

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-387

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: May 14, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 13, 2024

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's appointment of M.G. Orender as a member of the governing body of JEA, pursuant to Article 21, *Jacksonville Charter*, replacing Martha "Marty" Lanahan, for a first full term expiring February 28, 2027.

Background Information: JEA is established pursuant to Article 21, *Jacksonville Charter*, and authorized to own, manage and operate a utilities system within and without the City of Jacksonville. JEA is created for the express purposes of acquiring, constructing, operating, financing and otherwise have plenary authority with respect to electric, water, sewer, natural gas and such other utility systems as may be under its control now or in the future.

Section 21.03, *Jacksonville Charter*, provides that the governing body of JEA shall consist of seven members. Four members shall be nominated by the council president and confirmed by the council, and three members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. Each member shall have been a resident and elector of the city for at least six consecutive months prior to such member's appointment. Members who have demonstrated corporate, executive or administrative experience working in public or private organizations, including, but not limited to, non-profit and government organizations, are preferred to serve on the governing body of JEA.

Mr. Orender is the CEO and President of Hampton Golf Inc., which owns and/or manages 32 golf courses in Florida, New York, Ohio, Minnesota, and Tennessee. He served previously as the 33rd President of the PGA of America, as President of Florida's First Coast of Golf, and as a member of the Duval County Tourist Development Council. Mr. Orender has been a registered voter in Duval County since 1994 and he resides in council district 13.

Policy Impact Area: JEA Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey