

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

The School Board has a responsibility to hear from and be accessible to the citizens it serves. As Miami-Dade County Public Schools takes steps to regain the public's trust and confidence, any measure to increase accessibility is a step in the right direction.

The monthly public hearing of the School Board is the ideal opportunity to hear from citizens in a public forum on any issues that may arise. The unpredictability of the length of the regular school board meeting, and thus a start time for the public hearing, only lessens the public interest to use this avenue. Additionally, those same reasons seem to frustrate those who do take the initiative to come forward and speak to the board.

Details of this item are forthcoming.