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

Summary of Minutes and Agenda Actions

Special Meeting of June 27, 2018

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics (COE) convened in the Biscayne Building, 19 West Flagler Street, Suite 820, Miami, FL, on June 27, 2018, for the purpose of interviewing finalists for the Executive Director position and making a selection among them. Present were Chairman H. Jeffrey Cutler, Vice-Chairman Nelson Bellido, and Commissioners Judith Bernier, Jan Jacobowitz and Lawrence Schwartz. Also present were Joseph Centorino, Executive Director; Gilma Diaz-Greco and Martha Perez, Staff Attorneys; Rhonda Victor Sibilica, Communications Director; Rachelle Ross, Executive Secretary; Susannah Nesmith and Sylvia Batista, Investigators; Robert Thompson, Community Outreach Coordinator; Kelly Mendoza and Nico Nesenoff, Legal Interns. Among members of the public were Sonja Dickens, Miami Gardens City Attorney; Hans Ottinot, Sunny Isles Beach City Attorney; and Bay Harbor Islands Council Member Jordan Leonard, President of the Miami-Dade League of Cities. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Cutler. A quorum was present.

I. Discussion of Procedure

Of suggested interview questions offered by Executive Director Joseph Centorino, Chairman Cutler said he would ask two of them of each of the candidates and open the questioning to other COE members.

Commissioners Bernier and Jacobowitz each selected an additional question to ask from among those suggested.

II. Interview of Candidates

Jose Arrojo spoke with the Ethics Commission from 10:12 to 10:54. Commissioners took a brief break.

Cynthia Everett spoke from 11:00 to 11:34.

Michael Murawski spoke from 11:35 to 11:59.

III. Discussion and Vote

Commissioners discussed the difficulty of making a decision among three well-qualified candidates and expressed their opinions on what attributes they were seeking. Eventually, they made their choice on paper ballots, which were turned over to the Executive Director. Mr. Centorino announced that Mr. Arrojo received the three votes necessary for confirmation, with Ms. Everett and Mr. Murawski each receiving one vote.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.



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