

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-092 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING FLORIDA BAR PRESIDENT RAMÓN ABADIN

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF

Ramon Abadin solidified his reputation as a top-notch legal mind when he was sworn in as the most recent president of the Florida Bar Association, where he will focus on technology issues, continuing education and encouraging lawyers to embrace change. An innovative thinker, Mr. Abadin will also advocate for a national bar exam, which will allow lawyers to practice in all states.

A 27-year law practitioner serving the people of Miami, Mr. Abadin is currently a partner with Sedgwick LLP with his partner in life and work, Kim Cook. He has tried cases in federal and state courts in Florida and has represented prestigious multinational businesses and insurance companies. Nonetheless, Mr. Abadin considers all his cases to be equally important regardless of size.

Born in Cuba and raised in Miami, Mr. Abadin worked hard to reach his goals of becoming an attorney including parking cars to help pay his way through law school at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. He is active in the community and is a popular speaker at bar, business and bench organizations. In addition, he has served as the president of the Cuban American Bar Association and chaired the American Bar Association's President's Commission on Diversity.

Ramon Abadin is to be commended for serving the legal needs and interests of the South Florida community. His success is a testament to his perseverance, leadership and pursuit of justice.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-092 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Florida Bar President Ramon Abadin.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 15-092
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING FLORIDA BAR PRESIDENT RAMON ABADIN**

WHEREAS, Ramon Abadin solidified his reputation as a top-notch legal mind when he was sworn in as the most recent president of the Florida Bar Association, where he will focus on technology issues, continuing education and encouraging lawyers to embrace change; and

WHEREAS, a 27-year law practitioner serving the people of Miami, Mr. Abadin is currently a partner with Sedgwick LLP with his partner in life and work, Kim Cook; and

WHEREAS, he has also represented prestigious multinational businesses and insurance companies. Nonetheless, Mr. Abadin considers all his cases to be equally important regardless of size; and

WHEREAS, born in Cuba and raised in Miami, Mr. Abadin worked hard to reach his goals of becoming an attorney including parking cars to help pay his way through law school at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abadin is active in the community and is a popular speaker at bar, business and bench organizations. In addition, he has served as the president of the Cuban American Bar Association and chaired the American Bar Association's President's Commission on Diversity; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Abadin is to be commended for serving the legal needs and interests of the South Florida community. His success is a testament to his perseverance, leadership and pursuit of justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-092 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Florida Bar President Ramon Abadin.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this eighteenth day of November, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary