

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2026-41

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit

Date of Introduction: January 13, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: January 15, 2026

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Chief Judge's appointment of Deena Bateh Wallace to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, as an attorney member, replacing Judge Linda F. McCallum for a full-term expiring December 31, 2028.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Ethics Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 602, Part 9, *Ordinance Code*, and empowered to review, interpret, render advisory opinions and enforce Chapter 602, *Ordinance Code*.

Section 602.912, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Ethics Commission shall be composed of nine members, one of whom is to be appointed by the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, and confirmed by council. Ethics Commission members must be registered voters in Duval County for six months prior to the introduction of their nomination for confirmation. Six members shall have one or more of the following qualifications: an attorney; a certified public accountant with forensic audit experience; a former elected official; a former judge; a higher education faculty member or former faculty member with experience in ethics; a former law enforcement official with experience in investigating public corruption; a corporate official with a background in human resources or ethics; a former board member of a City of Jacksonville independent authority; a former government executive with ethics experience.

Ms. Wallace holds a bachelor's degree from Wofford College and a law degree from Stetson University College of Law. She is the owner and manager of D.B. Wallace Investigations, LLC, and previously served on the Civil Service Board. Ms. Wallace resides in Duval County in council district 5.

Policy Impact Area: Ethics Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey