

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-526

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

Date of Introduction: August 8, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 7, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Lawrence E. Dennis, as a member of the Kids Hope Alliance Board, replacing Dr. Marvin Wells, for a partial term to expire on December 31, 2023, followed by a first full term to expire on December 31, 2027.

Background Information: The Kids Hope Alliance is established pursuant to Chapter 77, *Ordinance Code* to offer a comprehensive and integrated system of essential children and youth programs and services to address the critical needs of children and youth. KHA is responsible for comprehensively developing, overseeing, managing and implementing the Essential Services Plan for Kids, and managing the children and youth programs, services, and activities permitted under the Plan through third-party service providers and other City agencies.

Section 77.106, *Ordinance Code*, provides that Kids Hope Alliance Board be comprised of seven voting members who are permanent residents of the City, appointed by the Mayor, and confirmed by the Council.

Mr. Dennis holds a bachelor's degree in music education and master's degree in guidance and counseling from FAMU. He is a career educator with more than 37 years of experience in various Duval County School, as a guidance counselor, assistant principal, principal, and Region II Superintendent. Mr. Dennis currently works as the regional director VP for Mainstream Development Educational Group. He resides in Duval County in council district 2.

Policy Impact Area: Kids Hope Alliance Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey