

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2023-684

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** September 26, 2023

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

**Date of Analysis:** September 27, 2023

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Tia Mackey Leathers as a member of the Board of Library Trustees, as an At-Large, Group 5 representative, filling a seat formerly held by Gerald Thomas for a partial term to expire on September 30, 2025, followed by first full term to expire on September 30, 2029.

**Background Information:** The Library Board of Trustees is established pursuant to Chapter 90, *Ordinance Code*, and charged with the authority to receive, accept and exercise control over funds, property, gifts, legacies or devises now or hereafter granted to the library or its predecessor libraries and agencies for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a free public library in and for the Consolidated Government and its citizens and the responsibility for the administration of Chapter 662 and the provision of library services.

Section 90.101(a), *Ordinance Code*, The Board shall consist of 12 members, 2 members shall be appointed from (reside in) each of the five City Council At-Large Groups, and two members shall be appointed At-Large. At least 11 of the 12 voting members shall be citizens and residents of the County, and one At-Large voting member may be a non-resident provided that said member works in the City and is a patron of the Library. All members shall be appointed by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Ms. Leathers holds a bachelor's degree from UNF and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. She is the CEO of Writejustice LLC. and previously worked as the executive director of family and community engagement for Duval County Public Schools. Ms. Leathers served as a DCPS ex-officio member to the Library Board of Trustees for 5 years. She resides in Duval County in council district 8, At-Large, Group 5.

**Policy Impact Area:** Library Board of Trustees operations

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

**Analyst:** Hampsey