

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**



In Re: William Alonso

C 22-16-03

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**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

Complainant, James Llewellyn, a resident of the City of Miami Springs, filed the above listed complaint on March 31, 2022, against Respondent, William Alonso (Alonso), the City Manager/Finance Director for the City of Miami Springs, Florida, alleging that Alonso violated Miami-Dade County Citizens' Bill of Rights Truth in Government provision by failing to correct the [City of Miami Springs Planning and Zoning] Board during a public hearing where one of the Board members expressed the [alleged] erroneous belief that . . . parking would be shared with the public" at a building site located at 1 Curtiss Parkway in the City of Miami Springs.

Legal sufficiency exists where the complaint adequately alleges a violation of an ordinance within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission, committed by an individual within the authority of the Ethics Commission, based substantially on the personal knowledge of the complainant and filed with the Ethics Commission within three (3) years of the alleged violation.

Pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Citizens' Bill of Rights Truth in Government provision: "No County or municipal official or employee shall knowingly furnish false information on any public matter, nor knowingly omit significant facts when giving requested information to members of the public." A review of the minutes of the April 1, 2019, Miami Springs Zoning and Planning Board hearing, where Alonso allegedly committed this violation, clearly indicates that Alonso was not physically present at the meeting. Furthermore, there is no indication that Alonso

participated in the meeting via a remote appearance option, or that Alonso provided any information or reports to the board in his absence.

The Miami-Dade Citizens' Bill of Rights does not create or impose any duty to correct others or to be responsible for the false statements and knowingly omitted significant facts provided by others under one's supervision. Rather, the Miami-Dade Citizens' Bill of Rights requires the covered individual to take a knowing act (or omission) under said provision.


On May 11, 2022, the Commission on Ethics voted unanimously and dismissed the Complaint for lack of legal sufficiency.

Wherefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C 22-16-03 against Respondent Alonso is hereby dismissed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on May 11, 2022.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

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Dr. Judith Bernier  
Chair  
5/18/2022  
Signed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Cc: Respondent  
Complainant