

**MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST
MEETING SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006
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Complaints

06-11: The Commission on Ethics found probable cause against Respondent John Barr, a City of Miami firefighter and the owner of John Barr & Associates, when he appeared before city personnel on behalf of private clients in furtherance of his permit expediting business.

06-18: The Commission on Ethics adopted the recommendation of the Advocate to find probable cause and to dismiss the complaint against Respondent Manuel Diaz, a Miami-Dade Firefighter, who had approved outside employment but did not file the necessary forms with the Supervisor of Elections. The Commission found that the violation was insubstantial and/or inadvertent and warranted dismissal.

06-19: The Commission on Ethics accepted the proposed settlement agreement between the Assistant Advocate and the Respondent Lana Bernstein, who did not contest the allegations that she failed to timely file a Lobbyist Expenditure Statement after registering to lobby in the City of Miami Beach. Ms. Bernstein agreed to a pay fine of \$450 for said violation.

06-21: The Commission on Ethics adopted the Advocate's recommendation to find probable cause and to dismiss the complaint against Respondents Sidney Reese, Louis Alberti, Dale Twist and Warren Smith, members of the Miami Beach Police and Firefighters Pension Board, for failure to report their "off duty" employment income with the City Clerk. The Commission found that the violations were insubstantial and/or inadvertent and warranted dismissal. In the case of Respondent Donald Sapp, the Commission adopted the Advocate's recommendation to dismiss the complaint for lack of probable cause.

06-23: The Commission on Ethics found probable cause against Juan Gonzalez, a candidate for County Court Judge, based on provisions of the voluntary Statement of Fair Campaign Practices when the candidate made statements to the Miami Herald about his opponent and other statements he made at a candidates' forum about the Respondent's qualifications for office.

06-24: The Commission on Ethics adopted the recommendation to find no probable cause and dismiss the complaint against Respondent Ivan Hernandez, who as a candidate for County Court Judge, was alleged to have violated the Ethical Campaign Practices based on a photograph that appeared in a local newspaper with the candidate and Governor Bush.

06-25: The Commission on Ethics dismissed a citizen's complaint against Respondent Anthony Dawkins for lack of legal sufficiency.

06-36: The Commission on Ethics found no probable cause against Respondent Jay Beskin, a candidate for County Commission, who was alleged to have violated the voluntary Statement of Fair Campaign Practices when he circulated an advertisement during the campaign.