

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS &
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School Board Policy 0152, *Organizational Meeting*, provides in part that: The School Board shall organize in November of each year by *electing a Chair and Vice-Chair.* Further, Board Policy 0152, *Officers*, specifies that *the Vice-Chair shall serve for a one year term*, and in the absence of the Chair, “the Vice-Chair may perform routine duties of the Chair as authorized by the Chair.” Nonetheless, Florida law only requires the election of a Chair, while leaving the selection of a Vice-Chair to the discretion of the Board. Section 1001.371 of the Florida statutes, provides in relevant part that: “In November of each year, the district school board shall organize by electing a chair. . . *It may elect a vice chair.*”

This item is being presented for the Board to consider amending Board Policies to mirror the aforementioned statute, which leaves the election of a Vice-Chair to the discretion of the Board. Amending these policies would provide for increased flexibility in establishing a “rotation type” selection of a Vice-Chair and may make it possible for more Board members to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity within any given year. For instance, in a year where the Board decides not to elect a Vice-Chair at its organizational meeting, it may establish an alternate procedure that would allow the Chair of the School Board to designate a different Board member to serve as Vice-Chair for each monthly meeting. Thus, in the Chair’s absence, the designated Vice-Chair for a specific meeting would fulfill the duties of the Chair. The alternate procedure would not be in effect until the Board’s organizational meeting of November of 2018.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney’s office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request that the Superintendent initiate rulemaking proceedings, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, to amend relevant Board policies regarding the election of a Vice-Chair to mirror current state law in the manner specified herein, with said amendments to take effect at the November 2018 regular Board meeting.