

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-686

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 26, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Ennis Davis as a member of the Downtown Development Review Board, as an urban planner representative, filling a seat formerly held by William J. Schilling, for a first full term ending June 30, 2025.

Background Information: The Downtown Development Review Board is established pursuant to Section 656.361.9, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to review and make decisions with respect to all applications for development and redevelopment within the Downtown Overlay Zone.

Per Section 656.361.9 (A) (1), *Ordinance Code* the nine voting members of the board are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, in various categories including an urban planner.

Mr. Davis holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from FAMU and is a certified planner. He is a senior planner and project manager with Alfred Benesch & Co., and he worked previously at Ghyabi and Associates and as director of land planning at Powers Design Architects. Mr. Davis serves on the boards of the American Planning Association Florida First Coast Section, Groundwork Jacksonville, and Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. He resides in Duval County in council district 11.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown Development Review Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey