

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-157

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 Elaine Brown to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, replacing Megan Hayward, for a partial term to expire May 31, 2025, followed by a first full term to expire on May 31, 2029.

Background Information: The JTA is established pursuant to Chapter 349, *Florida Statutes*, and charged to acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain, operate, own, and lease the Jacksonville Expressway System; and the JTA may acquire, hold, construct, improve, operate, maintain, and lease a mass transit system; and plan, develop, finance, construct, own, lease, purchase, operate, maintain, relocate, equip, repair, and manage those public transportation projects, such as express bus services; bus rapid transit services; light rail, commuter rail, heavy rail, or other transit services; ferry services; transit stations; park-and-ride lots; transit oriented development nodes; or feeder roads, reliever roads, connector roads, bypasses, or appurtenant facilities, that are intended to address critical transportation needs or concerns in the Jacksonville; in addition to the other powers and duties provided, JTA shall have the power and responsibility to formulate and implement a plan for a mass transit system that will serve Duval County and the greater Jacksonville area.

Pursuant to Sec. 349.03(2), *Florida Statutes*, three of the seven members of the board are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville subject to confirmation by the Council of the City of Jacksonville.

Ms. Brown is a graduate of Massey Business College. She served as a Jacksonville City Council member from 1999-2007, was the 2004-05 council president, and the council liaison to JTA for four years. Ms. Brown was the Mayor of Neptune Beach from 2106-2024 and represented the beaches communities on the North Florida TPO. She resides in Duval County in council district 13.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Transportation Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey