

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

K #: 07-120

Date Opened: September 11, 2007 Date Closed: June 30, 2008

Name of investigator: Breno Penichet

Name of Investigation: City of Miami Financial Disclosures.

Allegation:

This Investigation was predicated by a Letter received on September 11, 2007, from Ms. Pricilla A. Thompson, City Clerk for the City of Miami notifying the Commission on Ethics that various City of Miami Boards, Committees, Agencies and Trusts, and their respective board members had failed to file financial disclosure, Statement of Financial Interest, and Source of Income Statements, by the required deadline of July 1, 2007.

INVESTIGATION:

A review of the documentation received showed that all parties were notified via mail prior to the deadline. COE Investigator B. Penichet contacted the City of Miami Clerk's office and spoke to Ms. Pamela Burns, She stated that her department mailed notices to all persons required to file, and that a grace period was extended until September 1, 2007, at which time some people responded others did not. Ms. Burns provided an updated list of all the current Board members that had failed to file the proper paper work.

COE Investigator Penichet attempted to contact each person via U.S. mail with a request for compliance and a final deadline. COE Investigator Penichet also made contact via telephone when ever possible. All Board members were made aware of the importance of filing the documents. Ms. Burns sent an e-mail to notify the COE each time a member complied. As of this date all but forty six (46) have complied. Attached are all the documents sent and received. Investigator Penichet spoke with Mr. Michael Murawski Advocate and it was decided that those individuals that failed to file would be charged according to the Miami-Dade County code 2-11.1(h), (i), (l) and FSS. 112(Part III). All files turned over to Ms. Miriam Soler Ramos Assistant Advocate for processing.

No other action required at this time.

CONCLUSION:

Case pending review by Ethics Commission.