

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2023-776

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

**Date of Introduction:** October 24, 2023

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** October 23, 2023

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Darrin Eakins to the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, replacing Ryan M. Ali, for a partial term to expire September 30, 2025, followed by a first full term to expire September 30, 2028.

**(Note: the "partial" term may need to be amended in committee)**

**Background Information:** The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville is designated pursuant to Chapter 118, Part 6, *Ordinance Code*, as the agent of the City for the purposes of determining and authorizing the allocation of a lump sum Cultural Service Grant and Capital Grant appropriation designated in the annual budget ordinance or in supplemental appropriation ordinances as being appropriated for eligible recipients.

Section 118.602, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the membership of the council shall include six members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Mr. Eakins holds a bachelor's degree in construction engineering from FAMU. He is the founder and CEO of Golden Age Innovations, a holding corporation and conglomerate specializing in consumer goods & services. His other business ventures include Du Blase Whiskey, the Nassau Pride ABA professional basketball team and the Savannah Ghost Pirate ECHL professional ice hockey team. Mr. Eakins resides in Duval County in council district 12.

**Policy Impact Area:** Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey