

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION ON SCHOOL BOARD ADVOCACY TRIPS**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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Historically, School Board members and other elected officials across the state travel to Tallahassee legislative during legislative sessions to meet as a body with members of the Florida Legislature for the purpose of advocating for the respective body's approved legislative priorities. In order to confirm that these publicly noticed advocacy trips, which require travel outside of Miami-Dade County, comply with full with Florida's Government in the Sunshine law, this item seeks that an opinion be requested from Florida's Attorney General in order to obtain clearer guidance with regard to the propriety of these meetings.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published agenda because the legislative session is scheduled to commence in March 2019, before the next scheduled monthly School Board Meeting of March 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the School Board Attorney to request an opinion from Florida's Attorney General on whether School Board members and other elected officials may, in compliance with the Sunshine Law, engage or participate in advocacy trips to Tallahassee during the legislative session for the purpose of jointly advocating for Board's publicly adopted legislative priorities.

**GOOD CAUSE  
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