

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2023-194

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

**Date of Introduction:** March 14, 2023

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

**Date of Analysis:** March 13, 2023

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation and one cycle emergency passage

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Joshua A. Garrison, to the Downtown Investment Authority Board, as a person with business management experience, replacing Stephanie Burch, for a first full term to expire June 30, 2026. Emergency passage is requested because the seat is currently vacant, creating difficulties in establishing a quorum and precluding the Board from undertaking its work in a timely fashion.

**Background Information:** The Downtown Investment Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 55, Part 3, *Ordinance Code*, and charged as the sole development and community redevelopment agency for Downtown for the City of Jacksonville pursuant to Chapter 163, Part III, *Florida Statutes*. Section 55.307(b)(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the nine members of the board be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including a person with business management experience.

Joshua Garrison began working for Miranda Contracting LLC. in 2003 as an office clerk and junior project manager, and is now the President/Co-Owner of the company. He holds a bachelor's degree in communications and an MBA from the University of North Florida. Mr. Garrison serves on UNF's Entrepreneurial Task Force, International Business Advisory Board and the COAS Dean's Council. He is also a board member for the Trinity Rescue Mission. Mr. Garrison resides in Duval County in council district 14.

**Policy Impact Area:** Downtown Investment Authority Board operations

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

**Analyst:** Hampsey