

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-562

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President White

Date of Introduction: July 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: July 24, 2024

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Guillermo Simon to the Environmental Protection Board, as a registered professional engineer, for a second full term expiring September 30, 2028.

Background Information: The Environmental Protection Board is established pursuant to Chapter 73, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study, promulgate and enforce appropriate rules for environmental protection; work in cooperation with the State and other agencies and groups interested in environmental quality control; investigate pollution control programs; conduct investigations and hearings on complaints; issue appropriate orders for enforcement of pollution standards; grant variances requested by pollution sources; general authority over the Groundwater and Surface Water Resource Management Program and the Hazardous Regulated Substance Program; and oversee the compilation and distribution of data, on an annual basis and using existing available resources, on water quality and incidents of chemical spills, water pollution, groundwater contamination, and other relevant hazards.

Section 73.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that five of the members of the board shall be appointed by the Council in various categories including a professional engineer registered in the state.

Mr. Simon holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Mexico and a Master of Science in Coastal and Oceanographic Engineering from the University of Florida. He is registered as a professional engineer by the state of Florida, and he is the Director of Water Resources for Halff. Mr. Simon resides in Duval County in council district 6.

Attendance: Mr. Simon attended 33 of 36 (92%) meetings in his first term 1/12/21 – 9/30/24

Policy Impact Area: Environmental Protection Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey