

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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At its meeting of October 16, 2013, the Board approved amendments to Board Policy 0165, *Public Meetings*, to provide that on regular Board meeting days meetings would begin at 11:00 a.m. to giving sufficient time for Board members to present items seeking approval of recognitions, resolutions, endorsements, or proclamations. This amendment also limited the number of presentations by each Board member to two (2) presentations per Board meeting. The policy states the Board may recess for lunch after presentations if the time permits and the regular Board meeting is to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

However, we have consistently seen the 11:00 a.m. portion of the Board meeting run well past its allocated time, going over an hour and a half past the Board's published 1:00 p.m. start time, generally commencing past 2:30 p.m. In an effort to conduct meetings in a more effective and timely manner, this item directs the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend Board Policy 0165, *Public Meetings*, to include language limiting the time allotted to each Board Member presentation. Presentations should be a maximum of five (5) minutes each, or as an alternative, ten (10) minutes total for each Board member. In addition, language should also include an exception for special circumstances in which Board members may request additional time for the presentation items, to be approved by the Board Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

Supplemental information regarding this item was provided to Board Members via memorandum by School Board Attorney on May 11, 2017.

This item has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the School Board Attorney.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend Board Policy 0165, *Pubic Meetings*, to:

- 1) limit the time allotted for each Board Member presentation to a maximum of five (5) minutes per presentation, and/or a maximum of ten (10) minutes total per Board Member at School Board Meetings, as set forth in this item; and
- 2) provide an exception for special circumstances in which Board members may request additional time for the presentation items, to be approved by the Board Chair at the beginning of the meeting.