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**AS PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, THE SCHOOL BOARD INITIATED RULEMAKING TO CODIFY THE PROCEDURES, PROVISIONS, ROLES AND AUTHORITY OF THE SCHOOL BOARD'S EXECUTIVE SESSION, ATTORNEY/CLIENT SESSION AND RISK MANAGEMENT SESSION**

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## *NEWS RELEASE OF PERLA TABARES HANTMAN*

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As proposed by School Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman, District 4, the School Board voted to initiate rulemaking procedures to clarify the procedures, provisions and authority for each of the closed sessions that the School Board holds that are exempt from the requirements of the Sunshine Law. The three closed sessions are Executive Session for collective bargaining issues, Attorney/Client Session for active litigation matters and Risk Management Session dealing with tort claims.

“This item will provide clarity by delineating in one single Board Rule procedures involving closed sessions that the Board holds that are exempt from the Sunshine Law, thus simplifying the process for all stakeholders,” said Ms. Hantman.

The resulting new School Board Rule would address each of these closed sessions of the School Board and would codify such points as:

- the legal authority for calling each and under what circumstances,
- how these sessions are required to be called,
- who calls them,
- the responsibility for confidentiality of each of these sessions, when it begins, when it ends,
- the requirements for a Court Reporter to be present or minutes of the sessions to be kept,
- when these formal recordings of the sessions may become public documents, and
- whether agenda items for settlements of lawsuits or claims should be brought to the School Board at an open meeting as a result of any of these sessions.

The new School Board Rule also will clarify what is required by law, any applicable penalties, and the roles of the Superintendent and the School Board Members in each of the sessions.

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