

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2026-119

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Carrico

Date of Introduction: February 10, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 10, 2026

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President's appointment of Paul Martinez as a Member to the governing body of JEA, replacing Arthur L. Adams Jr., for a first full term expiring February 28, 2030.

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, *Jacksonville Charter*, provides that the governing body of JEA shall consist of seven members. Four members shall be nominated by the council president and confirmed by the council, and three members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. Each member shall have been a resident and elector of the city for at least six consecutive months prior to such member's appointment. Members who have demonstrated corporate, executive or administrative experience working in public or private organizations, including, but not limited to, non-profit and government organizations, are preferred to serve on the governing body of JEA.

Mr. Martinez holds a bachelor's degree from Jacksonville University, and he is a Board Member of the Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida since 2014. Mr. Martinez served previously as the Director of Intra-Governmental Affairs for Mayor Alvin Brown, as a member of the Jacksonville Children's Commission, and on the Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Board. Mr. Martinez resides in Duval County in council district 13.

Policy Impact Area: JEA Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey