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Summary of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust Meeting Held on March 8, 2023

MIAMI, FL (March 8, 2023) The Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust held a public meeting on March 8, 2023. The following actions took place:

Complaint Filed Against County Solid Waste Management Employee Found Not Legally Sufficient

C 23-01-01: A complaint filed against the Assistant Director for waste collections operations in the Department of Solid Waste Management, Sherra Durham-Camp, was found Not Legally Sufficient and dismissed. The complaint alleged that Ms. Durham-Camp violated the Truth in Government provision of the County Charter's Citizens' Bill of Rights when she knowingly omitted significant facts during the evaluation of another supervisor in her department.

Complaint Filed Against North Miami Beach Commissioner Found Not Legally Sufficient

C 23-02-01: A complaint filed against North Miami Beach Commissioner, McKenzie Fleurimond, was found Not Legally Sufficient and dismissed. The complaint alleged that Commissioner Fleurimond violated the County Citizens' Bill of Rights and the North Miami Beach Municipal Ethics Code when he left the dais and did not indicate why he did so during a Commission meeting.

Status Provided in Case Involving Former City of Opa-Locka Commissioner

Ethics Commission attorneys briefed the Board on the status of the appeal by former City of Opa-Locka Commissioner John Riley who was previously found to be in violation of the Financial Disclosure and Conflicting Employment sections of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code. The COE recently filed a response to Mr. Riley's appeal that is currently pending with a three-judge panel in the Appellate Division of the Circuit Court.

Policy Guidance Sought in Filing of Complaints with the State Ethics Commission

The COE Executive Director asked the Board for policy guidance regarding the COE's filing of complaints with the Florida Ethics Commission.

Procedures Discussed for the Upcoming COE General Counsel Interviews

The Ethics Commission discussed interview procedures for the March 16th public interviews of the five candidates to be considered for the COE General Counsel position.

The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of training, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.