

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

The School Board previously approved a ninety day pilot for a time certain start to the monthly public hearing of 6:30 p.m. on July 9, 2003 and extended it for another ninety days on October 22, 2003. Since the pilot has since expired and results have been positive, it is recommended that board rules be amended to make such action permanent.

A time certain start of 6:30 p.m. for the monthly public hearing allows greater access and convenience to those citizens wishing to address the Board in plenary. As during the pilot, the Board would recess its business after discussion has ceased on the item on the floor to hear from the members of the public signed up to speak. After exhausting the public hearing speakers list, the board would re-convene to complete its business.

This change would satisfy OPPAGA's concerns of making the public more accessible to the district's stakeholders.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. FRANK J. BOLAÑOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County direct the Board Attorney to amend appropriate board rules to allow for a time certain start of 6:30 p.m for the monthly public hearing.