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Summary of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust Meeting Held on February 9, 2022

The Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public held a Commission Meeting on February 9, 2022. The following actions took place:

City of Miami Building Department Employee Stipulates to Finding of Probable Cause

C 22-02-01: City of Miami Project Manager, Maria Chaljub, stipulated to a finding of Probable Cause and entered into a settlement agreement for violating the Exploitation of Official Position Prohibited section of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code.

The complaint alleged that Ms. Chaljub violated the Ethics Code by using a city owned vehicle to transport individuals who were going door to door speaking to voters during an event in furtherance of the campaign for then City of Miami Commission candidate Christine King.

The stipulated agreement includes a \$500 fine and the issuance of a Letter of Instruction.

City of Miami Building Department Employee Stipulates to Probable Cause

C 22-03-01: City of Miami Senior Mechanical Inspector, Alejandro Cosano, stipulated to a finding of Probable Cause and entered into a settlement agreement for violating the Exploitation of Official Position Prohibited section of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code.

The complaint alleged that Mr. Cosano violated the Ethics Code by using a city owned vehicle to transport individuals who were going door to door speaking to voters during an event in furtherance of the campaign for then City of Miami Commission candidate Christine King.

The stipulated agreement includes a \$500 fine and the issuance of a Letter of Instruction.

No Probable Cause Found in Case Involving El Portal City Manager

C 21-20-07: The Ethics Commission did not find Probable Cause that Village of El Portal City Manager Christia Alou, violated the Public Records section of the Citizens' Bill of Rights by allegedly failing to timely provide public records.

Collaborative Efforts Between Ethics Commission and Public Schools' Ethics Advisory Committee Presented

The Ethics Commission was advised of a meeting between the COE Executive Director and the Chair of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) Advisory Committee, in order to establish a formal referral protocol back to MDCPS when school employees, as frequently happens, seek ethics guidance from the Ethics Commission.

Ethics Commission Staff Continues to Provide Tailored Ethics Training

The Ethics Commission was advised of staff's continuing efforts towards providing tailored ethics training to local government agencies including County and municipal police departments, the County Fire Rescue Department and Jackson Health Systems Staff.