

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-190

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

Date of Introduction: February 27, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 26, 2024

Type of Action: Reappointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's reappointment of Aundra Wallace to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, pursuant to Chapter 349, *Florida Statutes*, for a first full term to expire May 31, 2027.

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 Section 349.03(2), *Florida Statutes*, the JTA board consists of seven members. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Three members shall be appointed by the mayor of the City of Jacksonville subject to confirmation by the council of the City of Jacksonville.

Mr. Wallace holds a bachelor's degree from Georgia Southern University and an MPA from Clark Atlanta University. He is the president of the JAXUSA Partnership and served previously as CEO of the Downtown Investment Authority. Mr. Wallace resides in Duval County.

Attendance: Mr. Wallace attended 15 of 16 (94%) meetings in his partial term from 2/22/22 – 5/31/23.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Transportation Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey