

1 Introduced by Council President White and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Lahnen and Johnson:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-1000-A**

6 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S  
7 APPOINTMENT OF RETIRED U.S. ARMY LIEUTENANT  
8 GENERAL, WALTER E. PIATT, A DUVAL COUNTY  
9 RESIDENT, AS A MEMBER OF THE JACKSONVILLE  
10 JOURNEY FORWARD BOARD WITH EXPERIENCE IN  
11 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION  
12 85.105, *ORDINANCE CODE*, FOR AN INITIAL TWO-YEAR  
13 TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; PROVIDING AN  
14 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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16 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2024-635-E established the Jacksonville  
17 Journey Forward as an advisory body within the executive branch of  
18 the City to assess and make recommendations regarding community-based  
19 programs, services, activities, and contracts related to factors  
20 contributing to crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation  
21 as well as neighborhood safety and stability, and the prevention of  
22 juvenile and adult recidivism; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Journey Forward also serves as a  
24 convenor to organize and engage City agencies, offices, departments,  
25 independent agencies, and community leaders and stakeholders to  
26 establish a community-based, Citywide plan and alignment of resources  
27 to reduce factors contributing to crime and to improve public safety;  
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29 **WHEREAS**, Section 85.105(a), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the  
30 composition of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board ("JF Board")  
31 which shall consist of eleven voting members, four of whom are

1 appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, three of whom shall  
2 be appointed by the Council President and confirmed by Council with  
3 the following persons making one appointment for confirmation by  
4 Council, to wit: the Sheriff of Duval County, the State Attorney of  
5 the Fourth Judicial Circuit, the Superintendent of Duval County Public  
6 Schools, and the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit; and

7 **WHEREAS**, to the extent feasible and preferred, but not  
8 required, members appointed to serve on the JF Board shall include  
9 individuals with experience in one or more of the following areas,  
10 recognizing these qualifications would best serve the mission and  
11 objectives of the Jacksonville Journey Forward: public health,  
12 education, workforce development, contracts and compliance,  
13 afterschool/camp operations, juvenile diversion programs, violence  
14 prevention or intervention, ex-offender re-entry programs, law  
15 enforcement and community engagement; now therefore

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

17 **Section 1. Appointment Confirmation.** The Council hereby  
18 confirms the Council President's appointment of Retired U.S. Army  
19 Lieutenant General, Walter E. Piatt, a Duval County resident, as a  
20 member of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board with experience in  
21 community engagement, in accordance with Section 85.105, *Ordinance*  
22 *Code*, for an initial two-year term expiring on September 30, 2026.

23 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
25 without the Mayor's signature.

26 Form Approved:

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28           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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