

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-1000

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President White

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 9, 2024

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's appointment of Retired U.S. Army Lt. General, Walter E. Piatt to the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board with experience in community engagement, for an initial two-year term expiring on September 30, 2026.

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.

Retired U.S. Army Lt. General, Walter E. Piatt holds a bachelor's degree from Lock Haven University, and master's degrees from the US Army Command & General Staff college. He has 42 years of military and leadership experience, including service as the Commanding General of the 10th Mountain Division and Director of the Army Staff. Mr. Piatt is the CEO of Wounder Warrior Project. He resides in Duval County in council district 11.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Forward Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey