
INQ 16-142 Taylor

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Subject: Mercedes Taylor, Substitute Teacher, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, (Conflict of Interest) INQ 16-142

Dear Ms. Taylor:

It was a pleasure speaking with you. You inquired whether a prohibited conflict of interest would exist between your employment at the School Board of Miami-Dade County (M-DCPS) as a substitute teacher and your running for a position on a Community Council for Miami-Dade County (MDC).

The Miami-Dade County Code at section 20-43(A)(1) states that: “ No Council Member shall be employed by Miami-Dade County or be a member of the County Commission.” (Emphasis added). However, please note that the Miami-Dade School Board (M-DCPS) is a separate entity from the County government (MDC). Consequently, Section 20-43(A)(1) does not apply to employees of the School Board.

Although the MDC code does not apply to you, it is possible that M-DCPS has policies and procedures that might restrict or prohibit School Board employees from running for Community Council. We would thus advise that you inquire with the School Board’s Human Resource department or the School Board Attorneys’ office to verify whether such policies exist.

Best regards,

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