

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND REVISE SCHOOL BOARD RULES

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC GOAL: IMPROVE STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION

At the School Board meeting of April 13, 2005, I proffered Agenda Item Revised B-15 to initiate rulemaking on the notice requirements of public meetings of the School Board and its Advisory Committees, including School Board Committees, because of certain inconsistencies found in publication requirements. As a result, these meeting notification requirements were promulgated and codified through rulemaking, and set forth by Board policy in compliance with Florida Statutes, in School Board Rules 6Gx13-8C-1.031 and 6Gx13-8C-1.101.

Recently, it became quite apparent that there are no written procedures for meetings properly advertised that may be postponed, not cancelled, for good cause, such as inclement weather or other such unforeseen circumstances, which as a result, require to be rescheduled in the near future. Also, procedures should be in place providing flexibility to the 5-day advertising rule when unusual circumstances arise, since the law requires only "reasonable notice."

Additionally, the procedures for calling a Special Board meeting need to be reviewed and revised, in my opinion, to include requests for such meetings to be proffered at a public meeting of the Board and approved by a simple majority vote of the members present.

This agenda item proposes that the Superintendent and the School Board Attorney's Office review and revise appropriate School Board Rules accordingly.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent and School Board Attorney's Office to:

1. initiate rulemaking procedures to amend appropriate School Board Rules regarding specific procedures to follow when properly advertised meetings are postponed for good cause, such as inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, and as a result must be rescheduled, as well as providing flexibility to the 5-day advertising rule due to unusual circumstances;
2. amend the procedures when calling a Special School Board meeting to include approval of such requests at a public meeting of the Board by a simple majority of the members present; and
3. review and revise for consistency all appropriate School Board Rules by the October 15, 2008 School Board meeting.