

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT:            AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE COURT TO FILE AN AMICUS-CURIAE BRIEF ON THE MATTER OF PASQUALE "PAT" TORNILLO JR. VS THE UNITED STATES**

**COMMITTEE:        BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

This agenda item proposes that the Miami-Dade County School Board authorize the School Board attorney to petition the court to file an amicus-curiae brief on the matter of Pasquale "Pat" Tornillo Jr. vs the United States opposing the plea agreement on the basis that it does not allow further investigations to be conducted.

Amicus curiae means, literally, friend of the court and it allows a person or entity with strong interest in or views on the subject matter of an action, but not a party to the action, to petition the court for permission to file a brief, presumably on behalf of a party but actually to suggest a rationale consistent with its own views. ] Added

This plea agreement impedes further investigations which may find that, because of undue influence, the district may have been subjected to excessive costs in regards to past-awarded contracts. If so, then the district and its taxpayers should receive restitution. Because of this, it is imperative that the School Board attorney petition the court to file an amicus curiae brief explaining the district's concerns on this matter. ] Revised

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the School Board attorney to petition the court to file an amicus-curiae brief on the matter of Pasquale "Pat" Tornillo Jr. vs the United States.

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