

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 4:07 PM
To: 'Hernandez, Elizabeth'
Subject: RE: Jeannett Slesnick

Liz,

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics has never dealt specifically with this question. We have, however, opined on the question of whether it is improper for elected officials to hear items presented to their boards/commissions by their relatives (generally in situations where the relative is representing a third-party client). According to the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, there is no outright prohibition against such an appointment. I can certainly understand why this would make you feel uncomfortable. Our office on many occasions has cautioned requesters against engaging in conduct that might create "appearance" problems, but, as you know, it is outside our authority to render opinions based on perceptions.

Robert

From: Hernandez, Elizabeth [mailto:ehernandez@coralgables.com]
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2005 11:51 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: Jeannett Slesnick

Mr. Meyers, can you give me some thoughts on this issue. The Museum Board is semi independent of the city-they are independent in that they will be fundraising and putting on exhibits, but they are dependent because it is our building and we will have an agreement with them. They want the Mayor's wife on their board. I cannot find an outright prohibition, but I am uncomfortable in that they will be asking the city for money, benefits etc.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2005 11:25 AM
To: Hernandez, Elizabeth
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Liz,

Just to be sure,, would adding Jeannett to the Coral Gables Museum Board, impose any problems for her husband when voting on issues that may affect us?

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