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# **Select Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

**Thursday, March 6, 2008  
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM  
216 Capitol**

## **Action Report**

**Marco Rubio  
Speaker**

**Dennis Ross  
Chairman**

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Select Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

**3/6/2008 4:30:00PM**

**Location:** 216 Capitol

**Attendance:**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Dennis Ross (Chair)	X		
Mary Brandenburg	X		
Anitere Flores	X		
Bill Galvano	X		
Pat Patterson	X		
John Seiler	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Committee meeting was reported out: Thursday, March 06, 2008 5:10:02PM

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Select Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**  
**3/6/2008 4:30:00PM**

**Location:** 216 Capitol

**Other Business Appearance:**

Consent Decree  
William Barrett (General Public) - Information Only  
P. O. Box 340561  
Tampa FL 33694  
Phone: 321-403-6410

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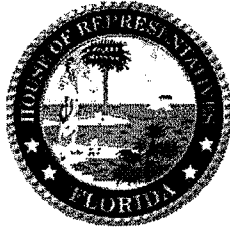
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**Location:** 216 Capitol

**Summary:** No Bills Considered

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**COUNCIL/COMMITTEE  
APPEARANCE RECORD**

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/6/08

Name William Barrett

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address PO Box 340561

City Tampa State/Zip FL 33694

Phone Number 321-403-6410

Representing \_\_\_\_\_

Lobbyist (registered) YES  NO

State Employee YES  NO

I wish to speak:  Proponent

\* I have been requested to speak  Opponent

Information

Subject matter: \_\_\_\_\_

Council/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*If you are appearing at the request of the Chair, you must get signature of the Chair before leaving.**  
Appearing at request of Chair   
Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

Copies to:  
Original - Council/Committee  
Copy - Person requested to appear

# Committee Meeting Notice

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Speaker Marco Rubio**

### **Select Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

**Start Date and Time:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 04:30 pm

**End Date and Time:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 05:30 pm

**Location:** 216 Capitol

**Duration:** 1.00 hrs

**Discussion:**

Consent Decree

**NOTICE FINALIZED on 03/04/2008 10:55 by Martin.Cara**

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1. Consent Decree





# *Florida House of Representatives*

*83<sup>rd</sup> House since Statehood*  
*Marco Rubio, Speaker*

March 6, 2008

In Re:

WILLIAM BARRETT,  
\_\_\_\_\_ /

## **CONSENT DECREE**

Pursuant to House Rule 16.2(e)4, the Select Committee on Official Standards of Conduct (the "Committee") and William Barrett enter into the following Consent Decree as final disposition. The terms of such agreement are laid out below:

1. Both parties stipulate that facts presented in the Statement of Alleged Violation (the "Statement") presented to the Speaker on January 3, 2008, are true and correct. Such facts are supported by evidence and neither party contests any of the facts as laid out therein.
2. Both parties agree that those facts support a finding that the three counts alleged in the Statement occurred and that appropriate discipline is warranted.
3. Mr. Barrett hereby admits that he contracted to lobby the Florida House of Representatives on behalf of the City of Palm Bay and was not registered to lobby the Florida House of Representatives.
4. Mr. Barrett hereby admits that he contracted to lobby the Florida House of Representatives on behalf of the City of St. Cloud and was not registered to lobby the Florida House of Representatives.
5. Mr. Barrett hereby admits that he met with members and staff of the Florida House of Representatives who believed him to be a lobbyist based on past communications and did not inform them he was not registered to lobby the Florida House of Representatives.
6. In acknowledgement of the above stipulations and admissions, the Committee and Mr. Barrett agree to the following sanctions for his conduct:
  - a. Mr. Barrett should be fined fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for his conduct. Two thousand five hundred will be payable on the fifteenth day following the adoption of this Consent Decree by the House, two thousand five hundred dollars will be payable on the forty-fifth day following adoption of this Consent Decree by the House, two thousand five hundred dollars will be payable on the ninetieth day following adoption of this Consent Decree by

- the House, two thousand five hundred dollars will be payable on the one hundred twentieth day following adoption of this Consent Decree by the House. The final five thousand dollars is suspended upon successful completion of the other terms of this Consent Decree.
- b. Mr. Barrett will submit quarterly compensation reports for the first two quarters of 2007, within fifteen days after the approval of this consent decree by the Committee.
  - c. Mr. Barrett will give any clients he registers to lobby the Florida House of Representatives for in 2008 a copy of the Statement of Alleged Violation and this Consent Decree. He will file a signed acknowledgement of receipt of these documents completed by the client or the client's representative with his registration documents. The client's contact information shall be included on the receipt and a copy of the registration and the receipt shall also be sent to Jeremiah M. Hawkes, General Counsel, Florida House of Representatives, 422 The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300.
  - d. Mr. Barrett will comply with all laws and regulations related to legislative branch lobbying including but not limited to section 11.045, Florida Statutes, and Joint Rule 1 of the Eighty-Third Legislature since statehood. This also includes timely filing of any reports or statements required by these statutes and rules.
  - e. Mr. Barrett will not violate any criminal law or statute of the State of Florida, the United States or any other state or territory.
  - f. Mr. Barrett will remain in full compliance with these terms and will complete all the terms and conditions above until November 4, 2008.
7. Compliance with the terms laid out in Paragraph 6 shall be determined by the Speaker of the House and such determination shall be final.
  8. If Mr. Barrett does not comply with the terms laid out in Paragraph 6, then he agrees that the full fine will be imposed against him and that can be entered as a civil judgment against him. He agrees that collection can be made by any legal means including garnishment or attachment.
  9. In addition, should Mr. Barrett not comply with the terms in Paragraph 6 upon such determination by the Speaker, Mr. Barrett will be prohibited from lobbying until the end of the term of the Eighty-Third House since Statehood and the House will, pursuant to Rule 16.4, recommend that Mr. Barrett be prohibited from lobbying the Florida House of Representatives for up to two years, such recommendation is to be considered during the organizational session held in November 2008.
  10. If the full House does not adopt this Decree, then it shall be deemed null and void, and all parties shall be placed in the same position as if this Consent Decree was never proposed or agreed to by the parties.


**ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE PARTIES**

I hereby swear or affirm that I have read the forgoing and the Statement of Alleged Violation and I stipulate to all the facts laid out in the latter and agree to all the terms and conditions laid out in this document. I understand all the above terms and conditions. I have not received any consideration beyond what is laid out in this document and have not been pressured to accept this agreement by any third parties. I waive my right to a hearing on this matter. All of this I do of my own volition, in acknowledgment of my actions and desire to bring this matter to a close.

  
William Barrett

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF LEON

Sworn or affirmed and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, by William Barrett.

  
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Notary Public, State of Florida

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification   
Type of Identification  
Produced Driver's license



**Latasha Pierce**  
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I hereby certify that the above document was considered by the Select Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and after full debate and consideration at a public meeting held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, the Committee hereby consented to this agreement and voted to present a resolution to the full House for adoption.

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Dennis Ross  
Chairman, Select Committee on  
Standards of Official Conduct