

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2025-79

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

**Date of Introduction:** January 28, 2025

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

**Date of Analysis:** January 29, 2025

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Dr. Latonya M. Summers, to the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board, as a member with experience in education, for an initial 4-year term expiring September 30, 2028.

**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.

Dr. Latonya M. Summers earned her Ph.D. in counselor education and supervision from UNC Charlotte, and she is a licensed mental health counselor. Dr. Summers is Associate Professor and Department Chair of the Center for Men's Mental Wellness at Jacksonville University and also has an extensive background in substance abuse counseling. She resides in Duval County in council district 1.

**Policy Impact Area:** Jacksonville Journey Forward Board operations

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

**Analyst:** Hampsey