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### Joint Noticed Meeting – Walgreens Closures 4:00 PM – September 22, 2025

#### MEETING AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introduction Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr.
- II. Invocation
- III. Purpose of Meeting
  - To discuss the closures of Walgreens around Jacksonville. This meeting is to find out why, to discuss the effect this will have on the constituents, to explore options to mitigate this impact, and to discuss the next steps.
- IV. Speakers
  - ~~a. Council Member Peluse (D7)~~
  - b. Council Member Pittman (D10)
  - c. Council Member Dr. Johnson (D14)
  - d. Dr. Parvez – Chief of Analytics, Mayor's Office
  - e. Lynn Sherman – Director of Health Programs, Mayor's Office
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Closing and Adjournment Council Member Reggie Gaffney, Jr.

**Speaker cards will need to be completed at the beginning of the meeting.** Public comments will be limited. Time is non-transferrable. Your card will be called in the order it is received. Based on time limitations all cards may not be called, but all comments will be recorded into the record.



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### **Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr. (D8), Council Member JuCoby Pittman (D10), and Council Member Dr. Rahman Johnson (D14) Joint Noticed Meeting**

Walgreens Crisis , 4:00 p.m. – September 22, 2025  
Don Davis Room

#### **Minutes**

**Attendees:** Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., Council Member JuCoby Pittman, Council Member Dr. Rahman Johnson, Lynn Sherman, Dr. Parvez Ahmed, Ed Randolph, ECAs Community Members and News Stations any Bryan

**Convened:** 4:00 p.m.

#### Meeting Minutes

Topic: Walgreens Closures and Community Impact

Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr. opened the meeting to address Walgreens closures and their impact on constituents.

#### Shared concerns about:

- The recent closure of a Walgreens in their district.
- The possibility of future closures.
- Long-term effects on the community.
- Opened Walgreens currently unable to meet demand from closures timely, accurately and efficiently due to an increase in traffic
- Limited medicine supply due to closures.

Meeting purpose: explore short-term and long-term solutions to mitigate closures.

Councilman Gaffney Jr. stressed closures have a city-wide impact, not just district-specific.

Dr. Parvez presented data on social determinants of health (life expectancy, insurance access). Highlighted disparities between districts (esp. Districts 8 & 10). Noted challenges in locating a complete pharmacy list—used ChatGPT to identify pharmacies by ZIP codes. Emphasized unequal access to pharmacies across Jacksonville.

## **Impact on Districts**

Councilman Gaffney Jr. asked about the collective effect of three Walgreens closures.

Dr. Parvez stated more research is needed to identify affected individuals and reliance on Walgreens.

Councilwoman Pittman suggested using insurance providers' data to estimate prescriptions lost. Raised concerns about pharmacy deserts forming in some areas.

## **Proposed Solutions**

- Councilman Dr. Johnson: explore delivery services (Amazon, Uber) for prescriptions.
- Incentivizing local pharmacies in underserved communities was mentioned.
- Expanding food desert program to include "pharmacy" desert program.

## **Emphasis on**

- Supporting older adults unable to travel long distances.
- Expanding pharmacy services with transportation support.

## **Final Thoughts & Next Steps**

1. Identify number of impacted individuals.
2. Monitor for future closures.
3. Explore financial support and partnerships.
4. follow-up meeting with Walgreens reps and stakeholders.

## **Action Items**

1. Research: Collect data on impacted residents and prescriptions (#of people affected).
2. Find out if Walgreens anticipate additional closures and where?
3. Ask health care facilities to identify how many patients have said their pharmacy has closed, etc.
4. Engagement: Connect with insurance providers, Walgreens, and local pharmacies.
5. Partnerships: Explore JTA and city health program collaborations.
6. Identify what will happen to the closing buildings – are they a potential blight issue.
7. Share concerns and invite other Council Members (ie Amaro), State Representatives and Senators.

**Meeting adjourned:** 5:00 p.m.

**Minutes prepared by:** Roshanda Jackson, ECA to Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr.

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Joint Noticed Meeting re Walgreen Closures – September 22, 2025

4:00 PM | Don Davis Room

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