

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-193

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

Date of Introduction: March 14, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 13, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Soo Gilvarry, as a member of the Jacksonville Port Authority (JPA), replacing Bradley S. Talbert, for a partial term ending September 30, 2025. One cycle emergency passage is requested because the seat is currently vacant, creating difficulties in establishing a quorum and precluding the Jacksonville Port Authority from undertaking its work in a timely fashion.

Background Information: The JPA is established pursuant to Article 5, *Jacksonville Charter*, and charged to operate, manage, and control the seaport and ancillary facilities located within Duval County. Four of the seven members of the board are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville with the confirmation of the Council of the City of Jacksonville.

Soo Gilvarry is the CEO of Lotus Commercial USA LLC. and she has 15 years of corporate finance experience in distribution and international shipping. She holds a B.S. in Biology from Chung Nam University in South Korea and an Accounting degree with honors from the University of North Florida. Ms. Gilvarry previously served on the Jacksonville Housing Authority, and she is currently a member of the MOCA Board of Trustees. She resides in Duval County resident in council district 13.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Port Authority Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey