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Summary of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust Meeting Held on May 21, 2021

The Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public held a Commission Meeting on May 21, 2021. The following actions took place:

Finalists Selected for position of Commission Advocate

The Ethics Commission selected six finalists to be interviewed for the position of Commission Advocate and agreed to conduct interviews of the candidates on June 11. The six finalists to be considered are Maribel Diaz, Averill Dorsett, Loressa Felix, Radia Turay, Tim VanderGiesen, and George Wysong.

Letter of Instruction Ratified in Case Involving Former City of Coral Gables Commissioner

C 21-04-03: The COE ratified a Letter of Instruction issued to former City of Coral Gables Commissioner and mayoral candidate Pat Keon. Ms. Keon previously stipulated to a finding of Probable Cause and agreed to accept this Letter of Instruction for violating the Exploitation of Official Position section of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. A COE investigation revealed that Ms. Keon, who at the time was a mayoral candidate for the City of Coral Gables, used her city email account to inquire from a constituent whether Ms. Keon's campaign could place a campaign sign in the constituent's yard.

Letter of Instruction Ratified in Case Involving Doctor at Medical Examiner's Office

C 21-07-04: The COE ratified a Letter of Instruction issued to Forensic Pathologist Mark Shuman, a doctor at the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office. Mr. Shuman previously stipulated to a finding of Probable Cause and agreed to accept this Letter of Instruction and pay a \$500 fine for violating the Prohibition of Outside Employment section of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. An investigation by the Office of the Inspector General revealed that during a five-year period, Dr. Shuman had been engaging in outside employment in several capacities and did not accurately disclose the amount of compensation he received from his outside employment for the years 2018 and 2019.

COE Recognizes Advocate Michael Michael Murawski

The Ethics Commission recognized and presented a plaque to outgoing Advocate Michael Murawski for his 21 years of service to the community. Mr. Murawski will now serve as the Executive Director of the Naples Ethics Commission effective June 1st.

Former Opa Locka Mayor and Commissioner Found to be in Violation of Ethics Code

C 19-05-02: The Ethics Commission found former Opa-Locka Mayor and Commissioner John Riley to be in violation of the financial disclosure and conflicting employment sections of the Ethics Code. The COE will determine penalties at the next Commission Meeting on June 9th.

Continuance Issued in Case Involving Former Miami Beach City Commissioner

C 18-17-04: The COE granted a Defense Continuance in a matter involving former Miami Beach City Commissioner and current State Representative Michael Grieco. The COE previously found that that Mr. Grieco violated the Home Rule Charter's Citizens' Bill of Rights relating to Truth in Government.

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 empower the community and bolster public trust.