

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST



In Re: John H. Taylor

C 22-20-04

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

On or about April 27, 2022, Complainant, John Pate (Pate), former Opa-Locka City Manager, filed this complaint against Opa-Locka Vice-Mayor John H. Taylor (Taylor), alleging exploitation of official position for scheduling a commission meeting to vote on a Resolution to terminate Pate in retaliation for Pate refusing to cover up the Vice-Mayor’s brother’s misconduct regarding a car accident when it was the Vice-Mayor’s father who allegedly contacted Pate to request that Pate “ignore” the car incident. Pate also alleges Taylor committed Sunshine Law violations.

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 years of the alleged violation.

In accordance with Section 2-1067 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Ethics Commission’s enabling ordinance), the Ethics Commission is not intended to serve as a personnel board resolving personnel matters involving city employees. Consequently, allegations involving termination describe personnel issues which this Commission does not enforce.

Furthermore, the Ethics Commission does not enforce Sunshine Law violations.


On June 8, 2022, the Ethics Commission on a vote of 2 to 1 dismissed the complaint for lack of legal sufficiency.

Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C22-20-04 against the Respondent is hereby dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on June 8, 2022.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By: 
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Dr. Judith Bernier,
Chair
6/14/2022
Signed: _____

Cc: Complainant, Respondent
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