

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT: STRENGTHENING BOARD EFFECTIVENESS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

The School Board and its Chair are the elected representatives of the citizens, and as such are charged with carrying out the will of the people.

Through Board Rule or accepted practices, the School Board has delegated the critical responsibility of setting the agenda of its regular meeting to the Superintendent. Furthermore, elected representatives are at a disadvantage when not afforded a reasonable amount of time to review pertinent information relating to the many responsible decisions they are expected to make.

The opportunity exists to strengthen the effectiveness of the School Board in setting its agenda and increasing its ability to make responsible decisions the citizenry expects and deserves.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
FRANK J. BOLAÑOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Board Attorney to amend Board Rules or initiate rulemaking within the limits of all applicable laws and Roberts Rules of Order, to allow the following:

1. The School Board Chair to establish the agenda in consultation with the Superintendent.
2. Board Members' items to be moved forward as "B" items.
3. The ability of Board Members to request a time-certain hearing of agenda items at least 48 hours prior to the start of an official meeting by written request to the chair.
4. Priority items to be determined by the Board Chair in consultation with the Superintendent shall be moved forward as Board Priority "A" items only after a majority vote by the Board at the start of its meeting.
5. Deferral until next regularly scheduled School Board meeting of any agenda item when the agenda item and supplemental materials are distributed less than three days before the scheduled meeting, absent a showing of good cause as determined by the Board Chair.