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SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY’S SPECIALIZED CREDENTIALS

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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School Board Attorney Walter J. Harvey formally became the School Board’s legal counsel during the Board meeting of August 5, 2009. Soon thereafter, and with the support of the Board, the School Board Attorney initiated a transformative and cost-effective restructuring of the School Board Attorney’s Office. One of the priorities emphasized by the School Board at the time of Mr. Harvey’s appointment was the improvement of professional standards in the Office. The Board Attorney has since made skill and competence pillars of his tenure.

The School Board Attorney is an exceptional leader with a strong commitment for professionalism. In January of 2013, he became the first Registered Parliamentarian to ever serve in the School Board Attorney’s Office. He is an expert in the field of education, holding a certification in Education Law from the Florida Bar since June of 2014. Specialized credentials have enabled the School Board Attorney to acquire critical knowledge essential to provide the School Board with knowledgeable counsel in a more expeditious, efficient, inexpensive, and appropriate manner.

This Board item seeks to recognize the School Board Attorney’s specialized credentials and make a compensatory reconciliation of the same in line with District practices and within the existing budgetary parameters.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize the School Board Attorney’s specialized credentials and authorize a compensatory reconciliation of the same in line with District practices and within existing budgetary parameters.

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