

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-1001

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President White

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 9, 2024

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Council President’s appointment of Stephen A. Zona to the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board with experience in law enforcement, for an initial two-year term expiring on September 30, 2026.

Background Information: Ordinance 2024-635-E established the Jacksonville Journey Forward as a public body within the executive branch of the City to assess and make recommendations regarding community-based programs, services, activities, and contracts related to factors contributing to crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation as well as neighborhood safety and stability, and the prevention of juvenile and adult recidivism.

Section 85.105(a), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the composition of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board which shall consist of eleven voting members, four of whom are appointed by the Mayor, three of whom shall be appointed by the Council President, with one appointment each from: the Sheriff of Duval County, the State Attorney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, the Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, and the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

To the extent feasible, the JJF Board should include individuals with experience in public health, education, workforce development, contracts and compliance, afterschool/camp operations, juvenile diversion programs, violence prevention or intervention, ex-offender re-entry programs, law enforcement and community engagement.

Mr. Zona began his law enforcement career with the Jacksonville Beach Police Department, and he then served with the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office for 26 years. He was previously the President of the Jacksonville Fraternal Order of Police and the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police. Mr. Zona resides in Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Journey Forward Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey