

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2021-728

**Sponsor:** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** September 28, 2021

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

**Date of Analysis:** September 28, 2021

**Type of Action:** Appointment

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Mayor’s appointment of M.C. “Ceree” Harden, III, as a member of the Jacksonville Port Authority (JPA), for a partial term ending September 30, 2023.

**Background Information:** The JPA is established pursuant to Article 5, Jacksonville Charter, and charged to operate, manage, and control the seaport and ancillary facilities located within Duval County. Four of the seven members of the board are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville with the confirmation of the Council of the City of Jacksonville.

M.C. “Ceree” Harden, III is Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer for Harden, one of the Southeast’s leading insurance, risk management and employee benefits firms. Mr. Harden is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Mr. Harden is a Duval County resident.

**Policy Impact Area:** Jacksonville Port Authority Board operations

**Fiscal Impact:** Anticipated to be minimal.

**Analyst:** Distel