

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A "INFORMATIONAL COMMITTEE"

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The School Board conducts workshops on matters that do not require a vote, but allow all stakeholders the opportunity to share vital information. Unfortunately, a quorum is necessary to fulfill statutory requirements for meetings in the sunshine and thus it can be very difficult to schedule workshops. Recently a workshop had to be cancelled for lack of a quorum, and many others are not held in a timely fashion because of this constraint.

Currently there are several committees, composed of four board members each, that meet on a monthly basis to review/discuss upcoming board agenda items. A similar committee can be formed that can be convened, on an "as needed" basis, to receive information from staff and other stakeholders. This could reduce the number of information requests.

The intent of this proposal is not to circumvent existing rules, but to facilitate and streamline the process whereby board members can receive information.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to promulgate a new Board Rule, or amend an existing one, that would, if possible, permit the creation of a School Board Committee for the purpose of receiving and/or gathering information, and bring the new rule or amendment to the March School Board meeting.