

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

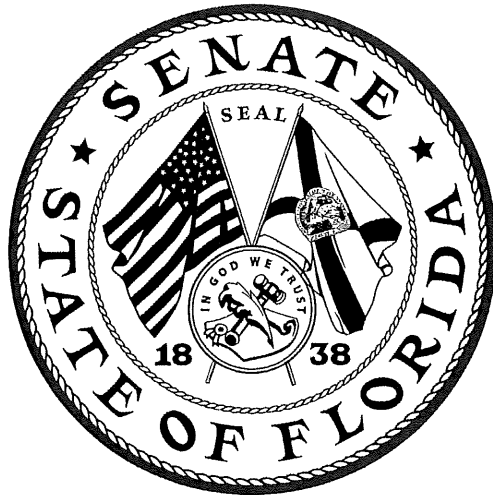
**ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**  
**Senator Baxley, Chair**  
**Senator Braynon, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019  
**TIME:** 4:30—6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Baxley, Chair; Senator Braynon, Vice Chair; Senators Diaz, Passidomo, Powell, Rodriguez, and Stargel

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<b>Senate Confirmation Hearing:</b> A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointments to the offices indicated.			
<b>Greater Orlando Aviation Authority</b>			
1	Good, M. Carson (Winter Park)	04/16/2022	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
	Hunt, Randall (Lake Mary)	04/16/2022	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
	Pirozzolo, Jason (Winter Garden)	04/16/2020	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
<b>Florida Commission on Offender Review</b>			
2	Coonrod, Melinda N. ()	06/30/2024	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
<b>Secretary of Health Care Administration</b>			
3	Mayhew, Mary C. (Tallahassee)	Pleasure of Governor	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 2
<b>Florida Public Service Commission</b>			
4	Brown, Julie I. (Tampa)	01/01/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
	Clark, Gary F. (Chipley)	01/01/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
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	Hunt, Randall (Lake Mary)	04/16/2022	
	Pirozzolo, Jason (Winter Garden)	04/16/2020	

**Florida Commission on Offender Review**

2	Coonrod, Melinda N. ()	06/30/2024	
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**Secretary of Health Care Administration**

3	Mayhew, Mary C. (Tallahassee)	Pleasure of Governor	
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**Florida Public Service Commission**

4	Brown, Julie I. (Tampa)	01/01/2023	
	Clark, Gary F. (Chipley)	01/01/2023	

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## Ethics and Elections

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**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019

**TIME:** 4:30—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Good, M. Carson  
 Term: 02/28/2019 – 04/16/2022  
 City/County: Winter Park/Orange  
 Office: Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Member  
 Authority: 98-491, s. 3(1), L.O.F.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 02/28/2019  
 Prior Term:

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 3/26/19
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 3/29/19
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Managing Director of Jones Lang LaSalle, (real estate services)

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket, travel and per diem expenses incurred while attending authority meetings, other meetings on behalf of the authority, or while engaged in the business of the authority.

**Requirements:** The authority consists of seven members who shall be elected or appointed as follows:

- One incumbent member of the Orlando City Council;
- One incumbent member of the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County;
- Five members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, including:
  - three members who are residents and electors of Orange County;
  - one member who is a resident and elector of Osceola County; and,
  - one member who is a resident and elector of Orange or Seminole County.

Members may not be employees of the City of Orlando or Orange County. No person transacting business with the authority, or who can be reasonably expected to transact business with the authority, for himself or as an employee of, agent for, or consultant to any other person or legal entity shall be appointed to the authority. Each appointed member of the authority shall be a person of integrity, responsibility and business ability and who is competent and knowledgeable in one or more fields including, but not limited to: public affairs, law, economics, accounting, engineering, finance, natural resource conservation, energy or another field substantially related to the functions and duties of the authority. It is desirable, but not essential, that one or more appointed members be experienced in some aviation-related field.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Members may be reappointed; except no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms or eight consecutive years, whichever is greater. Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Resident & Elector of Orange County  
Number 9 - The FDLE reported Mr. Good was charged with driving with a suspended license on 10/15/1986, in Marion County Florida. He pled nolo contendere and adjudication was withheld. He paid court costs and his driver's license was suspended. Mr. Good reported this violation and his driver's license is currently active.  
Number 15 - Mr. Good disclosed that his employer, JLL, (real estate services) has business and personnel that advise and represent various and changing owners and investors regarding property in Florida and will continue to do so including under pre-existing contracts." Mr. Good listed his employer's contractual relationships with the following: Hillsborough County BPA, Florida International University, Florida A&M University, the City of Daytona Beach, the Florida State University, and Broward College. Mr. Good further stated he would "comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding conflicts of interest and confidentiality of government information" while serving.  
Number 18 - Mr. Good served on the Orange County Planning and Zoning Commission, 2003-2009. Mr. Good served on the Orange County Parks and Recreation Board, 2009-2012.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Hunt, Randall Appointed: 02/28/2019  
 Term: Upon Senate Confirmation – 04/16/2022 Prior Term:  
 City/County: Lake Mary/Seminole  
 Office: Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Member  
 Authority: 98-491, s. 3(1), L.O.F.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 3/25/19
8. Meets Requirements of Law		X	See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 4/4/19
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** CEO of Athletic Apex

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket, travel and per diem expenses incurred while attending authority meetings, other meetings on behalf of the authority, or while engaged in the business of the authority.

**Requirements:** The authority consists of seven members who shall be elected or appointed as follows:

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**Additional** Terms are for four years.

**Requirements:** Members may be reappointed; except no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms or eight consecutive years, whichever is greater. Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Resident of Orange County



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Pirozzolo, Jason Appointed: 02/28/2019  
 Term: Upon Senate Confirmation – 04/16/2020 Prior Term:  
 City/County: Winter Garden/Orange  
 Office: Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Member  
 Authority: 98-491, s. 3(1), L.O.F.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 3/28/19
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 3/29/19
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Surgeon at Orlando Hand Surgery Associates

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket, travel and per diem expenses incurred while attending authority meetings, other meetings on behalf of the authority, or while engaged in the business of the authority.

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**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Members may be reappointed; except no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms or eight consecutive years, whichever is greater. Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Resident & Elector of Orange County  
Number 9 - Dr. Pirozzolo previously disclosed he was arrested on 6/14/2006 in Columbus, Ohio for domestic violence. The case was dismissed on 7/6/2006, after the police investigated and determined the arrest was based on false information. A copy of the criminal case summary was provided. The FDLE report did not include this incident.  
Number 18 - Dr. Pirozzolo served on the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority from 2010-2014.

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**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019

**TIME:** 4:30—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON  
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Committee on Criminal Justice  
**MEETING DATE:** Monday, April 8, 2019  
**TIME:** 1:30—3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Bill Galvano, President

**FROM:** Committee on Criminal Justice

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Florida Commission on Offender Review

**Appointee:** Coonrod, Melinda N.

**Term:** 6/30/2018-6/30/2024

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governor and Cabinet.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Coonrod, Melinda N. Appointed: 06/30/2018  
 Term: 06/30/2018 – 06/30/2024 Prior Term: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2018  
 City/County: Tallahassee/Leon  
 Office: Florida Commission on Offender Review, Member  
 Authority: 947.01, F.S. & 947.021, F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Criminal Justice-Recommend Confirm-04/08/2019  
 Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/26/18
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 3/8/19; See Below
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist	X		See Below

**Occupation:** Commissioner, Florida Commission on Offender Review

**Compensation:** \$92,724 per year as of March 14, 2019.

Reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The commission consists of three members who are residents of this state, appointed by the Governor and Cabinet from a list of qualified applicants submitted by the parole qualifications committee, and shall include representation from minority persons.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for six years.

Upon the expiration of the term of any member of the commission, a successor shall be appointed for a term of 6 years and may not be appointed for more than two consecutive 6-year terms.

One member shall be designated as chair by the Governor and Cabinet.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 11 - The Commission on Ethics reported Complaint No. 17-078 was filed alleging Commissioner Coonrod misused her public position. The Commission on Ethics dismissed the complaint on 10/25/2017 for legal insufficiency.  
Number 19 - Commissioner Coonrod was a Senior Attorney/Hearing Officer for the Department of Agriculture from 2008 to 2012. Commissioner Coonrod was employed as an Assistant State Attorney for the Office of the State Attorney, 2nd Circuit, 1992 to 1998, and 2007. Also, from 1992-1993, Commissioner Coonrod was employed by Florida Senate as a legislative analyst. Commissioner Coonrod worked for the Florida State University as an Adjunct Instructor from 2006 to 2007 and 2009.  
Number 20 - Legislative  
Education Verified

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**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON  
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Committee on Health Policy  
**MEETING DATE:** Monday, April 8, 2019  
**TIME:** 12:30—3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Bill Galvano, President

**FROM:** Committee on Health Policy

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Secretary of Health Care Administration

**Appointee:** Mayhew, Mary C.

**Term:** 1/22/2019-Pleasure of Governor

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governor.



The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON  
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services  
**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, April 4, 2019  
**TIME:** 12:30—2:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Bill Galvano, President

**FROM:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Secretary of Health Care Administration

**Appointee:** Mayhew, Mary C.

**Term:** 1/22/2019-Pleasure of Governor

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governor.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Mayhew, Mary C. Appointed: 01/13/2019  
 Term: 01/22/2019 – Pleasure of Governor Prior Term:  
 City/County: Tallahassee/Leon  
 Office: Secretary of Health Care Administration, Secretary  
 Authority: 20.42(2), F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services-Recommend Confirm-04/04/2019  
 Committee on Ethics and Elections  
 Committee on Health Policy-Recommend Confirm-04/08/2019

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 3/18/19
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 3/8/19
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist			See Below

**Occupation:** Secretary of Health Care Administration

**Compensation:** \$161,000.06 per year as of March 18, 2019.

**Requirements:** The Secretary is appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation of the Senate.

**Additional Requirements:** The Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 9 - The FDLE reported Secretary Mayhew was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence on December 13, 1996 in Maine. The report stated her driver's license was suspended and reinstated on March 13, 1997. Secretary Mayhew disclosed she was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence in Winslow, Maine in October, 1996.

Number 20 - Legislative

Education Verified

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The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON  
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology  
**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon  
**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Bill Galvano, President

**FROM:** Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Florida Public Service Commission

**Appointee:** Brown, Julie I.

**Term:** 1/2/2019-1/1/2023

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governor.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Brown, Julie I. Appointed: 08/17/2018  
 Term: 01/02/2019 – 01/01/2023 Prior Term: 01/02/2015 - 01/01/2019  
 City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough  
 Office: Florida Public Service Commission, Member  
 Authority: 350.01(1), F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology-Recommend Confirm-04/02/2019  
 Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/2/18
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		X	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 3/8/19
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist	X		See Below

**Occupation:** Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission

**Compensation:** \$132,036.24 per year as of March 1, 2019.

**Requirements:** The commission consists of five members.

The Governor appoints each member from a list of applicants recommended by the Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council.

The Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council nominates to the Governor no fewer than three persons for each vacancy occurring on the Public Service Commission.

The recommendations must be provided to the Governor by September 15 of those years in which the terms are to begin the following January, or within 60 days after a vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of the term. The Governor shall fill a vacancy occurring on the Public Service Commission by appointment of one of the applicants nominated by the council only after a background investigation of such applicant has been conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. If the Governor has not made an appointment within 30 consecutive calendar days after the receipt of the recommendation the council, by majority vote, shall appoint, within 30 days after the expiration of the Governor's time to make an appointment, one person from the applicants previously nominated to the Governor to fill the vacancy.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms begin on January 2 of the year the term commences and ends on January 1, four years later.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 18 - Commissioner Brown served on the City of Tampa's Architectural Review Commission from 2006 to 2010.

Number 19 - Commissioner Brown has served on the Florida Public Service Commission since 1/2011.

Commissioner Brown was the Assistant City Attorney of the City of Tampa from 1/2004 to 5/2006.

Number 20 - Legislative

Education Verified

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON  
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology  
**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon  
**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Bill Galvano, President

**FROM:** Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Florida Public Service Commission

**Appointee:** Clark, Gary F.

**Term:** 1/2/2019-1/1/2023

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governor.



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Clark, Gary F. Appointed: 08/17/2018  
 Term: 01/02/2019 – 01/01/2023 Prior Term: 09/15/2017 - 01/01/2019  
 City/County: Chipley/Washington  
 Office: Florida Public Service Commission, Member  
 Authority: 350.01(1), F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology-Recommend Confirm-04/02/2019  
 Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/28/18
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 3/8/19
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
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17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission

**Compensation:** \$132,036.24 per year as of March 1, 2019.

**Requirements:** The commission consists of five members.

The Governor appoints each member from a list of applicants recommended by the Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council.

The Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council nominates to the Governor no fewer than three persons for each vacancy occurring on the Public Service Commission. The recommendations must be provided to the Governor by September 15 of those years in which the terms are to begin the following January, or within 60 days after a vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of the term. The Governor shall fill a vacancy occurring on the Public Service Commission by appointment of one of the applicants nominated by the council only after a background investigation of such applicant has been conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. If the Governor has not made an appointment within 30 consecutive calendar days after the receipt of the recommendation the council, by majority vote, shall appoint, within 30 days after the expiration of the Governor's time to make an appointment, one person from the applicants previously nominated to the Governor to fill the vacancy.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms begin on January 2 of the year the term commences and ends on January 1, four years later.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 18 - Commissioner Clark previously served on the following boards: Washington County School Board, 1994-2006, Northwest Florida Water Management District, 2013-2015, and Chipola College Board of Trustees, 1999-2005.

Number 19 - Commissioner Clark was Deputy Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, 2015-2017.

Education Verified

The Florida Senate  
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IN THE FLORIDA SENATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of  
Mary C. Mayhew  
Secretary of Health Care Administration

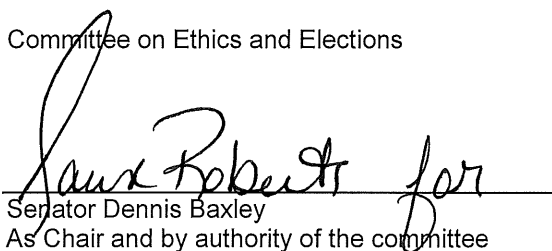
**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: Secretary Mary C. Mayhew

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Committee on Ethics and Elections of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in the Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building, commencing at 4:30 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 11th day of April, 2019

Committee on Ethics and Elections

  
Senator Dennis Baxley  
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Committee on Ethics and Elections  
Office of the Sergeant at Arms

THE FLORIDA SENATE

# COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

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**CHAIR:**

**Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.**

**Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?**

Tab 3: Mary C. Mayhew

**WITNESS'S NAME:** Secretary, Health Care Administration

**ANSWER:** I do.

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

**COMMITTEE NAME:** Ethics and Elections

**DATE:** 04/16/19

The Florida Senate  
**Committee Notice Of Hearing**

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of  
Julie I. Brown  
Florida Public Service Commission

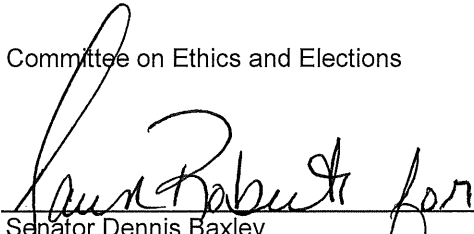
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Tab 4a: Julie I. Brown

**WITNESS'S NAME:** Florida Public Service Commission

**ANSWER:** I do.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of  
Gary F. Clark  
Florida Public Service Commission

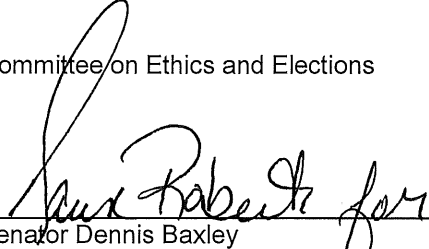
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Tab 4b: Gary F. Clark

**WITNESS'S NAME:** Florida Public Service Commission

**ANSWER:** I do.

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**COMMITTEE NAME:** Ethics and Elections

**DATE:** 04/16/19



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Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation Melinda Coonrod

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Fraternal Order of Police

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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April 16, 2019  
*Meeting Date*

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*Bill Number (if applicable)*

Topic Confirmation

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*Amendment Barcode (if applicable)*

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*State*

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
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Representing Agency for Health Care Administration

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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4/16/2019  
Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Mary Mayhew Confirmation / AITCA changes

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
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Representing \_\_\_\_\_

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation of Sec. Mary Mayhew

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing Florida Association of Health Plans

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Topic Mary Mayhew Confirmation as AHCA Secretary

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
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Representing LeadingAge Florida

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing SELF

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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4-16-19

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Email

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Waive Speaking: [ ] In Support [ ] Against (The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing FPSC

Appearing at request of Chair: [X] Yes [ ] No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: [ ] Yes [X] No

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Katherine N. Hinson  
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4/16/2019

Dear Senator:

In March of 2019, the Agency for Healthcare Administration for the state of Florida (AHCA) sent out a letter to parents of children with disabilities who receive Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Services covered by Medicaid. *(Parent letter in packet provided)* This letter listed several changes scheduled for implementation in July of 2019 for ABA providers. It also assured parents that their children should not go without services. A week later, AHCA sent out a different letter to providers with more detail on the changes but still provided very little information. Based on what we know, the changes AHCA is attempting to implement will cause thousands of children to go without ABA services deemed medically necessary by their pediatrician. After surveying providers across the state of Florida, eighty percent stated they would either lose their businesses or be forced to stop serving Medicaid insured children. Both would result in the children each of those providers serve going without services. *(Please see the Changes Breakdown sheet for more information on some of the ways these changes could be detrimental to providers and families)*

When confronted on these drastic changes by Senator Rouson, Secretary Mary Mayhew decided to “postpone” the fifty percent rate cuts that would be the most detrimental. Unfortunately, postpone does not mean these rate cuts will not go into effect, just that it will happen at a later date. The rate cuts are not the only issue that needs to be addressed and this needs to be stopped quickly before the changes are implemented in July. These changes will not improve quality of service, will not cut costs in the long run for the state, and will result in the suffering of providers and children with disabilities in every county.

I am asking all of our state representatives to please help our families by asking questions and demanding answers. I am here to help in any way I can and you can call or email me at any time.

Thank you for your devotion to the state of Florida and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Katherine N. Hinson



## Changes Breakdown: AHCA changes to ABA services

- **Multidisciplinary Team Approach:**
  1. The information provided by AHCA does not specify what disciplines will be included in this approach. ABA is a specific field of study that other types of providers are not qualified to make decisions on treatment for.
  2. Treatment plans already take a significant amount of time to complete and these hours are unpaid. This approach will increase the number of unpaid hours spent by professionals and decrease the amount of time available to provide direct therapy to clients.
  
- **Policy Revisions:**
  1. The revisions have not been made clear yet they are scheduled for implementation in July.
  2. The meetings being held to discuss these revisions are 'public' but require tickets from Eventbrite and have a cap on the number of people that can attend. AHCA is continuing with the current meeting schedule without providing more opportunities for Providers to attend.
  
- **Health Care Clinic License:**
  1. This requirement is based off of Part X of Chapter 400, Florida Statutes Health Care Clinic Act (ss. 400.990-400.995) ABA providers do not fit into the categories listed so the regulations are unclear.
  2. Currently, there is not a board in the state of Florida that provides Licensing to BCBA's because it is a certification. Most businesses are owned by BCBA's and in order to meet the licensing requirements, they would be forced to hire someone outside the field of ABA with a lesser degree to be their Clinical Director. Ethically, this cannot be done.
  3. Because there is not a section that covers ABA in the statute, providers are unable to file for an exemption. AHCA is requiring either a license or an exemption, both are impossible to obtain based on current Florida law.
  4. Small businesses will be forced to close all over the state due to failure to meet the licensing requirements.
  
- **Electronic Visit Verification:**
  1. This does not take into account rural areas that do not have cell service.
  2. The process has not been explained, leaving providers confused on how to prepare.

The biggest issue is, parents and providers are not receiving answers to their questions or further explanation on these changes other than that provided verbally at meetings they are unable to attend, and the one letter received by AHCA. We need answers.

## **Changes Breakdown: AHCA changes to ABA services**

### **Results of Survey:**

1. Average number of indirect hours spent writing a treatment plan for one client:  
9 hours unpaid
2. Average number of indirect hours to complete a face to face assessment for one client:  
5 hours unpaid
3. Average number of indirect hours spent on supervisions for Medicaid clients in one week:  
12 hours unpaid
4. Average number of pages needed for a single treatment plan:  
24 pages
5. Average number of Medicaid insured children seen by each therapist:  
13 children per therapist
6. 80 percent of providers surveyed stated they would have to close their businesses or stop providing therapy to children covered by Medicaid.

### **Some of the statements made by these providers are listed below:**

"Indirect hours are important to analyze data, to assign more skills, to create materials for discrete trial training (DTT) to update and create goal plans. It is important to consider that the client needs face to face treatment as well as analytical work to be completed by the analyst. It would also be extremely helpful if RBTs and analyst are allowed to overlap because that would provide a safer environment for the client. RBT and analyst would work together to identify challenging behaviors and possible solutions. Services would be affected because there would be more time conflicts to provide treatment with all the parts involved in the case."

"EVV is not realistic for rural areas with no internet and is Medicaid authorizing devices to implement EVV (what are the regulations on internet safety? ABA is NOT a duplicative treatment of TBOS, day services or even SLP /OT and thus should not be treated so in the handbook (we should be able to bill at the same times as other providers as long as justification is provided), pay cuts- just NO ( ask for Lorri Unumbs chart of rates for ABA across the US- FL is already one of the lowest rates), access to care diminished (providers will leave Medicaid)."

"With the license requirement we will be forced to close since Behavior Analysts don't have a license and aren't an option on the application. If the reimbursement rates are implemented no RBT will work for those rates."

"With the health clinic license, we would need to end services as of Dec 2019."

## **Changes Breakdown: AHCA changes to ABA services**

### **Some of the statements made by these providers are listed below:**

"Reduction in number of highly qualified RBT. Therefore, a significantly lower number of individuals with autism will receive services. For the majority of these individuals, school issues (behavior incidents) will increase leading to suspension or baker act. In addition, parents/caregivers will be in situations where they cannot take their child in public places because of behavior; causing stress on the family unit."

"Rate cuts would cause us to terminate Medicaid clients because my staff will not and should not accept a decrease in pay. I am unsure of how the electronic verification process will work, but think it will be disastrous due to the constant changing schedules that are typical during in home therapy. The added case worker seems like another roadblock for families to access service and may delay authorizations that are already taking too long to process."

"We are already working on using less Medicaid because of all of the issues with combines services being paid during training etc. Also all of the stall tactics with Medicaid. It's so much work INDIRECT for all my BCBA's to redo all kickbacks and resend information that they already have. Just sickening for the kids."

"It would be devastating. These proposed changes would limit or severely decrease the number of clients receiving services - services that are absolutely essential for these children to grow up and become productive members of society"

"If the proposed changes are passed, the cost of overhead to see Medicaid clients will exceed the reimbursement rate. I would have to reduce or discontinue services with current Medicaid clients and no longer accept new ones."

"It would decrease the number of Medicaid clients my office could serve financially. Many companies in our area already do not provide services for Medicaid clients, which would leave more clients without services."

"It will leave thousands without services and close our clinic after 13 years in business"

"I most likely would not be able to serve Medicaid clients. As it stands I would not be able to get a health care clinic license. I am small business owner with myself and a BCaBA providing services. If the rate cuts happen the reimbursement for BCaBA would be cut to what I am paying her hourly. I would have to cut her pay significantly and I doubt she would stick around for that. Also, with the recent tug of war with EQ Health over authorizations I am already considering no longer accepting Medicaid clients as the process to get authorizations has become ridiculously time consuming and draining."

"The proposed changes will leave us with zero probability for survival. Zero. We will close and it will leave all 67 of our clients without services"

"I would lose my staff and be unable to provide adequate supervision to the rbt's and bcaba's I do have. I would have to go back to providing all direct services myself. Meaning I would discharge clients currently being seen primarily by rbt's. My agency services 25-30 children. Alone, I'd be able to keep 4-5. If I'm requires to get the clinic license, I would close and discharge all my kids as I'm not comfortable with violating my ethical code by hiring a licensed clinical director outside the field of ABA."



RON DESANTIS  
GOVERNOR

MARY C. MAYHEW  
SECRETARY

March 19, 2019

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Our records show that your child is getting behavior analysis services through Florida Medicaid. We are making changes that will help make sure your child gets the services needed. Most of these changes will take place in July 2019.

**What is changing?**

1. We want to help make sure your child get all the services needed. You will be receiving a call from a service coordinator in May or June who will meet with you to learn more about your child.
2. We may ask that your child have an assessment to help us in care planning. Do not worry! The service coordinator will let you know if you need to do anything.
3. We will be reviewing requests for behavior analysis services in team meetings starting in July. We will review all of the information from your provider and other sources. You and your child are invited to come to or call in to the meetings. Your provider and child's doctor are also invited to attend. The goal is to decide what services will best help improve your child's health.
4. Your child's behavior analysis provider will soon have to check-in with us by phone every time they provide a service. This helps us make sure that your child is getting the services on the days and times listed on their behavior plan. You will not have to do anything.
5. We are changing the rates paid for behavior analysis services. This will not change how your child gets services. Behavior analysis services will still be available.

Your child will continue to get services. If you have any questions or your provider says they will stop seeing your child, we will help you. Please let us know by calling the Florida Medicaid Helpline at 1-877-254-1055.





RON DESANTIS  
GOVERNOR

MARY C. MAYHEW  
SECRETARY

March 28, 2019

Dear Behavior Analysis Service Provider:

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is committed to ensuring that every Florida Medicaid recipient receives the right service, at the right time, and by the right provider. To help achieve this goal, the Agency is implementing several policy and program changes related to behavior analysis services to ensure children receive the most comprehensive, appropriate, and medically necessary services. As an enrolled provider of behavior analysis services, we want to make you aware of upcoming changes before implementation. Most changes will be implemented by July 2019.

- **Multidisciplinary Team Approach:** To ensure children receive all appropriate benefits covered under the Florida Medicaid program, the Agency will initiate a multidisciplinary team approach to reviewing prior authorization requests for behavior analysis services beginning in July 2019.
  - The child's parent will be able to participate, along with other professionals involved in the child's care.
  - As the provider requesting behavior analysis services, eQHealth will invite you to participate. If you choose not to participate, that is okay. eQHealth Solutions, Inc. will review the written documentation that you submitted as a part of the prior authorization request.
  - If the child is enrolled in a Medicaid health plan, the health plan will also be included in these meetings to ensure their enrollee receives all other necessary services in addition to behavior analysis.
  - As a part of the MDT approach, all requests for behavior analysis services must be submitted with a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation or a comprehensive behavioral health assessment, completed by a qualified provider. For children who have already been receiving the service through Florida Medicaid, the submitted assessment must be within the past two years. The purpose of this requirement is to assess the child's complete history, diagnoses, and treatment needs. If a child does not have a current assessment and needs additional time to have one completed, eQHealth Solutions, Inc. will work with providers to extend current authorizations for a limited period.
- **Fee Schedule Updates:** The Agency will be realigning the provider reimbursement rates, taking into consideration information that was not available when the rates were initially established. This will result in rate reductions for certain behavior analysis services. The Agency conducted extensive research in drafting a revised rate methodology which

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accounts for: the salaries of the individuals performing the services, administrative expenses, and historical utilization. The new rates will ensure payments for services are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care and are sufficient to ensure access to care in each geographic location in the state. Additionally, the new rates align more closely with the rates for similar services covered under the Florida Medicaid program. The updated fee schedule will be released on the Agency's website in March 2019. These rates will be effective when promulgated into rule, tentatively scheduled for July 2019.

- **Policy Revisions:** The Agency is revising its Medicaid Behavior Analysis Services Coverage Policy to expand upon provider supervision requirements and clarify documentation requirements. These changes will reflect the industry's best practices. The Agency will be hosting rule promulgation workshops and hearings for the public to be involved in the rule making process. These policy changes will be effective when promulgated into rule, tentatively scheduled for July 2019.
- **Health Care Clinic License:** The Agency will be requiring BA provider groups/agencies that meet the health care clinic licensure requirements pursuant to Part X of Chapter 400, Florida Statutes to provide a copy of the license or proof that the entity is exempt. Providers must submit licensure documentation to the Agency by December 2019.
- **Behavior Analysis Provider Enrollment Moratorium:** The Agency will be partially lifting the moratorium in Miami-Dade and Broward counties in April 2019 for rendering providers (registered behavior technicians, lead analysts, and board certified assistant behavior analysts) that are **seeking enrollment to participate as a member of provider group that is already enrolled in Florida Medicaid**. The moratorium will remain in effect for group providers seeking enrollment in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.
- **Electronic Visit Verification:** The Agency will be implementing an electronic visit verification (EVV) system that will ensure that services are delivered timely, with the appropriately credentialed staff, and in accordance with the authorized units of service. Behavior analysis providers will be able to use a smartphone application to record the location and duration of every service. This will enhance accountability, as well as assist with preventing fraudulent billing. The Agency will launch the EVV solution in July 2019, beginning in Miami-Dade. More information and training opportunities will be forthcoming.

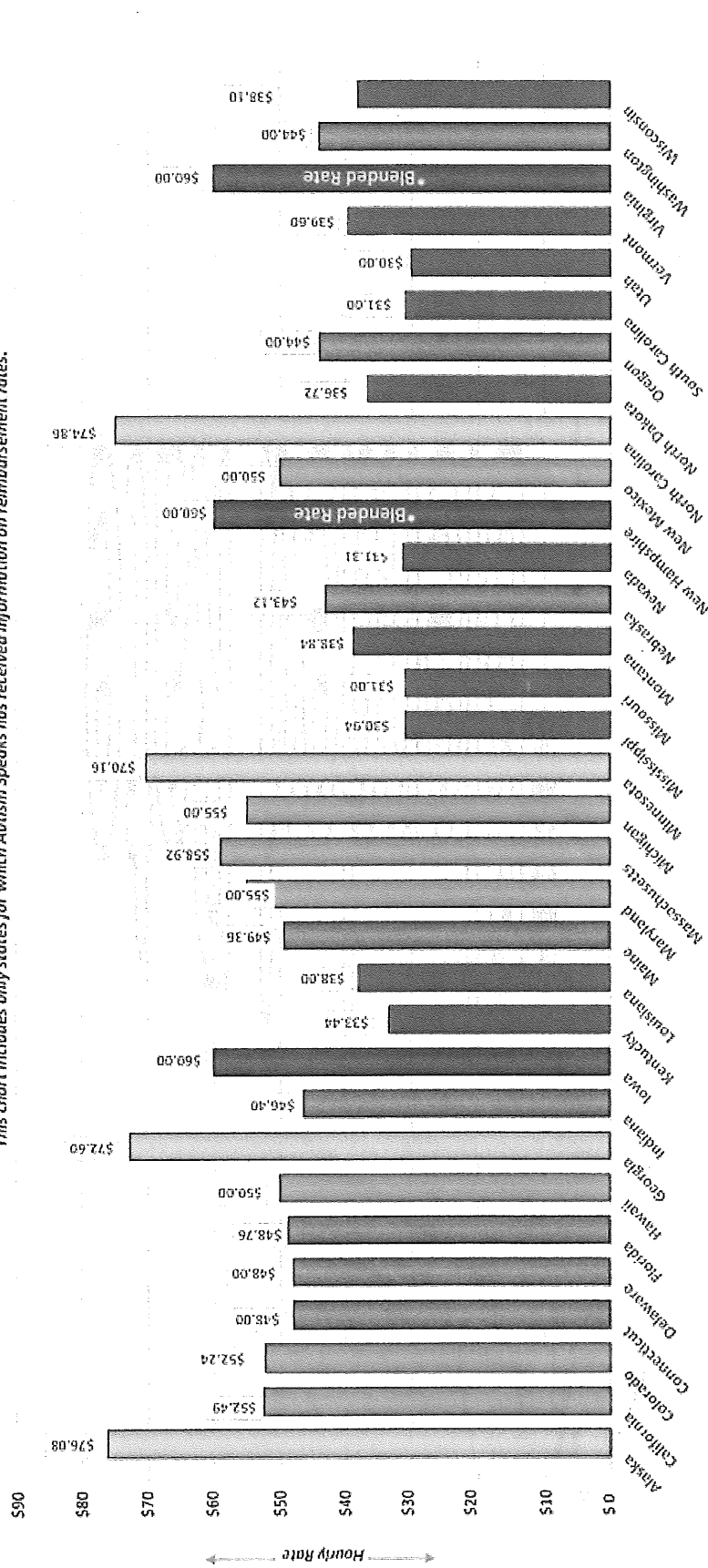
No child should go without medically necessary behavior analysis services during the implementation of these changes. By implementing these changes, the Agency will be better able to facilitate quality outcomes for this population.

The Agency will keep you informed of future meetings and ways in which you can become involved in providing feedback. We will notify providers of these opportunities through provider alerts. To sign up for provider alerts, register on the Agency's website here: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/alerts/alerts.shtml>. If you have any questions, please contact the Agency at 1-877-254-1055.



# Medicaid Rates for Line Therapists/Registered Behavior Technicians Implementing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

AUTISM SPEAKS INTERNAL USE ONLY. RATES MAY HAVE CHANGED.  
 SURVEY DATA MAY NOT INCLUDE ALL STATES THAT PROVIDE ABA SERVICES.  
 This chart includes only states for which Autism Speaks has received information on reimbursement rates.



Mean: \$48.29  
 Median: \$48.00  
 \* All tiers paid at this rate  
 2/4/2019

# CourtSmart Tag Report

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4:32:38 PM Meeting called to order  
4:32:47 PM Roll call -Quorum is present  
4:32:57 PM Comments from Chair  
4:33:07 PM Tabs 1-2 Confirmation Hearing  
4:33:40 PM Tab 1 - Greater Orlando Aviation Authority: Carson M. Good, Randall Hunt, Jason Pirozzolo  
4:33:50 PM Tab 2 - Florida Commission on Offender Review, Melinda N. Coonrod  
4:33:55 PM Chair  
4:34:09 PM Questions?  
4:34:15 PM Appearance Forms?  
4:34:32 PM Tab 2 - Lisa Henning, Legislative Director, Fraternal Order of Police, waive in support, Commissioner Melinda Coonrod  
4:34:56 PM Motion to recommend confirmation  
4:35:03 PM Senator Powell to recommend confirmation Tabs 1-2  
4:35:15 PM Roll Call - confirmation Tabs 1-2 recommended favorable  
4:35:32 PM Tabs 3-4 Appointees were requested to attend meeting today  
4:35:58 PM Tab 3 -Mary C. Mayhew, Secretary of Health Care Administration  
4:36:18 PM Sworn in as witness  
4:36:26 PM Secretary Mayhew addresses committee  
4:38:03 PM Questions?  
4:38:10 PM Vice Chair Braynon  
4:38:40 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:40:34 PM Senator Braynon  
4:41:07 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:43:20 PM Senator Braynon  
4:43:31 PM Secretary  
4:44:02 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:44:43 PM Chair  
4:45:19 PM Senator Rodriguez  
4:46:05 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:47:10 PM Senator Rodriguez  
4:48:18 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:48:45 PM Senator Rodriguez  
4:49:03 PM Chair  
4:49:30 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:49:32 PM Senator Rodriguez  
4:49:43 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:50:01 PM Senator Rodriguez  
4:50:23 PM Secretary Mayhew  
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4:51:35 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:52:42 PM Senator Rodriguez  
4:53:46 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:54:46 PM Senator Rodriguez  
4:55:28 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:56:09 PM Senator Rodriguez  
4:57:02 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:57:49 PM Senator Rodriguez  
4:58:10 PM Secretary Mayhew  
4:59:38 PM Chair  
4:59:51 PM Senator Powell  
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5:01:49 PM Senator Powell



5:02:00 PM Secretary Mayhew  
5:02:39 PM Senator Powell  
5:02:48 PM Secretary Mayhew  
5:03:09 PM Senator Powell  
5:04:28 PM Secretary Mayhew  
5:06:10 PM Any other questions?  
5:06:26 PM Appearance Forms?  
5:06:42 PM Tab 3 - Kate Hinson, Milton, Florida, representing self, sworn in as witness, speaking against  
5:07:57 PM Chair  
5:08:56 PM Paul Runk, VP, Florida Association of Health Plans, waives in support  
5:09:01 PM Steve Bahmer, President/CEO, LeadingAge Florida, waives in support  
5:09:18 PM Motion to recommend confirmation?  
5:09:25 PM Senator Braynon  
5:09:45 PM Debate?  
5:10:00 PM Senator Rodriguez  
5:12:46 PM Senators Diaz and Passidomo recommend confirmation of Secretary Mayhew  
5:14:21 PM Chair  
5:14:26 PM Roll Call confirmation Tab 3 is recommended favorable  
5:15:16 PM Chair  
5:15:48 PM Tab 4 - Public Service Commission  
5:16:00 PM 4(a) Julie I. Brown, Florida Public Service Commission  
5:16:06 PM Commissioner Brown is sworn in  
5:16:14 PM Commissioner Brown addresses committee  
5:17:11 PM Questions? None  
5:17:14 PM Appearance Forms? None  
5:17:18 PM Senator Braynon makes motion to recommend confirmation of Julie I. Brown  
5:17:25 PM Chair  
5:17:27 PM Roll Call confirmation, Julie I. Brown, is recommended favorable  
5:17:33 PM Chair  
5:17:46 PM 4(b) Gary F. Clark, Florida Public Service Commission  
5:17:57 PM Sworn in as witness  
5:18:25 PM Commissioner Gary Clark to address committee  
5:19:06 PM Questions? None  
5:19:09 PM Appearance Forms? None  
5:19:12 PM Senator Powell makes motion to recommend Gary F. Clark  
5:19:25 PM Roll Call confirmation, Gary F. Clark is recommended favorable  
5:19:41 PM Any Senators wish to be recorded on certain vote? None  
5:20:05 PM Vice Chair Braynon  
5:20:19 PM Chair  
5:21:14 PM Senator Braynon moves to adjourn. No objections. We are adjourned.