

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2020-633

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 Jason B. Burnett, 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. Burnett is an AV rated attorney who practices in the areas of commercial litigation and bankruptcy and is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy issues. Jason has substantial experience representing debtors in Chapter 11 cases from the pre-filing stage through confirmation and post-confirmation activities. He has also represented creditors, trustees and committees in all aspects of cases under Chapters 7, 11 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. Jason obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of North Florida in 1985 and his juris doctor from Florida State University in 1988. Mr. Burnett 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