

Dr. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: AMENDING SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 0165, *PUBLIC MEETINGS*, TO ESTABLISH A TIME CERTAIN FOR THE COMPLETION OF ALL BOARD MEETINGS**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION**

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Exacerbated by the ongoing pandemic, recent School Board meetings have gone beyond the length of typical Board meetings. Inordinately long meetings do not serve to engage the public or to provide a practical means of participating in our meetings.

This item is presented for the Board's consideration to establish a time certain when all scheduled School Board meetings will be completed in order to allow for the orderly discussion of the Board's business and full participation by the members of the public at Board meetings. The Board should consider setting a reasonable time for the completion of each meeting, such as by 8:00pm or any other reasonable time.

If the business of the Board cannot be completed by the established deadline, the Board can vote to extend the meeting for an additional period of time (for example an hour or more). Such a practice would be in line with the meeting practices of other local governmental entities. The public advertisement for these meetings should also specify the time at which the meeting must end.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Policy 0165, *Public Meetings*, to establish a time certain for the conclusion of all School Board meetings.