



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Janai Bowens, City Manager Department
THROUGH: Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM
DATE: July 16th, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 25-24: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 32, "DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS", BY AMENDING SECTION 32.26, "COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT; TERMS" TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF THE EDUCATION BOARD MEMBERS FROM 13 MEMBERS TO 7 REGULAR MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 32.28. "QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS" TO UPDATE THE QUALIFICATIONS BY REQUIRING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE EITHER A PARENT OR EDUCATOR FROM EACH OF THE DELRAY BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 32.29, "DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES" TO UPDATE THE PURPOSE OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, GENERAL REPEALER CLAUSE; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (FIRST READING)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval.

Background:

This is a proposed amendment to the Education Board ordinance that clarifies the board composition, size, duties, and responsibilities. The ordinance seeks to reduce the number of Education Board size from thirteen members to seven members, with each appointed member representing a Delray Beach Public School. The ordinance also seeks to amend the qualifications of Education Board members, requiring each appointee to be either a parent or educator from each of the Delray Beach Public Schools. Finally, the ordinance seeks to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Education Board to ensure continuous educational advocacy through the strategic planning of quality education initiatives.

The purpose of the amended ordinance is to strengthen partnerships with the School District of Palm Beach County and align strategies to support the achievement of all students. The Education Board will continue to engage with local private educational providers, non-profit agencies and community organizations through quarterly stakeholder meetings that will promote continuous collaboration and external opportunities.

City Attorney Review:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

N/A

Timing of Request:

N/A