

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: RE-ORDERING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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As the School Board is aware, the Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the preparation and distribution of the agenda for regular and special meetings of the Board pursuant to School Board rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.15.

This School Board rule states that the agenda "shall contain, in order of presentation, a listing of each subject, and if appropriate, the recommendation(s) for each item to be considered by the Board."

In the past, the Superintendent's agenda items and the School Board Members' agenda items were the first two matters to be considered in the agenda. This order of presentation was in accordance with the philosophy and precepts enunciated in Robert's Rules, the governing parliamentary law set for in School Board rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.12. Robert's Rules provides that the more important items of business shall be presented early in the meeting and not be saved "for the last minute." Robert's Rules also provides that sufficient time should be allotted for thorough consideration of each important policy question to be brought before the assembly.

Notwithstanding these provisions of Robert's Rules, the Board members, the policy makers of the School Board, have their agenda items heard last. This has most recently resulted in important policy matters being taken for consideration after midnight and certainly beyond the time contemplated for the deliberation of critical policy issues.

This agenda item requests that School Board member items be re-numbered as B items and heard at an earlier portion of the School Board meeting and, further, that School Board members be able to discuss important topics for public information as B-1 in keeping with the practice in the past, and with the current practice allowing the Superintendent to bring forth educational matters under A-1. Each Board member who wishes to speak under B-1 would be limited to two minutes in order to ensure the orderly flow of the meeting and an efficient use of time.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to re-order the agenda allowing for:

1. B-1 for Board Member discussions of importance; and
2. individual Board Member agenda items be moved forward to "B".

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