

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-697

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 25, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of C. Popham Decunto, as a member of the Civil Service Board, filling a seat formerly held by Rita Mairs, for a partial term ending June 30, 2025, followed by a first full term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Background Information: The Civil Service Board is established pursuant to Article 17, *Jacksonville Charter*, and charged to periodically review the operation and effect of the personnel provisions of the charter, the classification plan, and the pay plan, and report their findings to the council and the mayor; hear and determine appeals initiated by employees who are charged with personnel violations; hear and determine complaints by employees and prospective employees concerning alleged violations of civil service rules or regulations with respect to hiring and promotion; hear and determine the grievance of persons covered by the civil service rules or the grievance of persons who may be entitled to be covered concerning any action taken which pertains to employment rights.

Section 17.02, *Jacksonville Charter*, provides that the nine members of the Board shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Jacksonville. Five members shall be appointed by the Mayor, one of whom shall be a member of a union, two members shall be appointed by JEA, one member shall be appointed by the Duval County School Board, and the ninth member shall be chosen by the other eight, with all appointments subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Ms. Decunto holds a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and a JD from the University of Southern California. She is a partner at Durant, Schoepel & Decunto, P.A. and she previously worked for the Public Defender in Jacksonville and Miami. Ms. Decunto is a member of the Women's Giving Alliance and the State Attorney's Independent Audit Board for the Conviction Integrity Review Division. She resides in Duval County in council district 6.

Policy Impact Area: Civil Service Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey