

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-156

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

Date of Introduction: February 25, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 25, 2025

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Charles Spencer to the Jacksonville Port Authority, replacing M.C. "Ceree" Harden, III, for a partial term expiring September 30, 2027.

Background Information: The JPA is established pursuant to Article 5, *Jacksonville Charter*, and charged to operate, manage, and control the seaport and ancillary facilities located within Duval County. Four of the seven members of the board are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville with the confirmation of the Council of the City of Jacksonville.

Mr. Spencer attended Matthew Gilbert High School, Florida Community College and Edwards Waters College. He served previously as the president of the International Longshoreman Association for 15 years and now serves as executive vice-president emeritus of the ILA South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District and VP of the Florida AFL-CIO. Mr. Spencer resides in Duval County in council district 3.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Port Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey