

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-449

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

Date of Introduction: July 25, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: July 24, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's appointment of Kwanza Humphrey as a member of the Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) Board, replacing Tom VanOsdol, for a first full term to expire February 28, 2027.

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), Municipal 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.

There is a vacancy on the JEA Board due to the resignation of Tom VanOsdol, and the Mayor authorized the Council President to appoint Kwanza Humphrey to fill this vacant board seat on the Mayor's behalf. This seat shall remain under the appointing authority of the Mayor and this appointment by the Council President shall not alter or effect the Mayor's authority to appoint members to this JEA Board seat in the future.

Ms. Humphrey is the Chief Human Resources Officer for VyStar Credit Union and has more than 20 years of experience in the banking industry. She holds a bachelor's degree in English/African American Studies from the University at Buffalo, a master's degree in Executive Leadership and Change from Daemen University, and she is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Ms. Humphrey resides in Duval County in council district 3.

Policy Impact Area: JEA Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey