

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2024-132

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Salem

**Date of Introduction:** February 13, 2024

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

**Date of Analysis:** February 12, 2024

**Type of Action:** Reappointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the reappointment of Ricardo Morales III as a member to the governing body of JEA, for a second full term expiring February 28, 2028.

**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(a), *Jacksonville Charter*, provides that the seven members of the JEA Board are to be city residents and electors, four members shall be nominated by the council president and confirmed by the council, and three members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall be confirmed by the council.

Mr. Morales holds a bachelor's degree from Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, He is the president and COO of Morales Construction Co. Inc., and he is a certified building contractor, real estate broker and master builder. Mr. Morales resides, and is a registered voter, in Duval County and lives in council district 7.

**Attendance:** Mr. Morales attended 17 of 17 (100%) meetings in his first term.

**Policy Impact Area:** JEA Board operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey