

Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INITIATE RULEMAKING AT THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO CODIFY THE DECISIONS MADE AT THE UPCOMING WORKSHOP REGARDING THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG) OR ITS SUCCESSOR; AND, ON AN INTERIM BASIS, ALIGN THE OIG UNDER THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS AND ENSURE THAT THE OIG ACTIVITIES, FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SUBMITTED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

On Monday, August 8, 2005, a special meeting of the Innovation, Efficiency and Governmental Relations Committee was convened to discuss Miami-Dade County Public Schools Office of Inspector General (OIG). During this meeting, it was suggested that a workshop be conducted to define further the mission, role, structure and standards of that office or its successor.

Once the mission, role, structure and standards of that office are defined, each should be codified by way of a School Board rule. In addition, a set of processes will commence after the workshop, which include the hiring of staff for the newly-defined office.

Until the staff is hired, it is important for the District to provide a central point for coordination of and responsibility for activities that promote accountability, integrity, and efficiency.

The logical office to provide this central point for coordination, on an interim basis, is the Office of Management and Compliance Audits. To ensure independence, these OIG activities, findings, and recommendations should be submitted to the School Board Audit Committee for assurance that said office is providing this central point for accountability.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking at the September 7, 2005 School Board meeting, to codify the decisions made at the upcoming workshop regarding the Office of Inspector General (OIG) or its successor;
2. direct the Superintendent to temporarily align the functions and role of an OIG under the Office of Management and Compliance Audits until the newly-defined office is staffed, effective September 1, 2005; and
3. temporarily ensure that the activities, findings, and recommendations emanating from the OIG function within the Office of Management and Compliance Audits are submitted to the School Board Audit Committee for assurance that said Office is providing an unbiased central point for coordination of and responsibility for promoting accountability and integrity, until the new structure is implemented.

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