

**MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST
MEETING SUMMARY
JULY 13, 2006
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Complaints

06-16: The Commission on Ethics dismissed the complaint against County Commissioner Dorrin Rolle for allegedly exploiting his official position and having a voting conflict by approving funding for a private company, Island TV, to produce public education programs directed at the Haitian community.

06-17: The Commission on Ethics dismissed the complaints against Opa-Locka City Commissioner Johnson and City Manager Beverly who allegedly colluded against complainant in connection with an arrangement he had with the City of Opa-Locka as part of the Arabian Nights Festival.

06-20: The Commission on Ethics accepted the settlement agreement entered into by the Office of the Advocate and Respondent Talbert, who pled no contest to the charge that he did not timely file a lobbying expenditure statement for his lobbying activities in the City of Miami Beach.

Opinions

06-41: The Ethics Commission opined that a principal in the Sharpton Brunson firm that is a member of the Program Management Consultant team for the People's Transportation Plan may provide financial overview services for the People's Transportation plan and continue to serve as chair of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority and as a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Commission on Ethics urged the requester to seek an opinion from the State Commission on Ethics to determine whether his activities would amount to a frequently recurring conflict under state law.

06-42: The Ethics Commission opined that a principal of Transystems may provide engineering services to Port of Miami tenants while providing Capital Development Services to the Seaport, but the firm must carefully monitor its work orders with work for Port tenants to ensure that there is no overlap between planning work for Seaport tenants and planning work under the capital development program.

06-43: The Ethics Commission opined that URS Corporate Southern may not serve as bond engineer for the Miami-Dade Solid Waste Department and perform services for Swerdlow/Boca developers related to the Munisport Landfill in North Miami. However, the company may simultaneously provide engineering services for Swerdlow and the Department of Solid Waste as long as the work does not include any oversight responsibility for the County. Further, the company may provide services related to the development and construction of the mixed-use project that are unrelated to cleanup and monitoring of the landfill.

06-44: The Ethics Commission opined that a member of the county's Living Wage Board is not permitted to make decisions in her official capacity as a county advisory board member regarding her competitors while her firm and her competitors are vying for the same contract.

06-45: The Ethics Commission opined that Civil Works, a firm that has an environmental consulting contract at Miami International Airport (MIA), may provide architectural and engineering services to MIA related to the design and construction of a runway extension at Tamiami Airport, as the scope of services for the runway extension does not conflict with the work being done under the current work order as a consultant at MIA.