

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

On August 3, 2011, The School Board approved board agenda item H-21 that restricts the participation of community members in District advisory committees by limiting the number of committees and individual may be appointed to. The final reading of the new policy was approved on October 19, 2011, and thus became board policy No. 9140. A provision in the policy allows for exemptions.

The new policy applies exclusively to Ms. Susan Kairalla, whom I have appointed to serve on a total of four committees. She is dedicated, has the best interests of our community at heart, and over the years has devoted a great deal of her personal time to attend numerous workshops, board committee meetings, and many other functions and events. As a result, she brings a wealth of institutional knowledge to the table that is unparalleled.

As such, this item proposes that the Board approve granting a waiver of the rule and allow Ms. Susan Kairalla to continue serving on the Wellness Committee, the Citizens Oversight Committee, the Budget and Audit Advisory Committee, and the Diversity, Equity, and Excellence Advisory Committee.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant an exemption to School Board Policy No. 9140, Citizens' Advisory Committees, allowing Ms. Susan Kairalla to continue serving on the Wellness Committee, the Citizens Oversight Committee, the Budget and Audit Advisory Committee, and the Diversity, Equity, and Excellence Advisory Committee.