

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 9140-
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO INCLUDE ROBERT'S
RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED, AS THE
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES FOR CITIZENS' ADVISORY
COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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BLUEPRINT:** INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Citizens Advisory Committees in Miami-Dade County Public Schools are designed to keep the administration and School Board members informed with regards to different and diverse community opinions and represent the interest of students, parents, and the general public. Members carefully study specific school problems and possible solutions, review budgets and financial statements, and analyze appropriate data to arrive at sound and impartial solutions, among many others. They promote maximum interaction between the School Board and the community and raise awareness of School Board decisions and policies. Committee members represent business, industry, labor, the public sector, higher education, PTAs/PTSAs, parents, and the general public. Members bring a unique and invaluable perspective to education and their dedication and commitment to serve are greatly appreciated by all.

Nonetheless, it is also vital for advisory committee meetings to be conducted with professional decorum in support of the School Board's mission. Committee members should conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to an orderly, respectful, and organized delivery of different opinions and outcomes. Therefore, this agenda item requests authorization to amend School Board Policy 9140 – *Citizens' Advisory Committees* to include language that the parliamentary authority governing advisory committees shall be the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. It further requests that appropriate training be conducted on the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, every two years, or as needed or requested.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to:

- 1) amend School Board Policy 9140 – *Citizens' Advisory Committees* to include language that the parliamentary authority governing advisory committees shall be the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised; and
- 2) provide appropriate training to members of identified advisory committees on the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, every two years, or as needed or requested.