



**Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust**

**Report of Investigation**

**Investigator:** Susannah Nesmith

<b>Case:</b> PI17-29	<b>Case Name:</b> Public Comments	<b>Date Open:</b> Aug. 7 2017	<b>Date Closed:</b>
<b>Complainant(s):</b> Sherwin Pinnock	<b>Subject(s):</b> Akeem Brutus	<b>CASE CLOSED</b>	
		Date: <u>8/18/17</u>	

**Allegation(s):**

COE received an e-mail on our ethics e-mail hotline from Sherwin Pinnock who was complaining that he was denied the opportunity to speak before the BCC. He alleged that Commissioner Audrey Edmonson's aide, Akeem Brutus, was responsible. Brutus did not call Pinnock to advise him on how to speak before the BCC.

**Relevant Law:**

Possible Citizens' Bill of Rights violation Section (A) (5) Right to be Heard

**Investigation:**

**Interviews:**

This investigator spoke with Brutus. He said that he overlooked the email from a colleague asking him to call Pinnock. He saw the email from Pinnock asking the COE to investigate, but at that point did not want to call Pinnock at that point for fear it would be perceived as an interference with an investigation. He was advised to go ahead and handle Mr. Pinnock's request to speak before the BCC according to his normal procedures. He said he would schedule Mr. Pinnock to speak before the BCC as the next available opportunity.

**Document(s) Reviewed:**

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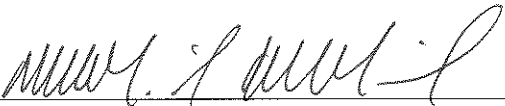
**Conclusion:**

After consultation with the ethics Advocate it was determined that this matter would be closed with no further action.

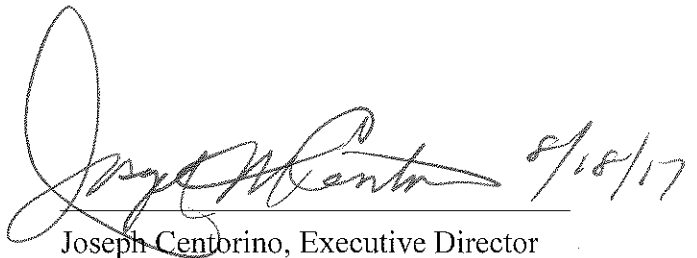


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