

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-133

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

Date of Introduction: February 13, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 12, 2024

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Desiree Corley Jones, LMHC to the Environmental Protection Board, representing the medical profession, replacing Dr. Edmund J. Clark, for a partial term to expire on September 30, 2025.

Background Information: The Environmental Protection Board is established pursuant to Chapter 73, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study, promulgate and enforce appropriate rules for environmental protection; work in cooperation with the State and other agencies and groups interested in environmental quality control; investigate pollution control programs; conduct investigations and hearings on complaints; issue appropriate orders for enforcement of pollution standards; grant variances requested by pollution sources; general authority over the Groundwater and Surface Water Resource Management Program and the Hazardous Regulated Substance Program; and review and approve requests for Sustainable Building Certification Refund Grants.

Section 73.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the members of the board shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council in various categories, including a medical profession representative.

Ms. Jones holds a bachelor's degree from Bethune Cookman University and a master's degree from Webster University. She is a licensed mental health counselor and a certified behavioral health case management supervisor. Ms. Jones is the CEO of Step-by-Step Behavioral Health Services. She resides in Duval County in council district 8.

Policy Impact Area: Environmental Protection Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey