

Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Board Member

SUBJECT: TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY OF DECISION-MAKING
THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida has historically provided an opportunity for the public to address the Board each month on topics not included in the agenda during the public hearing portion of the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. Currently, Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.17, specifies that:

...citizens will be heard on matters on the consent agenda or not on the Board agenda at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board each month at the public hearing held immediately following the conclusion of the regular agenda, but no later than approximately 6:30 p.m.

The intent of this rule is to provide certainty and convenience for the public wishing to address the Board, however, the existing rule does not provide a time certain before which the public hearing will be taken up. As many of those with an interest in the business of the Board are likely students, parents, and/or employees of the District who cannot easily be present prior to the conclusion of the regular school day, it is in the best interest of this School Board's constituency to establish a time certain before which the public hearing portion of the School Board meeting will not be taken up.

Therefore, in an effort to accommodate the needs of the public, while preserving the operational efficiency of established Board meeting procedures, a reasonable accommodation would be to amend the existing Board Rule to provide that:

...the public hearing held immediately following the conclusion of the regular agenda, but no later than approximately 6:30 p.m., nor shall it commence earlier than 4:30 p.m.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. AGUSTIN J. BARRERA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.17, Citizen Appearances - Board Meetings to provide the public hearing portion of the Board meeting will not commence prior to 4:30 p.m.