

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the  
2 Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools and Co-Sponsored by  
3 Council Members Clark-Murray, Johnson, Gaffney, Jr., Boylan, Howland,  
4 Miller, Carlucci and Freeman:  
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7 **RESOLUTION 2024-957-A**

8 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF  
9 DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' APPOINTMENT OF  
10 BETTY SEABROOK BURNEY, A DUVAL COUNTY RESIDENT,  
11 AS A MEMBER OF THE JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY FORWARD  
12 BOARD WITH EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION, PURSUANT TO  
13 SECTION 85.105, *ORDINANCE CODE*, FOR AN INITIAL  
14 THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027;  
15 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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17 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2024-635-E established the Jacksonville  
18 Journey Forward as a public body within the executive branch of the  
19 City to assess and make recommendations regarding community-based  
20 programs, services, activities, and contracts related to factors  
21 contributing to crime prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation  
22 as well as neighborhood safety and stability, and the prevention of  
23 juvenile and adult recidivism; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Journey Forward also serves as a  
25 convenor to organize and engage City agencies, offices, departments,  
26 independent agencies, and community leaders and stakeholders to  
27 establish a community-based, Citywide plan and alignment of resources  
28 to reduce factors contributing to crime and to improve public safety;  
29 and

30 **WHEREAS**, Section 85.105(a), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the  
31 composition of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board ("JF Board")

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

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

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

18 **Section 1. Appointment Confirmation.** The Council hereby  
19 confirms the Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools'  
20 appointment of Betty Seabrook Burney, a Duval County resident, as a  
21 member of the Jacksonville Journey Forward Board with experience in  
22 education, in accordance with Section 85.105, *Ordinance Code*, for an  
23 initial three-year term expiring on September 30, 2027.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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