



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

February 2, 2015, Meeting with Jacksonville City Council Rules Committee

Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Chairman
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch,
Mr. Jason Fischer
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Mr. Scott Shine
Ms. Paula D. Wright
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD : Board Members Scott Shine and Jason Fischer were present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

[Call Meeting To Order](#)

Minutes: The Jacksonville City Council Vice President Bill Gulliford called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Topics To Be Discussed

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Board Members Jason Fischer and Scott Shine addressed the Jacksonville City Council Rules Committee. Discussion included the following:

- Duval County School Board Members Jason Fischer and Scott Shine

requested an amendment to the Charter provision to authorize the School Board to hire its own specialized legal counsel in the same way the City County is authorized to hire legislative counsel separate from the Office of General Counsel.

- Rules Committee Board members agreed they had the authority to speak to the issue during the City of Jacksonville Rules Committee as the pending action would reverse a current Duval County Public School policy, previous standing action of the Board and the current legal advisory opinion of the City of Jacksonville Office of General Counsel dated 8/27/12.
- Board Members Jason Fischer and Scott Shine engaged in public comment with the Rules Committee affirming and advocating the position of the Duval County Public School Board regarding the Chief Legal Advisor Positions.
- Members of the City Of Jacksonville Rules Committee indicated some change in bill language may occur in a work session with Office of General Counsel and Council Woman Lori Boyer. This language may affirm the Duval County Public School Board's position.
- The Jacksonville City Council Rules Committee voted the substitute 2015-723 with a 7-0 affirmative vote.
- Board Members Jason Fischer and Scott Shine engaged the Office of General Counsel Jason Gabriel in discussion regarding possible new wording of 2015-723. Board Member Jason Fischer asked Jason Gabriel if there was authority for the School Board to place a Charter Amendment on the ballot in May of 2015.
- Board Members Scott Shine and Jason Fischer agreed to ask Duval County School Board Chairwoman Cheryl Grymes to seek a legal advisory opinion from Office of General Counsel Jason Gabriel regarding the process and viability of a ballot or legislative action to remove DCPS from the Jacksonville Charter, making it independent from the city.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Jacksonville City Council Vice President adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

CSM

Superintendent

Chairman