

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION

At the May 21, 2008 Board Meeting I proffered, and the Board approved, Agenda Item H-19 asking the Superintendent and the Board Attorney to review Board rules that pertained to open government and public access to ensure the broadest access possible to the public.

Last month, Board Member Barrera proposed Agenda Item H-3, requesting to amend Board rule to provide that the public hearing portion of the School Board meeting not commence prior to 4:30 p.m. Several Board Members were in support to an amendment offered by Dr. Karp but ultimately the item failed.

In an effort to accommodate the needs of the public, especially students and District employees, in addressing the Board on matters not included in the regular agenda, the Board should reconsider Dr. Karp's reasonable recommendation. Board rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.17 should be amended as follows:

... the public hearing held immediately following the conclusion of the regular agenda, but no later than approximately 6:30 p.m. The Chair shall have the authority to call on speakers present upon the conclusion of the regular agenda but at no time shall the public hearing portion of the Board meeting conclude prior to 5:00 p.m.

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 amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.17, Citizen Appearances – Board Meetings to provide that:

1. the Chair shall have the authority to call on speakers present immediately following the conclusion of the regular agenda; and
2. the public hearing portion of the Board meeting shall at no time conclude prior to 5:00 p.m.