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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:35 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Wil Morris, Miami-Dade County Planning Advisory Board (Lobbying) INQ 18-87

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 09, 2018 3:36 PM  
**To:** 'Wil Morris' <jwilmorrispab@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** INQ 18-87 Wil Morris, Miami-Dade County Planning Advorsory Board

Mr. Morris,

You inquired concerning whether you would be allowed to speak with the representative of a corporate application on an item coming before the Miami-Dade County Planning Advisory Board (PAB), of which you are a member, on an issue coming before the board. On this board, there is no prohibition against your speaking privately with a representative of a party since the PAB, I am informed, is not involved in quasi-judicial hearings. There are significant restrictions for members of a quasi-judicial board to engage in such meetings under the *Jennings* Rule, which can create a presumption of unfairness that could taint a decision by such a board, such as a zoning board. Since PAB does not conduct such hearings, that problem does not exist for you. If the purpose of the discussion is to lobby you on a decision before the board, then you should be careful to make sure that that person is a registered lobbyist pursuant to Section 2-11.1(s) of the County Ethics Code. County personnel from knowingly permitting a person to lobby them if they are unregistered. There is, of course, no requirement that says you must speak to a lobbyist or representative outside of PAB meeting.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

**From:** Wil Morris [<mailto:jwilmorrispab@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 12:07 PM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE) <[Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov](mailto:Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov)>  
**Subject:** Question about ability to speak to Legal representative about PAB item

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Mr. Centorino:

'Further to our telephonic discussion today, I would like clarification on my ethical responsibilities relating to having a conversation with the legal representative of a corporate application on items 2 and 3 scheduled to be heard on April 9, 20108 before the Miami-Dade County Planning Advisory Board - of which I am a newly appointed member.

The application's name is 6900 Bird Owner, LLC and 7050 and 7004 Owner, LLC, respectively. The applicants seek a change to the Land Use Element, Land Use Plan Map.

I have no interest in the applicant. I was merely contacted by the law firm of Holland and Knight requesting a discuss the application.

Your guidance in this cause would be appreciated.

Thank you.