
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 2:50 PM
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Subject: Ethics Opinion- Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commission (voting conflict) INQ 14-130

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 10:55 AM
To: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: INQ - Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commission (voting conflict)

Ms. Palacio:

You have inquired on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she may participate or vote on Item No. 141003, a Resolution Authorizing an Affiliating Agreement with Miami-Dade Public Schools for Provision of Special Educational Classes for Young Adults in the Custody of the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department and Authorization for the Mayor to Renew or Cancel Provisions thereof. This question is asked in light of Chairwoman Sosa's fulltime employment with the Miami-Dade Public Schools at the Lindsey-Hopkins Technical Educational Center.

It is our understanding that this program would not affect Commissioner Sosa's employment with the schools in any significant way. She would not directly be involved in the program or any decision concerning its administration on behalf of the school district. She would not profit or be enhanced personally by the program. She does not have a relationship that would create a voting conflict insofar as the school district is a governmental agency, not a business or other private sector interested party.

Therefore, it is my opinion that Chairwoman Sosa may participate and vote on this item when it comes before the Commission.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino
Executive Director and General Counsel
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 9:54 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)
Subject: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 141003 (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Good morning, Mr. Centorino:

I am writing on Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa's behalf for your opinion regarding the following resolution. The Chairwoman wants to know whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest in connection with voting or participating on this item.

141003 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFILIATING AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL CLASSES FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE MIAMI-DADE CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE THE RENEWAL AND CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

I have attached a copy of the resolution.

As always, thank you for your assistance in advance.

Most sincerely,



Vanessa Palacio, Esq.

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