

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2021-569

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit

Date of Introduction: August 10, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 10, 2021

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Chief Judge's appointment of Linda McCallum to the Jacksonville Ethics Commission, for a partial term ending December 31, 2022.

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, *Municipal 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 one of the nine members of the commission shall be appointed by the Chief Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit and confirmed by Council.

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 degree in International Affairs from Florida State University. She resides in Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Ethics Commission operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Distel