

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2020-711

**Sponsor:** Council President Hazouri

**Date of Introduction:** November 24, 2020

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** November 25, 2020

**Type of Action:** Appointment

**Bill Summary:** This bill appoints Isaac Rhodes Robinson to the Duval County Research and Development Authority, filling a seat formerly held by Julie A. Dion, for a first full term ending October 17, 2023.

**Background Information:** The Duval County Research and Development Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 67, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to oversee "First Coast Technology Park", a 285-acre commerce center at the University of North Florida; for the purpose of promoting scientific research and development in affiliation with and related to the research and development activities of one or more state-based, accredited, public or private institutions of higher education; for the purpose of financing and refinancing capital projects related to establishment of a research and development park in affiliation with one or more institutions of higher education, including facilities that complement or encourage the complete operation thereof; and for the fostering of the economic development and broadening the economic base of the county. Section 159.703, *Florida Statutes*, provides that members of the Research and Development Authority shall be residents and electors of, or have their principal place of employment in, the county.

Mr. Robinson is a Certified Environmental Professional and a Professional Wetland Scientist with academic experience and training in wildlife management, wildlife field studies, wetland ecology, coastal ecology, mitigation banking, vertebrate biology, vertebrate taxonomy, botany, and ecosystem ecology. Mr. Robinson is former CEO of Environmental Services, Inc. Mr. Robinson resides in Council District #3.

**Policy Impact Area:** Duval County Research and Development Authority Operations

**Fiscal Impact:** Anticipated to be minimal.

**Analyst:** Distel