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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: NIRANJAN SEEPERSUAD

C 12-08

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The Advocate for the Commission on Ethics filed the above-referenced complaint against respondent Niranjan Seepersaud, a bus maintenance technician employed by the Miami-Dade County Transit Department (MDT).

The complaint alleged that Respondent Seepersaud violated the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code when he failed to file outside employment income statements for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. Section 2-11.1(k)(2) of the Ethics Code requires that all full-time County employees who engage in outside employment file an annual statement indicating the source of the outside employment, the nature of the work being done and the income received from outside employment.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County at Secs. 2-1068 and 2-11.1 (a), the Commission on Ethics & Public Trust has jurisdiction to enforce the County Ethics Code against County employees.

On April 23, 2012, in public session, the Advocate recommended that probable cause be found in this case because respondent had admitted in an interview conducted by the Inspector General that he had engaged in outside employment from approximately March 2007 through June 2010, that he had not

obtained permission to engage in outside employment and that he had failed to file the requisite disclosure forms.

The Ethics Commission found probable cause and offered to waive the fine associated with the charges if respondent paid a \$25 fee to cover investigative costs.¹ Respondent accepted the Ethics Commission's offer, did not contest the charges brought against him and paid \$25.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that complaint C 12-08 is hereby settled and closed regarding Niranjan Seepersaud.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on April 23, 2012.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

Dawn E. Add

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Signed on this date:

¹ The Ethics Commission waived the fine associated with the admissions in this case, taking into consideration that respondent had already been sanctioned with a suspension from work for 15 days without pay.