

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2022-807

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit

Date of Introduction: October 25, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 25, 2022

Type of Action: Reappointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Chief Judge's reappointment of Linda McCallum to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, for a first full three-year term to expire December 31, 2025.

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*; and, in accordance with Section 1.202, *Jacksonville Charter*, to 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 the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit shall appoint one member to the Commission.

Judge McCallum served as the Administrative Judge to the Felony Division of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and served as the coordinator of judicial mentorship for the Fourth Judicial Circuit prior to her retirement in May of 2020. Ms. McCallum received a law degree from the Cumberland School of Law. She resides in Duval County.

Attendance: Judge McCallum's attendance record is 71%, she has attended 5 of the 7 meetings since her partial term began.

Policy Impact Area: Ethics Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey