

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2020-631

**Sponsor:** Council President Hazouri

**Date of Introduction:** October 13, 2020

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

**Date of Analysis:** October 14, 2020

**Type of Action:** Reappointment

**Bill Summary:** This bill reappoints R. Bruce Taylor, Ph.D., to the Duval County Research and Development Authority, for a second four-year term ending October 17, 2024.

**Background Information:** The Duval County Research and Development Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 67, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to oversee "First Coast Technology Park", a 285-acre commerce center at the University of North Florida; for the purpose of promoting scientific research and development in affiliation with and related to the research and development activities of one or more state-based, accredited, public or private institutions of higher education; for the purpose of financing and refinancing capital projects related to establishment of a research and development park in affiliation with one or more institutions of higher education, including facilities that complement or encourage the complete operation thereof; and for the fostering of the economic development and broadening the economic base of the county. Section 159.703, *Florida Statutes*, provides that the members of the board shall be residents and electors of, or have their principal place of employment in, the county.

Mr. Taylor is the Chairman and CEO of Taylor Engineering. He has a Bachelor of Science from the United States Naval Academy as well as a Masters in Science in Oceanographic Engineering from the University of Miami and a Ph.D. in Civil and Coastal Engineering from the University of Florida. He is a Duval County resident.

**Attendance:** According to information provided by the staff for the board, Mr. Burnett has attended 100% of the meetings during his current term.

**Policy Impact Area:** Duval County Research and Development Authority Operations

**Fiscal Impact:** Anticipated to be minimal

**Analyst:** Distel