

**MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST
MEETING SUMMARY
JULY 27, 2005
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Opinions

05-75: The Commission on Ethics opined that Arquitectonica, the Architect of Record for the South Dade Cultural Center, may provide supplemental construction administration and A/E services for the South Dade Cultural Center as long as the services provided under the supplemental agreement are distinct from the services provided in the current agreement.

05-78: The Commission on Ethics opined that M.C. Harry, a firm that has held a contract with Miami-Dade County to provide architectural and engineering services related to interior renovations at the Dade County Courthouse, may serve as a subcontractor to Wiss, Janney and Elstner on the Terra Cotta Reconstruction of the courthouse as long as M.C. Harry is not performing related work under any county contract.

05-79: The Ethics Commission opined that a County Team Metro employee who works as a Liens Collection Processor may pursue outside employment as a mortgage broker as long as she only handles property located in Broward County and she does not work for a company that handles property in Miami-Dade County.

05-81: The Ethics Commission opined that a former County employee who was the Assistant Director for Emergency Management may serve as Principal in Charge of homeland security improvements at the County's Emergency Operations Center as long as he does not lobby county personnel regarding worker order proposals or negotiate contractual terms with the County.

05-82: The Ethics Commission opined that a former County employee who was the Assistant Port Director for Security and Enforcement at the Port of Miami may serve as a consultant to SEA SECURE on the Port's Security and Communications contract as long as none of his duties involve lobbying county personnel, including the negotiation of any contract-related matters.

Complaints

05-13: The Commission on Ethics found probable cause against Respondent Irving Perez for his failure to timely file a Lobbyist Expenditure Report in connection with a matter before Miami-Dade County government.

05-16: The Commission on Ethics accepted the stipulations of Respondent Rose Tydus and ratified the settlement agreement between the Advocate and the Respondent who was charged with exploiting her official position as a City Commissioner when she requested a water pump from the City's Public Works Department to help drain her pool.

05-17: The Commission on Ethics accepted the stipulations of Respondent Jess Linn and ratified the settlement agreement between the Advocate and the Respondent who, as an employee of the County's Planning and Zoning Department, was charged with violating the conflicting employment and income disclosure provisions of the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance while engaged in outside employment for Treasure Coast to provide charette planning services and report development assistance.

05-18: The Commission on Ethics accepted the stipulations of Respondent Shailendra Singh and ratified the settlement agreement between the Advocate and the Respondent, who as an employee of the County's Planning and Zoning Department, was charged with violating the conflicting employment and income disclosure provisions of the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance while engaged in outside employment for Treasure Coast to provide charette planning services and report development assistance.

05-22: The Commission on Ethics dismissed the complaint against County Enterprise Technology Service Department employee Jose Perez because the allegations in the complaint fell outside the Ethics Commission's jurisdiction.

Lobbyists' Appeals

The Commission on Ethics waived the fine against Lobbyist Gary Reshefsky, retained by Witzek Development on an item before the City of Miami Beach.