

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-957

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools

Date of Introduction: November 26, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 25, 2024

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools' appointment of Betty Seabrook Burney to the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board, as a member with experience in education, for an initial 3-year term expiring September 30, 2027.

Background Information: Ordinance 2024-635-E established the Jacksonville Journey Forward as a public body within the executive branch of the City to assess and make recommendations regarding community-based programs, services, activities, and contracts related to factors contributing to crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation as well as neighborhood safety and stability, and the prevention of juvenile and adult recidivism.

Section 85.105(a), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the composition of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board which shall consist of eleven voting members, four of whom are appointed by the Mayor, three of whom shall be appointed by the Council President, with one appointment each from: the Sheriff of Duval County, the State Attorney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, the Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, and the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

To the extent feasible, the JJF Board should include individuals with experience in public health, education, workforce development, contracts and compliance, afterschool/camp operations, juvenile diversion programs, violence prevention or intervention, ex-offender re-entry programs, law enforcement and community engagement.

Mrs. Burney holds a bachelor's degree from the university of Miami and master's degree from Northern Illinois University. She is the founder and CEO of the "I'M A STAR" Foundation and served previously on the Duval County School Board. Mrs. Burney is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She resides in Duval County in council district 10.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Forward Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey