

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 2:55 PM
To: 'Frank Rollason'; 'Ramirez-Seijas, Olga'
Subject: RE: ROLLASON TO ATTEND MAY 14TH MSEA MTG/QUESTION ON POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Rollason,

To confirm our telephone conversation today, based on the facts you presented, you do not have a conflict under Section 2-11.1 (v) of the Ethics Code. You advised me that you will not be directly affected by the vote to accept the land from the city for use as a site for the proposed museums and you have no relationship with the entity coming before you (the City of Miami). Your employer, an architectural firm, will not be appearing in this matter.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Cc: 'Schmand, Timothy'; 'Diaz, Daylet'; Frigo, Victoria (COE)
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Olga, I just got off the phone with Ms. Frigo of the County Ethics Commission and based upon the information I relayed to her as to my employment status and position with Rodriguez and Quiroga Architects Chartered and the fact that my employer is not coming before the MSEA Board for the item in question, it is her position that I have no conflict in hearing and acting on this item.

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Subject: FW: ROLLASON TO ATTEND MAY 14TH MSEA MTG

Good morning, Frank.

I spoke with our ethics expert, Gail Dotson, and she advises that you contact the Ethics Commission personally. See contact information in Gail's email, below.
This directive comes from the Ethics Commission. The Executive Director has stated that it is **their** job to address personal conflict issues for board members. Only the Commission can give an opinion that is binding and upon which you may rely.

I would be very interested in their answer and would appreciate your sharing it with me.

Please call me if you want to discuss this.

Regards,

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From: Dotson, Gail A.
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 10:43 AM
To: Ramirez-Seijas, Olga
Cc: Bru, Julie
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Olga,

For members of the various city boards, they will need to direct their inquiry to the Commission on Ethics. The contact is as follows: Victoria Frigo; 305.350.0601; and frigov@miamidade.gov.

The board member can e-mail or call Victoria and a response will be provided.

Thanks, Gail

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From: Schmand, Timothy
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From: Frank Rollason <frollason@comcast.net>
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Subject: ROLLASON TO ATTEND MAY 14TH MSEA MTG

Tim, I have tried to fax two evenings in a row and receive a message back of "no answer". So, I am sending you this e-mail to let you know I plan to be there.

I know time is short and I am assuming that one of the items on the agenda will be the issue of conveying the park property for the museums to MSEA for MSEA to lease to the two museums. If this is the case, I need to know if I have a conflict of interest in hearing and voting on this issue. I am employed by Rodriguez and Quiroga Architects Chartered who have already been selected as the Executive Architect for the Museum of Science. I desire to participate on this issue and therefore will not step out just to "be safe". If I cannot be involved, I want to know the specific cite as to why I cannot participate.

As always, the best way to get me is on my cell at 305-299-7300 or by e-mail at frollason@comcast.net

Thanks, Frank.

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