

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, SPACE, AND
DOMESTIC SECURITY**
Senator Wright, Chair
Senator Torres, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024
TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Wright, Chair; Senator Torres, Vice Chair; Senators Baxley, Collins, and Pizzo

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
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Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.

Director, Florida State Guard

1	Thieme, Mark A. (Apollo Beach)	Pleasure of Governor	Recommend Confirm Yeas 4 Nays 0
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TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
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Other Related Meeting Documents





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GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

October 27, 2023

Secretary Cord Byrd
Department of State
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 251.001, Florida Statutes:

Colonel Mark Thieme
613 Balibay Road
Apollo Beach, Florida 33572

as the Director of the Florida State Guard, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective October 27, 2023, for a term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II. § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of St. Johns

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

DIRECTOR, FLORIDA STATE GUARD

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God," See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Mark A. Thieme

Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

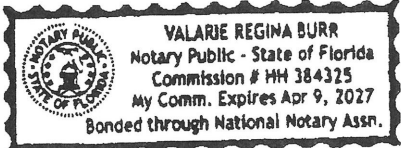
Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of x physical presence
Or online notarization this 15 day of November, 2023.

Valarie Burr

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Valarie Burr

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



Personally Known or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____

ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home Office

2601 S. Blair Stone Rd

Street or Post Office Box

TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

City, State, Zip Code

MARK A THIEME

Print Name

Mark A. Thieme

Signature

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,
do hereby certify that

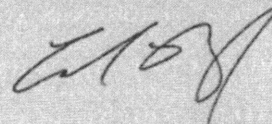
Mark A. Thieme

is duly appointed

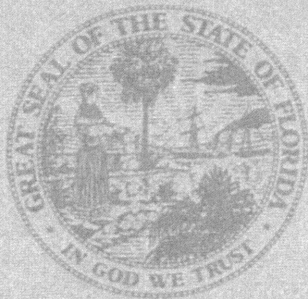
**Director,
Florida State Guard**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Seventh day of October,
A.D., 2023, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and is
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
the Third day of January, A.D., 2024.*



Secretary of State



DSDE 99 (3/03)

The Florida Senate
Committee Notice Of Hearing

IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of
Mark A. Thieme
Director, Florida State Guard

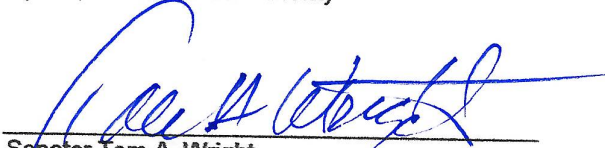
NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Mr. Mark A. Thieme

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Monday, February 5, 2024, in 301 Senate Building, commencing at 2:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

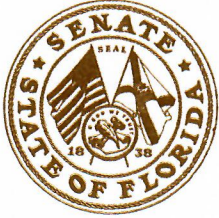
Please be present at the time of the hearing.
DATED this the 31st day of January, 2024

Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs,
Space, and Domestic Security



Senator Tom A. Wright
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
Office of the Sergeant at Arms



THE FLORIDA SENATE

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Domestic Security

Select Committee on
Resiliency, *Vice Chair*

KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO

President of the Senate

DENNIS BAXLEY

President Pro Tempore

February 5, 2024

Senator Tom Wright, Chair
Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs,
Space, and Domestic Security
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Chair Wright,

Please excuse my absence from the meeting of the Senate
Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic
Security this afternoon, February 5, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JWP", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jason W.B. Pizzo

cc: Tim Proctor, Staff Director
Lois Graham, Committee Administrative Assistant
Maggie Gerson, Senate Democratic Office Staff Director
Megan Ramba, Senate President's Office

2/5/24

Meeting Date

The Florida Senate APPEARANCE RECORD

Deliver both copies of this form to
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

Bill Number or Topic

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

MARK A. THIEME

Phone

904-466-2363

Address

2601 S. BLAIRSTONE Rd

Email

Street

TALLAHASSEE, FL

City

State

Zip

Speaking:

For

Against

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In Support

Against

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S-001 (08/10/2021)

CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 301

Case No.:

Type:

Caption: Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

Judge:

Started: 2/5/2024 2:30:39 PM

Ends: 2/5/2024 2:47:57 PM **Length:** 00:17:19

2:30:38 PM Chair Wright calls the meeting to order
2:30:46 PM Roll call
2:30:59 PM Quorum announced
2:31:03 PM Pledge of Allegiance
2:31:24 PM Chair with opening comments
2:31:46 PM Tab 1 Confirmation of Director, Florida State Guard
2:31:52 PM Mr. Mark A. Thieme takes witness oath
2:32:02 PM Mr. Thieme presents
2:34:17 PM Questions
2:34:39 PM Senator Torres
2:34:47 PM Mr. Thieme
2:34:51 PM Senator Torres
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2:43:13 PM Senator Collins
2:43:16 PM Mr. Thieme
2:43:37 PM Senator Collins
2:43:40 PM Mr. Thieme
2:44:19 PM Senator Baxley
2:44:55 PM Chair Wright
2:46:39 PM Mr. Thieme
2:46:46 PM Motion - without objection to recommend by Senator Torres
2:46:59 PM Roll call
2:47:06 PM Confirmation is favorable
2:47:30 PM Senator Collins moves to adjourn
2:47:46 PM Meeting adjourned