

Ethics (COE)

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From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 4:37 PM
To: Wright, Naomi (MDT)
Subject: RE: Ruling Request

Ms. Wright,

If Mr. Libhaber is correct and you serve on the Nominating Committee for the CITT, as opposed to the CITT itself, then no conflict of interest exists between your private duties, as an employee of a consulting firm involved with PTP projects, and your public duties as a member of CTAC and the Nominating Committee of the CITT.

Thank you for providing me this additional information. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
 Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Wright, Naomi (MDT)
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2006 4:42 PM
To: Ethics (COE)
Subject: RE: Ruling Request

Because I wanted to be absolutely sure of my positioning I requested information from the Assistant County Attorney. His reply follows.

From: Libhaber, Bruce (CAO)
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2006 4:00 PM
To: Wright, Naomi (MDT)
Subject: RE: Ruling Request

Naomi:

The CITT accepts or rejects the Board of County Commissioner's (BCC) awarding of contracts utilizing transit surtax funds. The relevant ordinance (02-117) does prohibit members of the CITT from having any interest, direct or indirect, in any contracts with the County. It is my understanding however, that you are not a member of the CITT, but rather a member of the Nominating Committee for the CITT. The applicable ordinance (02-117) makes no reference to any such limitation or prohibition upon members of the Nominating Committee. The CITT may monitor, oversee, review, audit, and investigate implementation of the projects utilizing surtax funds. The CITT does not have the authority to terminate contracts. Extensions and change orders to contracts utilizing surtax funds must be approved by the (BCC) and then by the CITT. The awarding of contracts, extensions, change orders, etc. can go into effect, even if rejected by the CITT, by a 2/3 vote of the membership of the BCC.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,
 Bruce Libhaber
 Assistant County Attorney

From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 11:28 AM
To: Wright, Naomi (MDT)
Subject: RE: Ruling Request

4/7/2006

Dear Ms. Wright,

Thank you for your inquiry. Before I can respond to your question, it would helpful to have some more information. What authority does CITT have regarding ongoing PTP projects? Also, does CITT review the proposals that are submitted by contractors interested in PTP projects?

Thanks,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Wright, Naomi (MDT)
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2006 2:05 PM
To: Ethics (COE)
Subject: Ruling Request

My name is Naomi Wright. I am the 2nd Vice Chair of the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee. As such, I have been designated the CITT representative for CTAC. While I don't expect an unfavorable ruling on my position, especially in light of the fact that you have ruled similarly in the case of Frank Hernandez, I would like to have an official ruling with regard to my change of status.

I have recently accepted a position for a consulting firm which has Miami-Dade Transit as a client. I am now a part of the Program Management Team for PTP projects.

Please let me know whether or not this new position will affect my committee(s) service.

Thank you.

4/7/2006