

BY-LAWS OF JEA

ARTICLE 1 OFFICES

The principal office of JEA shall be located in Jacksonville, Florida. Branch offices of JEA may be established at such places as JEA may designate from time to time.

ARTICLE II MEMBERS OF JEA GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. General Powers. The affairs of JEA shall be managed by the JEA governing body ("Board") as provided in Article 21, Charter of the City of Jacksonville, as amended, and other applicable laws.

Section 2. Appointment, Number, Tenure, and Expense Reimbursement. The membership of the JEA Board shall be constituted in number, qualifications, manner of appointment and tenure as provided in Article 21, Charter of the City of Jacksonville, as amended. Members of the JEA Board shall receive reimbursement for all expenses incurred which are reimbursable by law.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1. Elections. The Officers of the JEA Board shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, and a Secretary who shall be elected by the members and who shall serve as such officers for one year or until a successor is chosen. The Chair may serve for two consecutive one-year terms, which shall not include any period served as replacement Chair during the unexpired portion of the predecessor's term. Elections of Officers shall be conducted at the first regular meeting in March which may be preceded by a meeting of the nominating committee composed of the JEA Board acting as a whole or such other membership as the Chair may designate.

Section 2. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, illness, removal or otherwise, may be filled by the remaining members for the unexpired term.

Section 3. Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the JEA Board unless the Chair delegates otherwise. The Chair shall designate from time to time such special committees as the Chair deems appropriate and shall designate the subject matter assigned to each committee for consideration. In the event of the Chair's prolonged absence or disability, the Vice-Chair shall exercise all functions of the Chair for a period of up to thirty (30) days, at the expiration of which a special election shall be conducted by the JEA Board and a permanent Chair elected.

Section 4. Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair in addition to the functions for which the Vice-Chair is responsible under Section 3 above.

Section 5. Secretary. The Secretary shall cause the minutes to be kept of each meeting of the members in the Minute Book designated for that purpose. In the event of the Secretary's absence or disability, the Chair shall designate another member to be responsible for keeping of minutes during the Secretary's absence and for their inclusion in the Minute Book. When so directed by the Chair, the Secretary shall cause all notices to be given in accordance with these By-Laws and other applicable laws; the Secretary shall be responsible for the proper care and custody of all records pertaining to JEA affairs and for custody of the Seal of JEA. The Secretary shall be responsible for the Register of the address of each Board member and of such other persons as may be designated by the Chair or by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Chair or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV **COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Executive Committee. There shall be an Executive Committee comprised of as many members of the JEA Board as may be determined by the Chair. The Executive Committee shall function for and on behalf of the seven (7) members of the JEA Board to the extent that such action may be lawfully delegated; however, the designation of the Executive Committee and delegation thereto of authority to act in proper circumstances for the full membership of the JEA Board shall not operate to relieve the members of any responsibility imposed upon them individually or collectively by law. The Chair of the JEA Board shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee, and it shall meet from time to time at such times and places as the Chair may designate.

Section 2. Ordinary Committees.

(a) **Standing Committees.** The Chair may appoint standing committees from time to time which shall be composed of as many members of the JEA Board as determined by the Chair. The Chair shall name one of the committee members as committee chair and one as committee vice-chair. A standing committee shall continue until such time as it is terminated by the Chair.

(b) **Special Committees.** The Chair may appoint special committees from time to time, and the Chair may specify that one or more individuals who are not members of the JEA Board shall work with and assist the special committee. The Chair shall name one of the committee members as committee chair and one as committee vice-chair; both positions must be filled by current members of the JEA Board. When a special committee has fulfilled its function or when the best interests of JEA have been served, the committee shall be terminated without formal action.

Section 3. Term of Committee Members. Each member of a committee shall serve until the expiration of his/her term of office as a JEA Board member, until that member's successor is appointed and has accepted such appointment, or until the committee is terminated.

Section 4. Powers of the Committee and the Committee Chair. The committee chair, or vice-chair in the absence of the chair, shall have the power and authority to call meetings of the committee upon reasonable verbal or written notice to the members, and to set the date, time and place of such meetings. This function may also be performed by a majority of the remaining members of the committee upon inaction by the chair. A committee secretary may be designated by the committee chair. A committee may submit reports to the Chair and members of the JEA Board in writing as determined by the committee chair. Committee reports shall contain both majority and minority reports of committee members. A committee may by motion recommend to the JEA Board that action be taken on matters under consideration by the committee. Matters under consideration by the committee may include resolutions or other proposed actions presented to the committee by the JEA Managing Director.

Section 5. Committee Vacancies. The Chair shall fill vacancies in the membership of any committee. Should the Chair of the JEA Board fail to fill a vacancy within a reasonable length of time after such a vacancy occurs, then such vacancy may be filled by a majority of the members of the JEA Board acting in any regular or special meeting.

Section 6. Conduct of Committee Business. A majority of the entire membership of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and an act of the majority of the committee present at any meeting shall constitute the act of the committee. Should a quorum not be present at a scheduled meeting, the committee chair, or vice-chair in the absence of the chair, may appoint as many JEA Board members as necessary to constitute a quorum. Such appointment is for the purpose of that meeting only. All JEA Board members may attend and participate in any committee meeting, but only committee members have the right to make motions and to vote. Except as provided otherwise herein, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of committee business, unless the majority of the committee present at such meeting shall elect to utilize other rules or procedures consistent with applicable law and these By-Laws.

ARTICLE V

CONDUCT OF AUTHORITY BUSINESS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held at least monthly at the principal offices of JEA in the City of Jacksonville, or at such other public place within the City of Jacksonville as may be determined by the Chair, and at such times as the Chair or a majority of the members may designate. More frequent regular meetings may be held at the pleasure of a majority of the members.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Chair or by any three (3) members and shall be held at the principal offices of JEA in the

City of Jacksonville, or at such other public place within the City of Jacksonville as may be determined by the Chair.

Section 3. Notice of Special Meetings and Purpose. Notice of each special meeting of the members shall be given by the Chair or by the three (3) members who may have called such special meeting. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be provided to every member not less than two (2) working days before the meeting and shall state the purpose, time and place of the special meeting. Attendance by a member at a special meeting shall constitute waiver of notice. A member may, however, appear at a meeting for the sole purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting was not lawfully called without losing the right to object to improper notice. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than the purpose specified in the notice unless a majority of the members in attendance at such special meeting agree to transact other business.

Section 4. Teleconference or Videoconference Meetings. The Chair may allow Board member(s) to attend a regular or special meeting by teleconference or videoconference, provided that all JEA Board members attending the meeting and all other persons participating in the meeting may hear (or if by videoconference, see and hear) each other at the same time. Whenever any Board member attends a meeting by teleconference or videoconference, the Chair shall conduct the meeting in a manner so as to allow, to the fullest extent possible, simultaneous communication. A Board member or other person wishing to speak must first identify himself/herself to the Chair and request recognition from the Chair before speaking. Visual presentations shall be described in detail for any Board member attending by teleconference who is unable to view the presentation. It is the Board's preference that meetings be held with a quorum physically present except, on occasion, when the Board needs to transact business for a special matter typically conducted at a special meeting.

Section 5. Quorum and Votes Required for Action. The majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of meeting and transacting business. Four (4) affirmative votes shall be required to accomplish an act of business. Pursuant to Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, no member who is present at any Board meeting may abstain from voting except when there is, or appears to be, a possible conflict of interest. In such case, the abstaining Board member shall comply with the disclosure requirements of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

Section 6. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the office of a member of the JEA Board shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner provided in Article 21, Charter of the City of Jacksonville, as amended.

Section 7. Rules and Procedures. Except as provided otherwise herein, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the JEA Board business, unless the majority of members shall elect to utilize other rules or procedures consistent with applicable law and these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI
AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered, in whole or in part, by the affirmative votes of four (4) members at any regular or special meeting, provided such subject has been included in an agenda item.

ARTICLE VII
EFFECT OF BY-LAWS

Noncompliance with these By-Laws shall not operate to invalidate any JEA Board action otherwise valid under applicable law.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Date: _____

Form Approved :

Office of General Counsel

