

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Basu, Subrata (DP&Z)
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2003 5:02 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: O'Quinn Williams, Diane (DP&Z)
Subject: FW: Conflict of Interest

Robert, Thanks for the quick response. I don't believe either of those two conditions really exist. I believe only confidential information given to us at the School Committee is the amount of initial contract offer for potential school sites and we are not allowed to share that information with anyone, even with school board employees (other than the ones working on it. I can not imagine having confidential information here.

Diane: I assume I can continue to serve on these two bodies.

Thank you.

Subrata

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From: ETHICS
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2003 4:41 PM
To: Basu, Subrata (DP&Z)
Subject: RE: Conflict of Interest

There is no conflict under the ethics ordinance for a person to sit on a county board and a school board committee. The more relevant question is whether a conflict of interest is created based on your job responsibilities with the county and the purview of the School Site Selection and Construction Committee. If the Committee's work involves making recommendations or taking action on matters that are related to activities of the Planning and Zoning Department, then I would advise against you serving on the committee. Also, in the event you were privy to confidential information, either as a county employee or as a member of the School Committee, you would be barred from divulging that information to third parties. Absent these two conditions, I do not believe there is a conflict of interest.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers

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From: Basu, Subrata (DP&Z)
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2003 3:40 PM
To: ETHICS
Cc: O'Quinn Williams, Diane (DP&Z)
Subject: FW: Conflict of Interest

any ethical issue here???

Subrata

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From: Rubin, Nancy (DP&Z)
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2003 3:33 PM
To: Basu, Subrata (DP&Z)
Subject: FW: Conflict of Interest

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From: Collier, Craig (CA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2003 2:54 PM
To: Rubin, Nancy (DP&Z)
Subject: RE: Conflict of Interest

This does not violate the codes prohibition from sitting on more than one board. Regarding conflict of interest, I would suggest he get an opinion from the Ethics Commission

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From: Rubin, Nancy (DP&Z)
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2003 1:17 PM
To: Coller, Craig (CA)
Subject: FW: Conflict of Interest

Craig could i get your input on this I do not see any problem with the first board but the school board may be an issue as to the double representation. Thanks nancy -----Original Message-----

From: Basu, Subrata (DP&Z)
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2003 4:24 PM
To: Rubin, Nancy (DP&Z)
Cc: O'Quinn Williams, Diane (DP&Z)
Subject: Conflict of Interest

Just a quick question on Conflict of Interest. I sit on a couple of County Boards/Committees. I want to get some clarification on if I have any conflict to continue to serve on those boards.

1) I am a member of Miami Dade County Asian American Advisory Board. The members are appointed by the County Commissioners and are charged to promoting and advising the County Commission on issues affecting the asian community. The Board does not or is not expected to interact with the Planning and Zoning in a regulatory setting. Can I continue to serve on the Board?

2) I also serve on Miami Dade County School Board's School Site Selection and Construction Committee as an "Architect" member and appointed by the School Board Chairperson. As a result of the Interlocal Agreement, the Committee size has been expanded to include representatives from the County and the various municipalities. Helen Brown is our representative on the Committee. Do you see a conflict of my continuing to serve on this Committee?

Note: I have asked the same question to the School Board folks, there may not be a conflict but they may have a problem with two County employees in the Committee. We will see what they say.

Please let me know your thoughts. Thanks.
Subrata

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