

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chairman

SUBJECT: PROTOCOL FOR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: EFFECTIVE & SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

As an elected body representing the people in Miami-Dade County, Florida, this School Board is committed to be the strongest advocate for a vigorous and robust educational agenda on behalf of our students, parents, and community at large. In order to better support this goal, the School Board has enlisted the services of professionals in the field of legislative advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels. This team of professionals has been hired by the School Board to represent the Board and the Board's priorities before elected officials and critical stakeholders.

The work of our legislative consultants is very important to the Board and our school district. We must ensure that this critical partnership is carried out in the outmost professional manner. In order to do so, and in an effort to further improve our business practices in this area, it would be advisable to review the relevant Board policies, procedures and practices that guide the professional relationship between our legislative consultants and the Board. It would also be helpful to develop, for the Board's reference, a protocol manual with relevant information regarding our team of legislative consultants.

This item seeks to direct the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the School Board Attorney, to review School Board policies, procedures and practices, and where necessary and appropriate, to initiate rulemaking to enhance rules of professional conduct between our legislative consultants and the School Board; and to develop a protocol manual, for Board members' reference, with all relevant information concerning our team of legislative consultants, inclusive of biographical and contact information of team members and applicable board policies.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the School Board Attorney to:

1. review School Board policies, procedures and practices, and where necessary and appropriate, to initiate rulemaking to enhance rules of professional conduct between our legislative consultants and the School Board;

2. develop a protocol manual, for Board members' reference, with all relevant information concerning our team of legislative consultants, inclusive of biographical and contact information of team members and applicable board policies; and
3. report back to the Board at the Fiscal Accountability and Government Relations Committee Meeting of July 13, 2022.