

Dr. Marta Pérez, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER PROCLAMATIONS

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION**

Board Members increasingly recognize performance by students, staff and members of our community via proclamations presented at Board meetings. It has become common for Board Members to write proclamations recognizing these achievements and these recognitions are currently made at the beginning of our monthly board meeting. The proclamations are often so numerous that they delay the other business of the Board and become cumbersome. Last month alone there were 18 proclamations.

Members of the public who come to the meeting to address issues of policy, curriculum, budget and other matters must wait hours in order to have their concerns heard. As a result, matters that are crucial to our schools are not sufficiently discussed - just out of sheer fatigue. Members of the public who have been waiting for hours but have not had their issues near the front of the agenda leave without hearing their issue discussed. This adds to the frustration of the public, staff and board members. Besides, the excessive amounts of proclamations cause additional expense to the district including the number of extra hours staff must spend at Board Meetings alone.

Board Members and the public must have ample time to discuss issues of policy, curriculum, budget and other matters on the monthly agenda in an efficient manner.

This item proposes that the Board consider and adopt guidelines for Board Member proclamations. These could include giving proclamations out on another day during the month, limiting the number of proclamations given by a board member, convening a task force to make suggestions, and any other ideas that the Board and/or members of the public may wish to offer.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PÉREZ: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt new guidelines for Board Member proclamations