

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2025-574

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

**Date of Introduction:** July 22, 2025

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** July 21, 2025

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Sylvia Perry as a member of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board, with experience in community engagement, replacing Dr. LaTonya M. Summers, for an initial four-year term expiring on September 30, 2028.

**Background Information:** Ordinance 2024-635-E established the Jacksonville Journey Forward as a public body within the executive branch of the City to assess and make recommendations regarding community-based programs, services, activities, and contracts related to factors contributing to crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation as well as neighborhood safety and stability, and the prevention of juvenile and adult recidivism.

Section 85.105(a), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the composition of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board which shall consist of eleven voting members, four of whom are appointed by the Mayor, three of whom shall be appointed by the Council President, with one appointment each from: the Sheriff of Duval County, the State Attorney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, the Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, and the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

To the extent feasible, the JJF Board should include individuals with experience in public health, education, workforce development, contracts and compliance, afterschool/camp operations, juvenile diversion programs, violence prevention or intervention, ex-offender re-entry programs, law enforcement and community engagement.

Ms. Perry holds bachelor's and master's degrees from FSU. She is the publisher of the Free Press of Jacksonville and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Ms. Perry resides in Duval County in council district 10.

**Policy Impact Area:** Jacksonville Journey Forward operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey