

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member } Revised

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: INTERPRETATION OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Pursuant to Florida Statute 1001.371 Organization of District School Board, “In November of each year, the district school board shall organize by electing a chair...It may elect a vice chair...” School Board Policy 0151 echoes this statute and Policy 0152(A) further stipulates that, “Officers shall serve for one (1) year and until their respective successors are elected and qualify.” However, from time to time members of this body have brought items forward seeking to modify either the manner of selection and/or term of service of the Board Officers.

Each member of the School Board annually has the opportunity to be nominated to serve as Chair or Vice Chair and to be duly elected by their peers. Inasmuch as leadership is both an honor and responsibility, it is a mantle which carries with it the weight of governance. Given the recurring interest in exploring other mechanisms for selecting board leadership positions, it is appropriate for the School Board Attorney to provide his interpretation and recommendation as to the appropriateness and practicality of rotating the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

ACTION PROPOSED BY PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the School Board Attorney to review State Statute and School Board Policy and provide his interpretation of the appropriateness and practicality of developing a procedure to rotate Board leadership positions.