

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Member

SUBJECT: SPEAKERS POLICY AT BOARD MEETINGS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

At the beginning of every Board meeting, the Board Chair announces publicly those items as to which no Board member has signed up to speak. Such items are then moved to the "Consent Agenda", which means that they will be approved unless public opposition to the item at the Board meeting causes Board members to change their support of such Items.

If an item is on the Consent Agenda, members of the public do not need to speak in favor of such item, since it has unanimous approval of the Board. Based upon the last four Board meetings, there are generally over 25 speakers per meeting speaking in favor of items on the Consent Agenda, at a cost in excess of an hour of public meeting time.

The listening public is interested in substantive discussions of issues which are important to the District, and Board time should be devoted to such discussions. The Board should permit people who are opposed to an Item on the Consent Agenda to speak, so that Board members are fully informed. However, the Board should not permit people who are in favor of an Item on the Consent Agenda to speak.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County,
Florida:

1. Should permit people who are opposed to an Item on the Consent Agenda to speak, so that Board members are fully informed; and
2. Should not permit people who are in favor of an Item on the Consent Agenda to speak.