

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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School Board Policy 0169.1, *Public Participation at Board Meetings*, requires, among other things, that: "Any person who wishes to address the Board, prior to addressing the Board, must complete a District authorized speaker form and must disclose whether the speaker has pending litigation against or involving the School District or Board, has filed a notice of claim against the Board, or has a pending employee grievance, administrative appeal, or any other litigation against or involving the Board. . ." In spite of these specific requirements for public speakers, it has become evident during previous Board meetings that certain speakers do not even provide their correct legal name, and may at times resort to using an alias when addressing the Board.

Many public boards and commissions in our state require speakers to provide their legal name and address. Such requirement promotes transparency, avoids misrepresentation and seeks to ensure a clear and accurate record of the proceedings. For these reasons, this item is presented for the Board's consideration to request that the Superintendent initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend School Board Policy 0169.1(D) to require that persons wishing to address the Board during its meetings provide their correct legal name in the District authorized speaker form. Failure to provide accurate information on the District authorized speaker form should preclude the person from addressing the Board.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

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 Policy 0169.1(D), *Public Participation at Board Meetings*, to require persons wishing to address the Board to provide their legal name on the District authorized speaker form.