

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of July 11, 2007

July 2, 2007

Office of School Board Attorney  
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**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA v. AMY UTRERA - DOAH CASE NO. 07-0561**

On January 17, 2007, the School Board took action to suspend and initiate dismissal proceedings against Amy Marie Utrera, School Clerk II at Sunset Elementary School, from her employment with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida for nonperformance and deficient performance of job responsibilities, and violation of School Board Rules 6Gx13-4A-1.21, *Responsibilities and Duties*, 6Gx13-4A-1213, *Code of Ethics*, and 6Gx13-4E-1.01, *Absences and Leaves*. Ms. Utrera requested a hearing and the case was heard on March 23, 2007, before Administrative Law Judge, Robert E. Meale.

By Recommended Order entered May 22, 2007, the Administrative Law Judge found that there was just cause to sustain Respondent's suspension and dismissal and recommended that the School Board enter a final order terminating Ms. Utrera's employment with the School Board.

A copy of the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order, along with a copy of the proposed Final Order, has been furnished to the Board under separate cover.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order as its Final Order in the case of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida v. Amy Marie Utrera, DOAH Case No. 07-0561, sustaining Respondent's suspension without pay and terminating her employment with the School Board.

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