

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-843

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

Date of Introduction: November 28, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 28, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill appointment of Sunny Gettinger to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, as a corporate official with a background in human resources or ethics, replacing Carlton DeVooght, for a partial term to expire on December 31, 2024, followed by a first full term to expire on December 31, 2027.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Ethics Commission is established pursuant to Chapter 602, Part 9, *Ordinance Code*, and empowered to review, interpret, render advisory opinions and enforce Chapter 602, *Ordinance Code*. In accordance with Section 1.202, *Municipal Charter*, the Commission may exercise the following powers and duties: Authorized to receive, and to investigate and issue findings with regard to complaints alleging an ethics violation; Provide assistance and input into the management and coordination of the training and education of local officers and employees in state and local ethics, including the City's Ethics Education Program, as well as all public records and sunshine law training throughout the government; May, upon employee or citizen complaint, or upon its own initiative, seek information and gather facts for the purpose of reviewing any circumstance or situation of which the Commission may become aware that appears to violate or may potentially violate an acceptable standard of ethics conduct for City officers and employees; Jurisdiction to levy those civil fines or penalties authorized in Chapter 602 for violations of the City's ethics code; and Act as the hiring committee, subject to Council confirmation, for the executive director of the Ethics Oversight and Compliance office.

Section 602.912, *Ordinance Code*, provides that that the Ethics Commission shall be composed of nine members, one of whom is appointed by the Mayor, representing various categories of qualifications, including a corporate official with a background in human resources or ethics.

Ms. Gettinger holds a bachelor's degree from Yale and a master's degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School. She is the Head of External Communications for Google Fiber, and she worked previously as a corporate human resources consultant and as a Senior Manager, People Operations for Google Inc. Ms. Gettinger resides in Duval County in council district 7.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Ethics Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey