

Dr. Marta Pérez, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY OF DECISION-MAKING THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) issued a report on February 23, 2009. In his conclusions and recommendations, the OIG indicated that “. . . the School Board and MDCPS have not promulgated any policies or procedures prescribing the extent of due diligence required to identify possible conflicts of interest.”

Miami-Dade County's Conflict of Interest ordinance prohibits business transactions between elected officials, their staff, managers, department directors, etc., and persons or entities doing business with the county, and further prohibits business transactions with shareholders, partners, officers, directors, or employees of the entities in question.

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In order to follow the OIG's recommendation, this item proposes that clear language that mirrors the above be included in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8A-1.041, Conflict of Interest, and any other applicable School Board Rule, that sets forth the extent of due diligence. The OIG is requested to provide input on workable solutions to be incorporated into our board rule(s).

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

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

1. direct the OIG to provide workable solutions to the district that address the recommendations in the report dated February 23, 2009 for instituting a due diligence process; and
2. direct the School Board Attorney to initiate rulemaking procedures to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8A-1.041, Conflict of Interest, to collaborate with the OIG in implementing language that mirrors Miami-Dade County's ordinance on Conflict of Interest plus any other appropriate language proposed by the OIG.

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