

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 0158, *ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

**COMMITTEE:          ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:                INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

In accordance with School Board Policy 0158, *Ethics Advisory Committee* ("EAC"), which authorizes the EAC "to review, interpret, render advisory opinions, and make recommendations to the Board," the EAC—through a very lengthy and deliberate process—reviewed several Board Policies related to the mission of the EAC in order to ascertain whether they should be updated and revised. This review process was undertaken in order to ascertain whether the policy pertaining to the EAC, which was first promulgated by the Board on August 3, 2011, and which has not been amended since its adoption, and other relevant policies, should be updated.

Based on its review, the EAC recommended that Policy 0158, *Ethics Advisory Committee*, be amended to increase the membership on the EAC by adding representatives from Miami-Dade College, one of the largest colleges in the nation with over 100,000 students and Florida Memorial University, the only Historically Black University in South Florida. The addition of these entities will serve to increase the diversity of the appointing entities to the EAC.

This will be the first time, since the inception of the EAC, that the membership is being expanded. New members to the EAC are appointed on a staggered and rotating basis among the appointing entities. It is also requested that the terms of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the EAC be extended beyond the current two-year term by majority vote of the members. When these changes were first proposed many years ago, the Superintendent at that time concurred with the recommended revisions to the policy. The current Chair of the EAC, Mr. Don Slesnick, and its members, continue to support the proposed amendment of the EAC policy.

This item is being presented for the Board to consider the proposed amendments to the EAC policy and to authorize the Superintendent to commence the process of revising the policy.

This item has been revised to reflect and incorporate the comments of Board members at the July 13, 2022 School Board Committee meeting.

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

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the School Board Attorney to draft and propose for the Board's consideration an amendment to Policy 0158, *Ethics Advisory Committee*, incorporating the following recommendations of the Ethics Advisory Committee:

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- 1) to increase the membership on the Ethics Advisory Committee from seven (7) to nine (9) members by adding representatives from all local universities' school of education including Miami-Dade College and Florida Memorial University when appointing faculty members to the Ethics Advisory Committee;
- 2) that the two-year term limit for the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Ethics Advisory Committee be eliminated; and
- 3) that the requirement for establishing a quorum for the Ethics Advisory Committee be a minimum of four (4) members.

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