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The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of training, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to bolster public trust.

Summary of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust Meeting Held on January 8, 2020

The Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust took the following actions at its monthly public meeting held on January 8, 2020.

Ethics Commission Introduces Newly Appointed Commissioner Wifredo Gort

Former City of Miami Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort was introduced as Commissioner for the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, replacing the late Jeffrey Cutler who passed away in September of this year.

Ethics Commission Selects New General Counsel

After conducting six public interviews, the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust selected Ethics Commission Staff Attorney, Martha D. Perez, as the new Ethics Commission General Counsel.

Continuance Granted in Case Involving Lobbyist Ron Book

C19-39-10: The Ethics Commission found no objection to a Motion of Continuance filed by the defense in a case involving lobbyist Ron Book.

Complaint Dismissed in Case Involving Attorney Eddy Leal

C19-30-08: The Ethics Commission unanimously voted to approve the dismissal of a complaint filed against Eddy Leal, counsel to the City of Miami. The Ethics Commission also found no Probable Cause exists that Mr. Leal violated Section 2-11.1(m) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics. The commission heard presentations by Mr. Leal, his attorney David Winker, and the Commission Advocate, Michael Murawski.

Ethics Commission Considers Voting Conflict Rules for Elected Officials

Presentations were made by the Ethics Commission Executive Director, Jose Arrojo, and Robert Meyers of the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, regarding voting conflicts for elected officials considering traffic mitigating matters in small cities.