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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 2:24 PM
To: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO); Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: INQ - Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa (No. 131520 Driver's Education)

Ms. Palacio:

You have requested an opinion on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest in voting on or otherwise participating in Item No. 131520 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE PROVISION OF DRIVER'S EDUCATION FOR \$2,519,619.35; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN. The request has been made in light of Chairwoman Sosa's fulltime employment by the Miami-Dade County School Board at the Lindsey-Hopkins Technical Education Center.

This matter is a continuation of a program that has been in existence in prior years. It is my understanding that the program has been expanded in scope and funding but serves essentially the same purpose as it has previously. We have previously opined that Chairwoman Sosa does not have any prohibited conflict of interest on this matter and may vote or otherwise participate in the item when it comes before the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners because Chairwoman Sosa's employment is with a government entity, her position would be unaffected by the program, and she does not stand to profit or otherwise be enhanced in any way by the program.

Sincerely,
Joseph M. Centorino
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From: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2013 2:48 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)
Subject: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 131520 (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

I am writing on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, because she wanted to know whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest regarding the following resolution:

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. I have attached a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Thanks very much for your help.

Regards,

Vanessa Palacio, Esq.

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