

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-639

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

Date of Introduction: September 12, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: September 11, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Patricia Gillum Sams as a member of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), replacing Abel Harding, for a partial term to expire on May 31, 2024, followed by a first full term to expire on May 31, 2028.

Background Information: The JTA is established pursuant to Chapter 349, *Florida Statutes*, and charged to acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain, operate, own, and lease the Jacksonville Expressway System; and the JTA may acquire, hold, construct, improve, operate, maintain, and lease a mass transit system; and plan, develop, finance, construct, own, lease, purchase, operate, maintain, relocate, equip, repair, and manage those public transportation projects, such as express bus services; bus rapid transit services; light rail, commuter rail, heavy rail, or other transit services; ferry services; transit stations; park-and-ride lots; transit oriented development nodes; or feeder roads, reliever roads, connector roads, bypasses, or appurtenant facilities, that are intended to address critical transportation needs or concerns in the Jacksonville; in addition to the other powers and duties provided, JTA shall have the power and responsibility to formulate and implement a plan for a mass transit system that will serve Duval County and the greater Jacksonville area.

Pursuant to Sec. 349.03(2), *Florida Statutes*, three of the seven members of the board are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville subject to confirmation by the Council of the City of Jacksonville.

Ms. Sams holds a bachelor's degree from FSU. She worked for 23 years with State Farm Insurance Companies and was the Diversity Program Manager for JEA (retired 2021). Ms. Sams is Founder and CEO of The Sistah Covenant, Vice-President and Member Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Founder/CEO of The Legacy League Inc. She resides in Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: JTA Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey