

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2021-87

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: February 9, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 8, 2021

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of James P. Branch, Jr., as a member of the Civil Service Board, as a union member representative, for a second full three-year term ending June 30, 2023.

Background Information: The Civil Service Board is established pursuant to Article 17, *Jacksonville Charter*, and charged to periodically review the operation and effect of the personnel provisions of the charter, the classification plan, and the pay plan, and report their findings to the council and the mayor; hear and determine appeals initiated by employees who are charged with personnel violations; hear and determine complaints by employees and prospective employees concerning alleged violations of civil service rules or regulations with respect to hiring and promotion; hear and determine the grievance of persons covered by the civil service rules or the grievance of persons who may be entitled to be covered concerning any action taken which pertains to employment rights.

Section 17.02, *Jacksonville Charter*, provides that five members shall be appointed by the Mayor, one of whom shall be a member of a union, two members shall be appointed by JEA, one member shall be appointed by the Duval County School Board, and the ninth member shall be chosen by the other eight, with all appointments subject to confirmation by the City Council. Members shall be appointed for staggered terms. The board shall elect annually one of its members as chair and one as vice chair.

Mr. Branch served 35 years in the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, where he retired as a Sergeant in 2012. He previously served on a number of community organizations including as President of the Jacksonville Chapter of the Police Benevolent Association, and as a board member of the Fraternal Order of Police, and the University of North Florida DUI Technical Review Committee. He resides in Duval County.

Attendance: James Branch has attended 19/19 meetings for a 100% attendance record.

Policy Impact Area: Civil Service Board operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Distel