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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 1:44 PM
To: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair); Frigo, Victoria (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ - Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa (Magnet Schools Partnership with Beacon Council)

Ms. Palacio:

You have inquired whether Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa has a prohibited conflict of interest in voting on or otherwise participating in Item 131336—RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO DEVELOP A FORMALIZED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ESTABLISH AND ENHANCE MAGNET SCHOOLS IN DIRECT ALIGNMENT WITH TARGETED INDUSTRIES INCLUDED WITHIN THE BEACON COUNCIL'S ONE COMMUNITY, ONE GOAL PLAN. This proposed action would create new educational facilities and opportunities, including an Entrepreneurial High School, a Trade and Logistical Technical Magnet School, a Performing Arts High School, an expansion of a Science-based Magnet Middle School, and a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Magnet (STEM) High School.

Chairwoman Sosa has made this request in light of her fulltime employment by Miami-Dade Public Schools at the Lindsey-Hopkins Technical Education Center. It is my understanding that the proposal would not have any personal impact on Chairwoman Sosa or her employment by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Chairwoman Sosa would not stand to profit or be enhanced by the proposal and would not likely be affected by it differently from other members of the general public.

Given these circumstances and the fact that the Miami-Dade County Public Schools is a government agency rather than a private business entity, it is my opinion that Chairwoman Sosa does not have a prohibited conflict of interest, and, therefore, may participate in and vote on this item.

Sincerely,
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From: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 12:16 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)
Subject: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for School Concept Agenda Item (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Good morning, Mr. Centorino:

I am writing on Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa's behalf because she wanted to know whether she had a prohibited conflict of interest concerning the following item:

131446—RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO DEVELOP A FORMALIZED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ESTABLISH AND ENHANCE MAGNET SCHOOLS IN DIRECT ALIGNMENT WITH TARGETED INDUSTRIES INCLUDED WITHIN THE BEACON COUNCIL'S ONE COMMUNITY, ONE GOAL PLAN

I have attached a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Thank you very much, in advance, for your help, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Vanessa Palacio, Esq.

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