

Dr. Marta Pérez, School Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS START EARLIER

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC

BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

Since March 2020, Florida has been under a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the pandemic and schools pivoting to online learning on March 16, 2020, regular School Board meetings have started at 1:00 pm. and have extended late into the night. During this time, attendance at large indoor public gatherings has been strongly discouraged.

In an effort to be more efficient, this item recommends and requests that the Board consider beginning our School Board meetings earlier than its current 1:00 pm start time: perhaps at 11:00 a.m. Additionally, conducting the Board's business earlier allows the Board to reach more viewers and listeners in the community.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to commence regular school board meetings at 11:00 a.m. beginning with the March 17, 2021 School Board meeting.

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