

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT SUPERINTENDENT INITIATE RULEMAKING
PROCEEDINGS TO PROHIBIT ITEMS FROM BEING
APPROVED ON CONSENT WHEN SPEAKERS HAVE SIGNED-
UP FOR THESE ITEMS**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

School Board Rule 6Gx13-8C-1.17, *Citizen Appearances--Board Meetings*, prohibits speakers from addressing items that have been approved by the Board through its Consent Agenda, except during the "Public Hearing" portion of the regular Board meeting. Once an item is placed on the Consent Agenda the Board can only revisit the item through a motion to reconsider.

This practice does not allow the Board to hear the information, remarks and opinions provided by public speakers when an item passes on consent. Such a practice lends itself to the Board not obtaining all the information they may need to make informed decisions on items on the Agenda. There have been times when the Board may have voted in a different way if it had received the comments from the public on certain items passed on consent.

Accordingly this item is presented for the Board's consideration to amend Rule 8C-1.17 to preclude items from being adopted on consent if a member of the public has signed-up to speak to these items.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PÉREZ: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.17, *Citizen Appearances--Board Meetings* to prohibit items that the public has signed-up to speak to from being placed on the Consent Agenda.