Tab 1	SJR 9	<b>SJR 94</b> by <b>Gruters</b> ; (Identical to H 00031) Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards							
Tab 2	SB 620 by DiCeglie (CO-INTRODUCERS) Yarborough; (Compare to H 00241) Conflicting Employmer Contractual Relationships for Public Officers or Employees								
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Tab 3	SB 77	4 by Bro	odeur; (C	ompare to CS/H 00037) Finan	cial Disclosures for Local Officers				
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#### **COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

ETHICS AND ELECTIONS Senator Burgess, Chair Senator Rouson, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Burgess, Chair; Senator Rouson, Vice Chair; Senators Avila, Garcia, Grall, Ingoglia, Martin,

Mayfield, Polsky, and Powell

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	S	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SJR 94 Gruters (Identical HJR 31)	Boards; Pro Constitution board to be	ection of Members of District School opposing amendments to the State in to require members of a district school e elected in a partisan election, etc.	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 3
2	SB 620 DiCeglie (Compare H 241)	for Public C exception a employees contractual	Employment or Contractual Relationships Officers or Employees; Deleting an authorizing certain public officers or to be employed by, or to enter into a relationship with, specified agencies, etc. 8/07/2023 Temporarily Postponed 8/14/2023 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 10 Nays 0
3	SB 774 Brodeur (Compare CS/H 37)	specified lo disclosure of of the term	Disclosures for Local Officers; Requiring local officers to file a full and public of financial interests; revising the definition "local officer", etc.	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 2
TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOM	ME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Senate Confirmation Hearing: A paramed executive appointments to t		will be held for consideration of the below-cated.	
	Board of Accountancy			
4	Sackreiter, Shireen S. (Tallaha	assee)	10/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Vasallo, Caridad (Miami Lakes	s)	10/31/2024	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Architecture and Interio	r Design		
5	Burke, Gregory John (St. Aug	ustine)	10/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Dennis, Holly L. (Sarasota)	10/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Jernigan, Gerald Steven (Pensacola)	10/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Nolen, Timothy (Tampa)	10/31/2024	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Athletic Training		
6	Roberts, Terry Lynne (Tallahassee)	10/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Florida Board of Auctioneers		
7	Cotton, Donald (Cantonment)	10/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Crooks, Stan L. (Lake Worth)	10/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Steele, Pamela (Tallahassee)	10/31/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Barbers' Board		
8	Rivera, Jorge (Orlando)	10/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Stewart, Edwin A., Jr. (Pensacola)	10/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of Eastern Florida State College		
9	Deardoff, Robert "Bruce" (Cocoa Beach)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Figueroa, Edgar Allan (Melbourne)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Moody, Laura Michelle ()	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Scott, Winston E. (Melbourne)	05/31/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of College of Central Florida		
10	Branson, Russell (Ocala)	05/31/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Roberts, Frederick N., Jr. (Ocala)	05/31/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Stone, Charlie (Ocala)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Torres, Michael A. (Ocala)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of Daytona State College		
11	Howard, Randall B. (New Smyrna Beach)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Kwiatek, Kelly Parsons (Ormond Beach)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0

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AB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Lubi, Garry R. (Palm Coast)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys		
12	Leben, Daniel S. (Key Largo)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Madok, Kevin M. (Big Pine Key)	05/31/2024	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Maxwell, Michelle Sylvia ()	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Puto, Michael H. (Marathon)	05/31/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Suga, Sheldon (Monroe)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Weinstein, Richard (Key Largo)	05/31/2024	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of Gulf Coast State College		
13	Berry, Tricia E. (Panama City)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Cramer, William Cato, Jr. (Panama City Beach)	05/31/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	De La Rosa, Abel (Port Saint Joe)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Hall, Frank (Lynn Haven)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Powell, Charles David (Panama City)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Tannehill, Joe K., Jr. (Panama City)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of Lake-Sumter State College		
14	Jones, Bret (Clermont)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Morris, Timothy ()	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Parks, Ivy (Clermont)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee- Sarasota		
15	Carter, Jaymie G. (Bradenton)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Goodson, Mark (Palmetto)	05/31/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College		
	Bileca, Michael (Miami)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm

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TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Bosque-Blanco, Maria (Miami)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Monreal, Ismare (Miami)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College		
17	Kelley, Lori K. (Destin)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Peacock, Jack Tanner (Santa Rosa Beach)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Ward, Jon (Inlet Beach)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College		
18	Butts, Jason (Palm Harbor)	05/31/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Cole, Katherine E. (Belleair)	05/31/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Trustees of Tallahassee Community College		
19	Lamb, Eugene, Jr. (Midway)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Osteopathic Medicine		
20	Creegan, Chris ()	10/31/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Ducatel, Watson (Seffner)	10/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Williams, Gregory (Tallahassee)	10/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Florida Public Service Commission		
21	Clark, Gary F. (Chipley)	01/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Passidomo, Gabriella (Tallahassee)	01/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers		
22	McAleese, Wendi Michelle (Tampa)	10/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Williams, Danny (Cape Canaveral)	10/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Zoltek, Michael John (Cape Coral)	10/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
	Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District		
23	Oliver, John Cole (Merritt Island)	03/01/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

Ethics and Elections

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OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CI	TY) FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
Price, Janet (Fernandina Beach)	03/01/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
Governing Board of the Suwannee Riv District	er Water Management	
Keith, Charles G. ()	03/01/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
Sessions, Larry C. (Live Oak)	03/01/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
Other Related Meeting Documents		
	Price, Janet (Fernandina Beach)  Governing Board of the Suwannee Riv District  Keith, Charles G. ()  Sessions, Larry C. (Live Oak)  BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	Price, Janet (Fernandina Beach)  Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District  Keith, Charles G. ()  Sessions, Larry C. (Live Oak)  BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

# The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

	Prepared I	By: The Pi	rofessional Staff	of the Committee o	n Ethics and Ele	ections
BILL:	SJR 94					
INTRODUCER: Senator G		iters				
SUBJECT:	Partisan Ele	ection of	Members of D	istrict School Bo	ards	
DATE:	March 14, 2	2023	REVISED:			
ANAL	YST	STAF	F DIRECTOR	REFERENCE		ACTION
l. Biehl		Rober	ts	EE	Favorable	
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#### I. Summary:

Senate Joint Resolution 94 proposes an amendment to the Florida Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan race. If SJR 94 is adopted, members of district boards may not be elected on a partisan basis until the general election held in November 2026. Primary elections for purposes of nominating political party candidates to district school boards may occur before the 2026 general election.

SJR 94 requires three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature for passage.<sup>1</sup>

If adopted by 60% of the electors voting on the measure at the 2024 general election, the amendment will go into effect upon approval by the electors.

#### II. Present Situation:

#### **District School Boards**

Unless otherwise voted upon by electors, each county shall constitute a school district.<sup>2</sup> In Florida, there are 67 school districts to match the 67 counties in the state.<sup>3</sup> Each school district shall have a school board composed of five or more members.<sup>4</sup> The school boards operate, control, and supervise all free public schools within the school district and determine the rate of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Article XI, s.1, FLA. CONST.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Article IX, s. 4(a), FLA. CONST.; s. 1001.30, F.S. Two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into one school district.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Florida Department of Education, https://web03.fldoe.org/Schools/schoolmap\_text.asp (last accessed March 11, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Article IX, s. 4(a), FLA. CONST.

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school district taxes within constitutional limits.<sup>5</sup> The powers and duties of the district school board are further set forth in law.<sup>6</sup>

#### **Election of School Board Members**

School board members are chosen by vote of qualified electors in non-partisan elections and serve in appropriately staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.<sup>7</sup>

For election purposes, a school district is divided into at least five district school board member residence areas. For districts with more than five school board members, the district can be divided into five district school board member residence areas, with the remaining district school board members serving at large, or the district can be divided into district school board member residence areas for each member. A candidate for a district school board shall be a resident of the district board member residence area from which the candidate seeks election at the time he or she qualifies. 10

Members of the district school board can be elected by either district-wide election or a single-member district election. <sup>11</sup> In a district-wide election, all qualified electors in the district shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from each district school board member residence area. <sup>12</sup> In school districts with single-member representation, candidates for the school board shall be elected only by qualified electors who reside in the same residence area as the candidate. <sup>13</sup>

Candidates for school board must qualify to run for office with the supervisor of elections in their respective district. <sup>14</sup> If two or more candidates, neither of whom is a write-in candidate, qualify, their names shall appear on the ballot at the primary election. <sup>15</sup> Their names shall appear with no reference to political party affiliation. <sup>16</sup> If none of the candidates receive a majority of the votes cast for school board, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number votes shall be placed on the general election ballot with no reference to political party affiliation. <sup>17</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Article IX, s. 4(b), FLA. CONST.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Sections 1001.41 and 1001.42, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 1001.35, F.S. Article IX, s. 4(a), FLA. CONST., was amended as part of a larger election reform package offered by the 1997-98 Constitution Revision Commission. Prior to the amendment, school board members were elected in partisan races. William A. Buzzett and Deborah K. Kearney, Annotation, Article IX, s. 4, FLA. CONST., West's Florida Statutes Annotated, Florida Constitution – 1968 Revision (2020).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 1001.36(1), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Section 1001.36(1)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Sections 1001.361 and 1001.362(2)(b)1.-2., F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> In 43 school districts, school members are elected by a district-wide vote of electors. In 21 school districts, school board members are elected by a vote of the electors within their residence area (single member district election). In four school districts, some school board members are elected by a vote of the electors within their residence area and others are elected by a district wide vote. "2018-2019 Florida School Board Fast Facts," Florida School Boards Association (2019), https://fsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2018-2019-School-Board-Fast-Facts.pdf (last accessed March 11, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Section 1001.361, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Section 1001.362(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Section 105.031(1), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Section 105.051(1)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Section 105.041(3), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Section 105.051(1)(b), F.S.

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A school board member's term begins on the second Tuesday following the general election in which the school board member is elected. 18

#### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SJR 94 requires a candidate for school board to be elected in a partisan race. At the time of qualifying, a partisan candidate for school board would be required to file a written statement identifying the political party of which they are a member. <sup>19</sup> They must also state they have been a member of the political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which they seek to qualify and that they have paid any assessment levied against them by the executive committee of their political party. <sup>20</sup> A school board candidate with no party affiliation must state they have not been a registered member of any political party for 365 day before the beginning of the qualifying preceding the general election for which the person seeks to qualify. <sup>21</sup>

In a primary election with a partisan race, qualified electors will be entitled to vote for school board candidates of the political party designated in the elector's registration, and no other. <sup>22</sup> If all candidates in a partisan race for school board have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, all qualified electors, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary election for that office. <sup>23</sup>

On a general election ballot, the appropriate three-letter abbreviation of a political party or no party affiliation (NPA) in capital letters will be included for each school board candidate.<sup>24</sup>

If SJR 94 is adopted, members of district boards may not be elected on a partisan basis until the general election held in November 2026. Primary elections for purposes of nominating political party candidates to district school boards may occur before the 2026 general election. The amendment will go into effect upon approval of the electors.

#### IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

Not applicable. Bills that affect state or local elections are exempt from Art. VII, s. 18 of the Florida Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Section 99.021(1)(b), F.S.

 $<sup>^{20}</sup>$  *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Section 99.021(1)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Section 101.021, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Article VI, s.5(b), FLA. CONST.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Fla. Admin. Code R. 1S-2.032(9)(c).

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C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

#### V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Article XI, s. 5(d) of the Florida Constitution requires proposed amendments or constitutional revisions to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county where a newspaper is published. The amendment must be published once in the tenth week and again in the sixth week immediately preceding the week the election is held. The Division of Elections within the Department of State is also required to provide each supervisor of elections with either booklets or posters displaying to full text of each proposed amendment.<sup>25</sup> The cost to advertise the amendment and procure booklets would be paid from non-recurring General Revenue funds. The fiscal impact of this requirement is indeterminate.

#### VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

#### VII. Related Issues:

None.

#### VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill amends Article IX, s. 4 and Article XII of the Florida Constitution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Section 101.171, F.S.

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#### IX. **Additional Information:**

Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes: (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.) A.

None.

В. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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By Senator Gruters

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Section 4 of Article IX and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution are agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE IX

#### EDUCATION

SECTION 4. School districts; school boards.-

- (a) Each county shall constitute a school district; provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into one school district. In each school district there shall be a school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the electors in a partisan nonpartisan election for appropriately staggered terms of four years, as provided by law.
- (b) The school board shall operate, control and supervise all free public schools within the school district and determine the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance

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joint educational programs. 31 ARTICLE XII 32 SCHEDULE Partisan election of members of district school boards.-33 34 This section and the amendment to Section 4 of Article IX requiring members of a district school board to be elected in a 35 partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election shall take effect upon approval by the electors, except that members of district school boards may not be elected on a partisan basis 38 39 until the general election held in November 2026. However, 40 partisan primary elections may occur before the general election held on November 3, 2026, for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 42 4.3 general election ballot. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot: 46 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 47 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4 48 ARTICLE XII 49 PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS .-50 Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan 51 election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that 53 the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the November 2026 general election. However, partisan primary 54 55 elections may occur before the 2026 general election for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.

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# The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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## I. Summary:

CS/SB 620 maintains a limited exception for public officers and employees of qualifying special tax districts from the general prohibition in the Code of Ethics that prohibits public officials from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency. The bill clarifies that these public officers and public employees of special tax districts are still regulated by and must still comply with conduct provisions of the Code of Ethics and specifies certain conduct that will constitute an impermissible conflict of interest and be deemed a violation of the Code of Ethics.

#### The bill also:

- Requires that beginning January 1, 2024, local elected officers of independent special districts and each person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term of such office must complete 4 hours of ethics training covering specified materials.
- Provides that an elected local officer of an independent special district assuming a new office or term of office after March 31 is not required to complete the ethics training for the calendar year in which their term of office began.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2023.

#### II. Present Situation:

## Code of Ethics: Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship

Section 112.313, F.S., specifies standards of conduct for public officers, employees of agencies, and local government attorneys. Pursuant to s. 112.313(7), F.S., a public officer or employee is prohibited from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency. A public officer or employee also is prohibited from holding any employment or having a contractual relationship which will create a frequently recurring conflict between the official's private interests and public duties or which will impede the full and faithful discharge of the official's public duties. A violation of this subsection is deemed a violation of the Code of Ethics (Code)<sup>4</sup> and subjects the violator to enforcement and penalty provisions of the Code.<sup>5</sup>

There is an exception to the above prohibitions in s. 112.313(7)(a)1, F.S., which provides that when the agency referred to is that kind of special tax district created by general or special law and is limited specifically to constructing, maintaining, managing, and financing improvements in the land area over which the agency has jurisdiction, or when the agency has been organized pursuant to chapter 298 (drainage and water control districts), then employment with, or entering into a contractual relationship with, such business entity by a public officer or employee of such agency shall not be prohibited by the subsection or be deemed a conflict per se. However, conduct by such officer or employee that is prohibited by, or otherwise frustrates the intent of, s. 112.313, F.S., shall be deemed a conflict of interest in violation of the standards of conduct set forth by s. 112.313, F.S. Therefore, a public officer and/or employee is still subject to the other provisions of the Code and conduct that violates the other provisions of the Code subjects these officers and/or employees to the enforcement provisions and penalties of the Code.

Currently, there are several other exceptions to these prohibitions relating to legislative bodies where regulatory power resides in another agency or is strictly through enactment of laws or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to s. 112.313(1), F.S., the term "public officer" includes any person elected or appointed to hold office in any agency, including any person serving on an advisory body.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pursuant to s. 112.312(2), F.S., "agency" means any state, regional, county, local, or municipal government entity of this state, whether executive, judicial, or legislative; any department, division, bureau, commission, authority, or political subdivision of this state therein; or any public school, community college, or state university.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 112.313(7), F.S.; see also Florida Commission on Ethics, Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and employees, p. 6, located at

https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023221 (last visited March 14, 2023)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See pt. III, ch.112. F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See s. 112.317, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See ch. 75-208, Laws of Florida (Legislature amended s. 112.313, F.S. in 1975, creating the limited exemption for these special tax districts, which became law October 1, 1975).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id.*; *see* pt. III, ch. 112, F.S.

ordinances,<sup>8</sup> and lawful or required practice in a particular profession or occupation.<sup>9</sup> The Code also contains several exemptions to these prohibitions related to:

- Appointed advisory board members;<sup>10</sup>
- When business transactions in a county or municipality are conducted under a rotation system;<sup>11</sup>
- When business is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding and certain criteria are met;<sup>12</sup>
- Purchases or sales for legal advertising, utilities service, or passage on a common carrier; 13
- Emergency purchases that must be made to protect public health, safety, or welfare; <sup>14</sup>
- When the business entity involved is the only source of supply with the political subdivision and there is a full disclosure by the officer or employee; <sup>15</sup>
- When the aggregate of such transactions do not exceed \$500 in a calendar year; 16
- When business transacted is the deposit of agency funds in a bank of which a county, city, or district official is an officer, director, or stockholder, so long as agency records show that the governing body has determined that the member did not favor his or her bank over qualified banks;<sup>17</sup>
- When the transaction is made pursuant to s. 1004.22 or s. 1004.23 and is specifically approved by the president and the chair of the university board of trustees; 18

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 112.313(7)(a)2, F.S. ("When the agency referred to is a legislative body and the regulatory power over the business entity resides in another agency, or when the regulatory power which the legislative body exercises over the business entity or agency is strictly through the enactment of laws or ordinances, then employment or a contractual relationship with such business entity by a public officer or employee of legislative body shall not be prohibited by this subsection or be deemed a conflict.")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Section 112.313(7)(b), F.S. ("This subsection shall not prohibit a public officer or employee from practicing in a particular profession or occupation when such practice by persons holding such public office or employment is required or permitted by law or ordinance.")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Section 112.313(12), F.S. ("The requirements of subsections (3) and (7) as they pertain to persons serving on advisory boards may be waived in a particular instance by the body which appointed the person to the advisory board, upon a full disclosure of the transaction or relationship to the appointing body prior to the waiver and an affirmative vote in favor of waiver by two-thirds vote of that body. In instances in which appointment to the advisory board is made by an individual, waiver may be effected, after public hearing, by a determination by the appointing person and full disclosure of the transaction or relationship by the appointee to the appointing person.")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Section 112.313(12)(a), F.S. ("Within a city or county the business is transacted under a rotation system whereby the business transactions are rotated among all qualified suppliers of the goods or services within the city or county.")

<sup>12</sup> Section 112.313(12)(b), F.S. ("The business is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding to the lowest or best bidder and: (1) the official or the official's spouse or child has in no way participated in the determination of the bid specifications or the determination of the lowest or best bidder; (2) the official or the official's spouse or child has in no way used or attempted to use the official's influence to persuade the agency or any personnel thereof to enter such a contract other than by the mere submission of the bid; and (3) the official, prior to or at the time of the submission of the bid, has filed a statement with the Commission on Ethics, if the official is a state officer or employee, or with the supervisor of elections of the county in which the agency has its principal office, if the official is an officer or employee of a political subdivision, disclosing the official's interest, or the interest of the official's spouse or child, and the nature of the intended business.")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Section 112.313(12)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Section 112.313(12)(d), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Section 112.313(12)(e), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Section 112.313(12)(f), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Section 112.313(12)(g), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Section 112.313(12)(h), F.S.

• When the public officer or employee purchases in a private capacity goods or services from an entity regulated by, or doing business, with his or her agency, at a price and under terms available to similarly situated members of the general public; <sup>19</sup> and

• When the elected public officer is employed by a tax exempt organization contracting with his or her agency and the officer's employment is not directly or indirectly compensated as a result of such contract or business relationship and the officer has in no way participated in the agency's decision to contract or to enter into the business relationship with his or her employer. In addition, the officer must abstain from voting on any matter that may come before the agency involving the officer's employer, publicly state to the assembly the nature of the officer's interest in the matter from which he or she is abstaining, and file the required written memorandum.<sup>20</sup>

## **Special Districts**

"Special tax district" is not defined in ch. 112, F.S., or in ch. 189, F.S., which provides the general provisions for special districts. Section 189.012(6), F.S., defines a "special district" as "a unit of local government created for a special purpose, as opposed to a general purpose, which has jurisdiction to operate within a limited geographic boundary and is created by general law, special act, local ordinance, or by rule of the Governor and Cabinet." The special purpose or purposes of special districts are implemented by specialized functions and related prescribed powers.

According to the Special District Information Program at the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), as of March 14, 2023, there are currently 1,926 special districts. Not all of these are special tax districts, but the DEO data does not break out districts with taxation authority as a subset of all the special districts. The table below summarizes the top five specialized functions out of the 78 specialized functions of the 1,926 special districts.

<b>Special District Function</b>	Number
Community Development	904
Community Redevelopment	222
Housing Authority	91
Drainage and/or Water Control	82
Fire Control and Rescue	63

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Section 112.313(12)(i),(j), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Section 112.313(15), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Official List of Districts: Special Purpose Totals (10)(c), <a href="https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/special-districts/special-district-accountability-program/official-list-of-special-districts">https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/special-districts/special-district-accountability-program/official-list-of-special-districts</a>. (last visited March 14, 2023)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> *Id.* (The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Official List of Special Districts located on its website allows visitors to generate customized lists of special districts but provides the following disclaimer, "Special Purpose Totals: Be aware that many special districts have similar purposes but are grouped separately because they were established under different statutes . . . Additionally, many special districts have more than one special purpose; therefore, adding the number of special districts in this category will not provide accurate state totals.")

<sup>23</sup> *Id.* 

## **Ethics Training**

All constitutional officers, all elected municipal officers, and each commissioner of a community redevelopment agency (CRA) created under part III. 163, F.S., must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the Florida Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings law of Florida.<sup>24</sup> This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation, if the required subject is covered by the class.<sup>25</sup>

A constitutional officer or elected municipal officer assuming a new office or a new term of office after March 31 is not required to complete ethics training for the calendar year in which his or her term of office began.<sup>26</sup>

## III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The CS clarifies the limited exception for public officers and employees of qualifying special tax districts under s. 112.313(7)(a)1, F.S., from the general prohibition under (7)(a) that prohibits public officials from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency.

Specifically, the bill states that the conduct by such officer or employee that is prohibited by, or otherwise frustrates the intent of s. 112.313, F.S., includes conduct that violates s. 112.313(6), F.S. (regarding misuse of public position)<sup>27</sup> and conduct that violates s. 112.313(8), F.S. (regarding disclosure or use of certain information).<sup>28</sup>

#### In addition, the CS:

- Requires that beginning January 1, 2024, local elected officers of independent special districts and each person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term of such office must complete 4 hours of ethics training covering specified materials.
- Provides that an elected local officer of an independent special district assuming a new office or term of office after March 31 is not required to complete the ethics training for the calendar year in which their term of office began.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Section 112.3142(2)(a)-(c), F.S.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Section 112.3142(2)(e), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> (6) Misuse of Public Position.- "No public officer, employee of an agency, or local government attorney shall corruptly use or attempt to use his or her official position or any property or resource which may be within his or her trust, or perform his or her official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption for himself, herself, or others. This section shall not be construed to conflict with s. 104.31."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> (8) Disclosure or Use of Certain Information.-"A current or former public officer, employee of an agency, or local government attorney may not disclose or use information not available to members of the general public and gained by reason of his or her official position, except for information relating exclusively to governmental practices, for his or her personal gain or benefit or for the personal gain or benefit of any other person or business entity."

IV. C	constitutiona	ıl Issues:
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	B.	Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:			
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	C.	Trust Funds Restrictions:			
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	D.	State Tax or Fee Increases:			
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	E.	Other Constitutional Issues:			
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	A.	Tax/Fee Issues:			
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	C.	Government Sector Impact:			
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VI.	Tech	nical Deficiencies:			
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VII.	Related Issues:				
	None.				
VIII.	Statutes Affected:				
	This b	oill substantially amends section 112.313 of the Florida Statutes.			

Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

#### IX. Additional Information:

## A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

#### CS by Ethics and Elections on March 14, 2023:

- The CS maintains the exemption under s. 112.313(7)(a)1., F.S., for public officers and employees of qualifying special tax districts from the general prohibition under (7)(a), that prohibits public officials from conducting business with or being employed by a business or agency that is being regulated by or doing business with his or her pubic agency.
- The CS maintains that these public officers and public employees of special tax districts are still regulated by and must still comply with conduct provisions of the Code of Ethics and specifies certain conduct that will constitute an impermissible conflict of interest and be deemed a violation of the Code of Ethics.
- The CS requires that beginning January 1, 2024, local elected officers of independent special districts and each person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term of such office must complete 4 hours of ethics training covering specified materials. Further, an elected local officer of an independent special district assuming a new office or term of office after March 31 is not required to complete the ethics training for the calendar year in which their term of office began.

#### B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION House

Comm: RCS 03/15/2023

The Committee on Ethics and Elections (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

#### Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 112.313, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers, employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.-

- (7) CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.
- (a) No public officer or employee of an agency shall have

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or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity or any agency which is subject to the regulation of, or is doing business with, an agency of which he or she is an officer or employee, excluding those organizations and their officers who, when acting in their official capacity, enter into or negotiate a collective bargaining contract with the state or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state; nor shall an officer or employee of an agency have or hold any employment or contractual relationship that will create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict between his or her private interests and the performance of his or her public duties or that would impede the full and faithful discharge of his or her public duties.

- 1. When the agency referred to is that certain kind of special tax district created by general or special law and is limited specifically to constructing, maintaining, managing, and financing improvements in the land area over which the agency has jurisdiction, or when the agency has been organized pursuant to chapter 298, then employment with, or entering into a contractual relationship with, such business entity by a public officer or employee of such agency is shall not be prohibited by this subsection or be deemed a conflict per se. However, conduct by such officer or employee that is prohibited by, or otherwise frustrates the intent of, this section, including conduct that violates subsections (6) or (8), is <del>shall be</del> deemed a conflict of interest in violation of the standards of conduct set forth by this section.
- 2. When the agency referred to is a legislative body and the regulatory power over the business entity resides in another

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agency, or when the regulatory power which the legislative body exercises over the business entity or agency is strictly through the enactment of laws or ordinances, then employment or a contractual relationship with such business entity by a public officer or employee of a legislative body shall not be prohibited by this subsection or be deemed a conflict.

(b) This subsection shall not prohibit a public officer or employee from practicing in a particular profession or occupation when such practice by persons holding such public office or employment is required or permitted by law or ordinance.

Section 2. Section 112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, and commissioners of community redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of independent special districts.-

- (1) As used in this section, the term "constitutional officers" includes the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer, the Commissioner of Agriculture, state attorneys, public defenders, sheriffs, tax collectors, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, clerks of the circuit court, county commissioners, district school board members, and superintendents of schools.
- (2) (a) All constitutional officers must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of this state. This requirement may be

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satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation if the required subjects are covered.

- (b) All elected municipal officers must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of this state. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation if the required subjects are covered.
- (c) Beginning January 1, 2020, each commissioner of a community redevelopment agency created under part III of chapter 163 must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of this state. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation, if the required subject material is covered by the class.
- (d) Beginning January 1, 2024, each elected local officer of an independent special district as defined in s. 189.012 and each person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term of such elective office must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meeting laws of this state. This requirement may be satisfied by



completion of a continuing legal education class or another continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation, if the required subject matter is covered by such class, seminar, or presentation.

- (e) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum course content for the portion of an ethics training class which addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.
- (f) <del>(e)</del> The Legislature intends that a constitutional officer, an or elected municipal officer, or an elected local officer of an independent special district who is required to complete ethics training pursuant to this section receive the required training as close as possible to the date that he or she assumes office. A constitutional officer, an <del>or</del> elected municipal officer, or an elected local officer of an independent special district assuming a new office or new term of office on or before March 31 must complete the annual training on or before December 31 of the year in which the term of office began. A constitutional officer, an or elected municipal officer, or an elected local officer of an independent special district assuming a new office or new term of office after March 31 is not required to complete ethics training for the calendar year in which the term of office began.
- (3) Each house of the Legislature shall provide for ethics training pursuant to its rules.
  - Section 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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> A bill to be entitled An act relating to ethics requirements for officers and employees of special tax districts; amending s. 112.313, F.S.; specifying that certain conduct by certain public officers and employees is deemed a conflict of interest; amending s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring certain ethics training for elected local officers of independent special districts beginning on a specified date; specifying requirements for such training; providing an effective date.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION House

Senate Comm: WD

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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

#### Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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(a) A No public officer or employee of an agency may not shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity or any agency which is subject to the regulation of, or is doing business with, an agency of which he or she is an officer or employee, excluding those organizations and their officers who, when acting in their official capacity,

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enter into or negotiate a collective bargaining contract with the state or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state; and nor shall an officer or employee of an agency may not have or hold any employment or contractual relationship that will create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict between his or her private interests and the performance of his or her public duties or that would impede the full and faithful discharge of his or her public duties.

- 1. When the agency referred to is that certain kind of special tax district created by general or special law and is limited specifically to constructing, maintaining, managing, and financing improvements in the land area over which the agency has jurisdiction, or when the agency has been organized pursuant to chapter 298, then employment with, or entering into a contractual relationship with, such business entity by a public officer or employee of such agency may shall not be prohibited by this subsection or be deemed a conflict per se unless the public officer or employee has a material interest in such business entity or obtains a special private gain or loss as a result of such employment or contractual relationship. However, conduct by such officer or employee that is prohibited by, or otherwise frustrates the intent of, this section, including conduct that violates subsection (6), regarding misuse of public position, and conduct that violates subsection (8), regarding disclosure or use of certain information, must shall be deemed a conflict of interest in violation of the standards of conduct set forth by this section.
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- (2)(a) All constitutional officers must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of this state. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation if the required subjects are covered.
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addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.

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revising which actions by such officers or employees		
are deemed a conflict of interest; amending s.		
112.3142, F.S.; requiring certain ethics training for		
elected local officers of independent special		
districts beginning on a specified date; specifying		
requirements for such training; conforming provisions		
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By Senator DiCeglie

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An act relating to conflicting employment or

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers, employees

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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# The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

	Prepared I	By: The F	rofessional Staff	of the Committee o	n Ethics and Elect	ions
BILL:	PCS/SB 774 (Barcode 606398)					
INTRODUCER:	Ethics and Elections Committee and Senator Brodeur					
SUBJECT:	Ethics Requirements for Public Officials					
DATE:	March 13, 2	2023	REVISED:			
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## I. Summary:

PCS/SB 774 makes a number of changes to ethics requirements for public officials. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires specified local officers to file a Form 6 financial disclosure instead of the Form 1 they are currently required to file.
- Maintains and makes permanent requirements for e-filing of financial disclosures as specified in the current year implementing bill, by
- Maintaining the requirement that Form 6 filers submit their financial disclosures via the Commission on Ethics electronic filing system beginning January 1, 2023, and requiring Form 1 filers to submit their disclosures electronically beginning January 1, 2024.
- Allowing filers to submit federal tax returns and other attachments for purposes of showing income.
- Allows the Commission on Ethics to dismiss complaints or investigations for certain minor infractions.
- Increases the maximum civil penalty for violations of the Code of Ethics to \$20,000 from \$10.000.
- Adds commissioners of a community redevelopment agency to the list of officers exempt from having to complete ethics training in the year they begin their term, if the term begins after March 31.
- Clarifies that a candidate may submit a verification or receipt of a previous financial disclosure filing to the qualifying officer in lieu of the full financial disclosure.

The bill takes effect upon becoming law.

#### II. Present Situation:

#### **Commission on Ethics**

The Commission on Ethics (Commission) was created by the Legislature in 1974 "to serve as guardian of the standards of conduct" for state and local public officials and employees. The Florida Constitution and state law designate the Commission as the independent commission provided for in s. 8(g), Art. II of the Florida Constitution. Constitutional duties of the Commission consist of conducting investigations and making public reports on all breach of trust complaints towards public officers or employees not governed by the judicial qualifications commission. In addition to constitutional duties, the Commission, in part:

- Renders advisory opinions to public officials;<sup>4</sup>
- Makes recommendations to disciplinary officials when appropriate for violations of ethics and disclosure laws;<sup>5</sup>
- Administers the Executive Branch Lobbying Registration and Reporting Law;<sup>6</sup>
- Maintains financial disclosure filings of constitutional officers and state officers and employees;<sup>7</sup> and
- Administers automatic fines for public officers and employees who fail to timely file a required annual financial disclosure.<sup>8</sup>

## **Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees**

The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees (Code of Ethics)<sup>9</sup> establishes ethical standards for public officials and is intended to ensure that public officials conduct themselves independently and impartially, not using their officers for private gain other than compensation provided by law.<sup>10</sup> The Code of Ethics addresses various issues, such as ethics trainings, voting conflicts, full and public disclosure of financial interests, standards of conduct, and the Commission on Ethics, among others.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Florida Commission on Ethics, *Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees*, p. 1., available at <a href="https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310">https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310</a> (last visited March 10, 2023); *see also* s. 112.320, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section (8)(j)(3), art. II, Fla. Const.; s. 112.320, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section (8)(g), art. II., Fla. Const.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 112.322(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 112.322(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Sections 112.3215, 112.32155, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 112.3144, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 112.3144, F.S.; s. 112.3145, F.S.; s. 112.31455, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See pt. III. Ch. 112, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Florida Commission on Ethics, *Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees*, p. 1., available at <a href="https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310">https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310</a> (last visited March 10, 2023)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See pt. III. 112, F.S.

#### **Disclosure of Financial Interests**

## Full and Public Disclosure (Form 6)

The Florida Constitution requires all elected constitutional officers, candidates for such offices, and statewide elected officers to file a full and public disclosure of their financial interests. <sup>12</sup> Other public officers, candidates, and public employees may be required to file a full and public disclosure of their financial interests as determined by law. <sup>13</sup>

Under the Florida Constitution, the term "full and public disclosure of financial interests" means the reporting individual must disclose his or her net worth and the value for each asset and liability in excess of \$1,000. 14 The disclosure must be accompanied by either a sworn statement that identifies each separate source and amount of income that exceeds \$1,000 or a copy of the reporting individual's most recent federal income tax return. 15 The Florida Constitution expressly provides that the Legislature can change this definition and requirements. 16

Pursuant to general law, the Commission has created by rule CE Form 6 (Form 6), which required filers use to make the required full and public financial disclosure. <sup>17</sup> Reporting individuals are required to file a Form 6 annually with the Commission by July 1 through the Commission's electronic filing system. <sup>18</sup>

Individuals holding the following positions must presently file a Form 6: governor; lieutenant governor; cabinet members; legislators; state attorneys; public defenders; clerks of circuit courts; sheriffs; tax collectors; property appraisers; supervisors of elections; county commissioners; elected superintendents of schools; district school board members; Jacksonville City Council members (including the mayor); compensation claims judges; the Duval County superintendent of schools; Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board Members; Florida Prepaid College Board Members; and members of each expressway authority, transportation authority (except Jacksonville Transportation Authority), bridge authority, or toll authority created pursuant to ch. 348 or 343, F.S., or any other general law.<sup>19</sup>

The Form 6 requires filers to report their net worth, assets, and liabilities.<sup>20</sup> The filer must report the specific identification and value of each asset which exceeds \$1,000 in value and provide the name and address of the creditor for each liability which exceeds \$1,000 in amount and its amount, and must submit a statement of the value of the reporting person's net worth as of December 31 of the preceding year or a more current date.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Section 8(a), art. II, Fla. Const.; see ss. 112.3144(1)(b), 112.3145, F.S.

<sup>13</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Section (8)(j)(1), art. II, Fla. Const.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See 112.3144(6)(c) and (7)(a), F.S. (Beginning January 1, 2023, the Commission may not accept federal income tax returns for proof of income.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Section 8(i)(1), art. II, Fla. Const. (schedule in effect until change by law).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Section 112.3144(8), F.S.; see R. 34-8.002, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Section (8)(j)(1), art. II, Fla. Cont.; see s. 112.3144(2), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Section (8)(j)(1), art. II, Fla. Const.; see s. 112.3144, F.S.; see R. 34-8.003, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See s. (8)(j), art. II, Fla. Const.; s. 112.3144(5),(6), F.S.; R. 34-8.004, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> *Id*.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the Commission was required to establish and have in place an electronic filing system via which filers of financial disclosures would be required to file their disclosure with the Commission through this system. <sup>22</sup> The start date requiring all filers of Form 6 financial disclosures to make their disclosures to the Commission solely through this electronic filing system was changed by the Legislature to begin on January 1, 2023.<sup>23</sup> The Commission is required, not later than May 1 of each year, to prepare a current list with the name and contact information for every person required to file a Form 6.24 Each government unit is required to assist the Commission in compiling the list by providing, not later than February 1 of each year, the name and contact information of every person required to file a Form 6, within the respective unit of government as of December 31, of the preceding year. 25 Not later than June 1 of each year, the Commission, by email, must provide notice and instructions for the electronic submission of the Form 6 on the Commission's electronic filing system pursuant to s. 112.3144(2), F.S.<sup>26</sup> Not later than August 1 of each year, the Commission must determine which persons required to file a Form 6 failed to do so and must send weekly delinquency notices by email as long as a person remains delinquent.<sup>27</sup> Form 6 disclosures must be received by the Commission no later than 5 p.m. of the due date. <sup>28</sup> Form 6 filers are given a grace period until September of the current year, where no investigative or disciplinary action based on delinquency will be taken if the filer submits the Form 6 by 5 p.m. on September 1 of the current vear.29

Candidates for constitutional office must file a Form 6, verified under oath and affirmation, to the qualifying officer at the time of qualifying.<sup>30</sup> When a candidate has qualified for office prior to the deadline to file an annual financial disclosure, the disclosure filed with the candidate's qualifying papers is deemed to satisfy the annual disclosure requirement and the qualifying officer is required to submit an electronic copy to the Commission by July 1.<sup>31</sup> Candidates for office who are not already required to file a Form 6, are required to file their Form 6 with the election office in which they file their qualifying papers at the time they qualify.<sup>32</sup> Candidates who are incumbents running for the same office or who currently hold another position currently requiring the annual filing of a Form 6 and who qualifies as a candidate after they have filed a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Section 112.31446, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Section 112.3144(6)(c), F.S. (Section 91, ch. 2022-157, amended subsection (6)(c), among others, in order to implement specific appropriations in the 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act for the development and implementation of the electronic filing system. Section 92, ch. 2022-157, provides that the amendment made to subsection (6)(c), among others, by this act expires July 1, 2023, and the text of those subsections and paragraphs shall revert to that in existence on June 1, 2022. Therefore, effective July 1, 2023, the triggering date requiring filings of financial disclosures be made solely through the electronic filing system, is changed from January 1, 2023, back to January 1, 2022.)

<sup>24</sup> Section 112.3144(8)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Section 112.3144(8)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Section 112.3144(8)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Section 112.3144(8)(d), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Section 99.061(5), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Section 99.061(5), F.S.; s. 112.3144(3), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Sections 99.061(5), 99.061(7)(a)5., F.S.

Form 6 with the Commission may file a copy of the Form 6, verification or receipt of the filing of the Form 6 with the Commission, to the qualifying officer.<sup>33</sup>

## Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1)

In addition to provisions governing the Form 6, current law provides for a less detailed disclosure of financial interests using the Commission's CE Form 1 (Form 1).<sup>34</sup> A Form 1 must be filed by a large group of local officers, including all officers holding elected positions in any political subdivision of the state, other than counties, and specified appointed officers.<sup>35</sup> Other persons required to file a Form 1 include specified state officers and employees and persons seeking to qualify as candidates for these specified state or local office.<sup>36</sup> Currently, mayors; city commissioners; elected members of a city council, town council, village council, or other governing body of a city, town or village; and city, county, town, or village managers are required to file a Form 1.<sup>37</sup>

Form 1 requires filers to disclose specified information related to sources of income, real property, intangible personal property, liabilities, and interests in specified businesses.<sup>38</sup> Although no specific dollar values of incomes, property, or liabilities are required to be reported, the filer must report which assets or liabilities exceed certain dollar thresholds.<sup>39</sup> Form 1 filers must disclose: all sources of income in excess of \$2,500, excluding public salary; all sources of income from a business entity that the filer had a material interest in where their gross income was in excess of \$5,000 and in excess of 10% of the businesses gross income; any property, except for their residence or vacation home, in which the person owns more than 5% of the value of the property; any intangible personal property in excess of \$10,000; and any liability in excess of \$10,000.<sup>40</sup> A Form 1 must be filed annually with the Commission by July 1, 2023.<sup>41</sup>

Currently, a local officer<sup>42</sup> must file a Form 1 within 30 days of appointment or employment and then annually by July 1 of each year with the supervisor of election in the county in which he or she permanently resides.<sup>43</sup> Currently, specified state employees<sup>44</sup> and state officers<sup>45</sup> must file a Form 1 with the Commission within 30 days of appointment or employment and then annually by July 1 of each year.<sup>46</sup> Candidates for local elective office who were not previously required to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Section 112.3144(4), F.S.; s. 99.061(7)(a)(5), F.S. (Currently, unlike the Code of Ethics under s. 112.3144(4), F.S. the Elections Code under s. 99.061(7)(a)(5), F.S. only allows the filing of a copy of full and public disclosure at the time of qualifying.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See s. 112.3145, F.S.; R. 34-8.202, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See s. 112.3145, F.S.; ss. 99.061(5) and 99.061(7)(a)(5), F.S.; R. 34.8.202, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> *Id.*; see Florida Commission on Ethics, *Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees*, p. 16-18., available at <a href="https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310">https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310</a> (last visited March 10, 2023)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> See s. 112.3145(1), F.S.; R. 34.8.202, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Section 112.3145, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> See s. 112.3145(3)(a)(b), F.S. (Beginning January 1, 2023, filers may only use the threshold based on dollar value when filing their Form 1.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Section 112.3145(3)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Section 112.3145(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> As defined in s. 112.3145(1)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Section 112.3145(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> As defined in s. 112.3145(1)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Not required to file Form 6 as defined in s. 112.3145(1)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Section 112.3145(2)(b), F.S.

file an annual financial disclosure are required to file their Form 1 with the qualifying officer at the time of qualifying. 47

The Commission is required, not later than May 1 of each year, to prepare a current list with the contact information for every state officer, local officer, and specified employee. <sup>48</sup> Each government unit is required to assist the Commission in compiling the list by providing, not later than February 1 of each year, the name and contact information of every state officer, local officer, or specified state employee within the respective unit of government as of December 31 of the preceding year. <sup>49</sup> The Commission, not later than May 15 of each year, must provide each supervisors of elections with a current list of all local officers required to file with such supervisors of elections. <sup>50</sup> Not later than June 1 of each year, the Commission and supervisors of elections, must distribute a copy of the Form 1 and a notice of all applicable disclosure forms and filing deadlines by e-mail. <sup>51</sup> Not later than August 1 of each year, the Commission and each supervisor of elections must determine which individuals required to file a Form 1 have failed to do so and must send delinquency notices to these individuals by certified mail, return receipt requested. <sup>52</sup>

Filers are given a grace period until September 1 of the current year, where no investigative or disciplinary action based on delinquency will be taken if the filer submits the disclosure by September 1 of the current year. <sup>53</sup> Statements must be received by the Commission by 5 p.m. of the due date, however, any statement that is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by midnight of the due date or certificate of mailing or receipt from postal carrier before the due date is deemed timely filed. <sup>54</sup> Not later than November 15 of each year, the supervisors of election in each county must certify to the commission a list of the names and contact information of individuals who failed to file their Form 1. <sup>55</sup> However, effective July 1, 2023, all filers of Form 1 (except non incumbent candidates) must file their financial disclosures with the Commission solely through the Commission's electronic filing system. <sup>56</sup>

## Requirements for Form 6 and Form 1

All persons required to file a Form 6 and Form 1 must disclose interests in specified businesses granted a privilege to operate in the state of Florida.<sup>57</sup> All Form 6 and Form 1 filers also must file

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Section 112.3145(2)(d), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(a)1, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(a)2, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(d), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Section 112.3145(2)(e), F.S. (Section 94, ch. 2022-157, amended subsection (2)(e), among others, in order to implement specific appropriations in the 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act for the development and implementation of the electronic filing system. Section 95, ch. 2022-157, provides that the amendment made to subsection (2)(e), among others, by this act expires July 1, 2023, and the text of those subsections and paragraphs shall revert to that in existence on June 1, 2022. Therefore, effective July 1, 2023, the triggering date requiring filings of financial disclosures be made solely through the electronic filing system for Form 1s to the Commission, is changed from January 1, 2024, back to January 1, 2023.)

<sup>57</sup> Section 112.3145(7), F.S. (i.e. specific entities including banks, insurance companies, cemetery companies, public utilities and others.)

quarterly reports naming clients represented for a fee before agencies at the filer's level of government.<sup>58</sup> Certain Form 6 and Form 1 filers must certify their completion of any required ethics training on their respective financial disclosure form.<sup>59</sup> General law also requires an individual subject to filing Form 6 or Form 1 to file a final disclosure statement within 60 days after leaving his or her public position.<sup>60</sup>

Any person required to File a Form 6 or Form 1 whose name is on the Commission's list, and to whom notice has been sent, but who fails to timely file, is assessed a fine of \$25 per day for each day late up to a maximum of \$1,500.<sup>61</sup> However, this limitation on automatic fines does not limit the civil penalty that may be imposed if the statement is filed more than 60 days after the deadline has passed.<sup>62</sup> The Commission is required to promulgate rules for determining the amount of the fine for a late filing,<sup>63</sup> an appeal process, procedures for grounds for waiving the fine based on unusual circumstances, and notice requirements.<sup>64</sup>

## **Candidate Qualifications in Respect to Financial Disclosures**

Under the Election Code, at the time of qualifying for office, each candidate for a constitutional office must file a full and public disclosure of financial interests pursuant to s. 8, Art II, of the Florida Constitution, which must be verified under oath or affirmation. A candidate for any other office, including elective office, must file a statement of financial interests. When a candidate has qualified for office prior to the deadline to file an annual financial disclosure, the disclosure file with the candidate's qualifying papers is deemed to satisfy the annual disclosure requirement. 46

As of January 1, 2023, under the Code of Ethics, an incumbent in an elective office or a candidate holding another position subject to an annual filing requirement who has filed his or her annual disclosure electronically may submit a copy of the disclosure filed with the Commission, or a verification or receipt for the filing, with the officer before whom he or she qualifies.<sup>67</sup> A candidate not subject to an annual filing requirement does not file with the Commission, but may complete and print the appropriate disclosure form to file with the officer before whom he or she qualifies.<sup>68</sup> Under the Elections Code, in order for a candidate to be qualified, the filing officer must receive the full and public disclosure (Form 6) or statement of financial interests (Form 1).<sup>69</sup> This provision is inconsistent with the verification or receipt provisions in the Code of Ethics.<sup>70</sup>

<sup>63</sup> See s. 112.3145(8)(g)1-3, F.S. (Form 1); s. 112.3144(8)(f)1-3, F.S. (Form 6); R. 34-8.011(3), F.A.C.; R. 34-8.210(2), F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Section 112.3145(6), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> See s. 112.3142, F.S.; s. 112.3144(1)(a), F.S.; s. 112.3145(5), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Section 112.3144(10), F.S.; s. 112.3145(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(g), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> See R. 34-8.015, F.A.C.; R. 34-8.215, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Section 99.061, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Sections 112.3144(3), 112.3145(2)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Ss. 112.3144(4), 112.3145(2)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Section 99.061(7)(a)5., F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Section 99.061(7)(b), F.S. (If the filing officer receives qualifying papers during the qualifying period prior to the last day of qualifying, which do not include all statutorily required items, the filing officer must make a reasonable effort to notify the

## **Procedures on Complaints and Violations**

Current law authorizes the Commission to investigate alleged violations of the Code of Ethics upon a written complaint executed on a form prescribed by the Commission and signed under oath or affirmation by any person, or upon receipt of a written referral of a possible violation from the Governor, the Department of Law Enforcement, a State Attorney, or a United States Attorney. The Commission may dismiss any such complaint or referral at any stage of disposition if it determines that the violation alleged is a *de minimis* violation attributable to inadvertent or unintentional error. The Commission is not authorized to dismiss complaints alleging *de minimis* violations involving financial disclosure statements. The Commission may, at its discretion, dismiss any complaint at any stage of disposition should it determine that the public would not be served by proceeding further, in which case, the Commission must issue a public report stating with particularity its reasons for dismissal.

## **Penalty Provisions**

The penalty provisions for violations of the Code of Ethics are located in s. 112.317, F.S. There are no criminal penalties for violation of the Code of s. 8, Art. II, of the Florida Constitution. The penalty provisions cover public officers and public employees, former public officers and employees, candidates, and lobbyists and lobbyists firms. Depending on the individual and the position he or she holds, penalties include impeachment, removal from office or employment, suspension, public censure and reprimand, and a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000, among other penalties. The Commission is without jurisdiction to impose any penalty, but may make recommendations for an appropriate penalty to the appropriate disciplinary authority charged with imposing penalties as designated under the procedures of s. 112.324(3), F.S.<sup>75</sup>

#### **Ethics Training**

All constitutional officers, all elected municipal officers, and each commissioner of a community redevelopment agency (CRA) created under part III. 163, F.S., must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the Florida Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings law of Florida. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation, if the required subject is covered by the class. To

candidate of any missing or incomplete items and must inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Section 112.324(1)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Section 112.324(11), F.S. (a *de minimis* violation is any violation that is unintentional and not material in nature.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> See ss. 112.3144 and 112.3145, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Section 112.324(12), F.S. (In order for the Commission to dismiss a complaint under this provision, it must find that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further and must issue a public report explaining its justification for dismissal. In contrast, to dismiss a violation for being *de minimis*, the Commission must find that the violation was unintentional and not material in nature.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Section 112.324(3), F.S.; s. 112.322(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Section 112.3142(2)(a)-(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> *Id*.

A constitutional officer or elected municipal officer assuming a new office or a new term of office after March 31 is not required to complete ethics training for the calendar year in which his or her term of office began.<sup>78</sup> CRAs are not included in this new office or new term of office exemption language.

## **Lobbyist Registration and Compensation Reporting**

Lobbyist must register to lobby the executive branch or the legislative branch in Florida. Executive branch lobbying is regulated by the Code of Ethics and administered by the Commission. <sup>79</sup> Legislative branch lobbying is regulated primarily by Joint Rule of the House and Senate and administered by the Office of Legislative Services. <sup>80</sup> Both registration systems require lobbyists to register annually for each principal represented and to indicate the entities to be lobbied. <sup>81</sup> In addition, lobbying firms must file quarterly compensation reports. <sup>82</sup> Both the Commission and the Legislature have instituted electronic registration and compensation reporting. <sup>83</sup> Executive branch lobbyists, however, must supply a written oath to complete each registration as well as a signed statement of authority from the principal. <sup>84</sup>

State agency employees and employees of legislative and judicial branch entities acting in the normal course of their duties are exempt from executive branch lobbying registration.<sup>85</sup> However, local government officers and employees must register to lobby the state executive branch.

Compensation reporting is subject to random audits, and findings of non-compliance are reported to the Commission, in the case of executive branch lobbying firms, for investigation.<sup>86</sup>

The executive branch lobbyist registration law provides specific procedures for its enforcement. The Commission reports probable cause findings to the Governor and Cabinet for appropriate action, which can include a fine up to \$5,000 and prohibition from lobbying for up to two years. A person accused of violating the lobbyist registration law may also request a hearing within 14 days of the mailing of the probable cause notification. 99

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Section 112.3142(2)(e), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Section 112.3215, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Section 11.045, F.S. and Joint rule 1.

<sup>81</sup> Section 112.3215(3), F.S.; Joint Rule 1.2.

<sup>82</sup> Section 112.3215(5)(a)1., F.S.; Joint Rule 1.4.

<sup>83</sup> Section 112.32155, F.S.; Joint Rule 1.1(2)(f)

<sup>84</sup> Section 112.3215(3), F.S.

<sup>85</sup> Section 112.3215(1)(h)(2), F.S.

<sup>86</sup> Section 112.3215(8)(c), F.S.

<sup>87</sup> Section 112.3215(8)-(9), F.S.

<sup>88</sup> Section 112.3215(9)-(10), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> Section 112.3215(9), F.S.

## III. Effect of Proposed Changes:90

## **Disclosure of Financial Interests**

The bill provides the following in regards to Form 1 and Form 6 filers:

- Requires certain local officers, mayors and elected members of the governing body of a municipality to annually file a Form 6 full and public disclosure of financial interest's statement with the Commission on Ethics through the Commission's electronic filing system.
- Exempts local officers required to file a Form 6 from the present requirement to file a Form 1.
- Requires if an elected local officer, now required to file a Form 6 with the Commission, leaves office before the expiration of his term, each individual appointed to replace such an officer must file a Form 6 within 30 days from the appointment and must file a Form 6 annually for the remainder of that individual's term.
- Adds clarifying language that each Form 6 filer must fill out his or her Form 6 on the Commission on Ethics electronic filing system by the due date annually.
- Maintains the current law, beginning January 1, 2024, that each Form 1 filer must file his or her annual Form 1 with the Commission through the Commission's electronic filing system.
- Because Form 1 filers, beginning January 1, 2024, can only submit a Form 1 with the Commission by filling out the Form 1 financial statement on the Commission's electronic filing system, the bill removes supervisors of elections from being involved in the Form 1 filing process.
- Requires local officers to file their quarterly reports of the names of clients represented for a fee or commission be filed with the Commission through the electronic filing system.
- Allows Form 1 and Form 6 filers to submit federal income tax returns or other attachments to report income.

The bill provides the following in regard to the Commission's electronic filing system:

- Requires the Commission's electronic filing system to have the capability to allow filers to upload attachments, including federal income tax returns.
- Requires the Commission's instructions for its electronic filing system to notify filer's that certain personal account information should not be included in the filing.
- Removes language allowing Form 1 and Form 6 filers to fill out and submit paper versions of the forms to the Commission through mail.
- Requires the Commission to notify Form 1 and Form 6 filers by email of all deadlines for filing, instructions on completing the online Form 1 and Form 6, and instructions on how to upload attachments and documentation to the electronic filing system.
- Requires the Commission to notify a Form 1 or Form 6 filer of delinquent filings weekly, through email, as long as the person remains delinquent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> The following bill's provisions were legislative recommendations made by the Florida Commission on Ethics in the Commission's most recent annual report to the Legislature: 1) Enhanced financial disclosure for local elected officials; 2) Dismissal of complaints alleging *de minimis* financial disclosures; 3) Increase of maximum civil penalties; 4) Extension of the ethics training filing exemption to commissioners of community redevelopment agencies; and 5) Dismissal of lobbying firm audit matters. *See* Florida Commission on Ethics, *Annual Report to the Florida Legislature for Calendar Year 2022*, P. 23-24, available at <a href="https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/2022%20Annual%20Report.pdf?cp=202337">https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/2022%20Annual%20Report.pdf?cp=202337</a> (Last visited March 10, 2023)

• Specifies that the only determining factor the Commission may use in determining the amount of fine for late submission to the Commission of a Form 1 or Form 6 is the date the filer submitted their Form 1 or Form 6 on the Commission's electronic filing system.

#### **Candidate Qualifications in Respect to Financial Disclosures**

The bill adds language to the Election Code<sup>91</sup> allowing filers of Form 1 and Form 6 financial disclosure statements to submit a verification or receipt of the filing to the qualifying officer at the time of qualifying, making this section of the Election Code consistent with the Code of Ethics.

## **Procedures on Complaints and Violations**

The bill allows the Commission to dismiss any complaint or referral for *de minimis* violations of financial disclosures. 92

## **Penalty Provisions**

The bill increases the maximum civil penalty allowed under s. 112.317(1), F.S., from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

### **Ethics Training**

The bill adds commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) to the new office or new term of office exemption language contained in s. 112.3142(2)(e), F.S., that already exists for constitutional officers and elective municipal officers. CRAs assuming a new office or term of office after March 31 are not required to complete ethics training for the calendar year in which their term of office began.

#### **Lobbyist Registration and Compensation Reporting**

The bill adds clarifying language of what allegations must be contained in a complaint or report initiating the requirement for the Commission to investigate potential violations and allows the Commission to dismiss any complaint or investigation from a random audit of lobbying reports, at any stage of disposition, if it determines that the public interest is not served by proceeding further. If the Commission dismisses an action, the Commission must issue a public report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> See s. 99.061(7)(a)5, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> See s. 112.3144, F.S. (Form 6 financial disclosure statements); s. 112.3145, F.S. (Form 1 financial disclosure statements) (allows Commission to dismiss complaints or referrals relating to unintentional or non-material violations of the submission of Form 1 or Form 6 financial disclosure statements.)

#### IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

The bill imposes additional financial disclosures on certain officers of local government, but the burden on the governments themselves does not appear to reach the threshold required to be affected by s. 18, Art. VII, Fla. Const.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

Section 8(j)(1), Art. II, of the Florida Constitution provides that the Legislature is authorized to change the definition and requirements for full and public financial disclosures.

## V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill imposes additional financial disclosures on certain officers of local government that will create an indeterminate but most likely insignificant impact. These new Form 6 filers will increase the number of Form 6 disclosures filed with the Commission through the Commission's electronic filing system, which is now active. This increase in the number of Form 6 filings may increase the amount of time and resources that Commission staff requires to review, redact, and publish such disclosures and may require some programming changes to the electronic filing system for the specified local officers to now file the Form 6 on the electronic system. However, with all Form 1 filers soon being required to file their Form 1 disclosures solely with the Commission through the electronic filing system, and with the Commission actively preparing for these

increased disclosures and changes to the electronic system, any changes to the process required by adding these specified local officers is most likely negligible.

### VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

#### VII. Related Issues:

None.

## VIII. Statutes Affected:

The bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 99.061, 112.3142, 112.3144, 112.31445, 112.31446, 112.3145, 112.317, 112.3215, and 112.324.

#### IX. Additional Information:

## A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

#### PCS (606398) by Ethics and Elections on March 14, 2023:

- Retains from the original bill the requirement that specified local officers file a Form 6 financial disclosure instead of the Form 1 they are currently required to file, with some drafting revisions and the removal of non-elected managers from the requirement.
- Maintains and makes permanent requirements for e-filing of financial disclosures as specified in the current year implementing bill.
- Adds new provisions relating to dismissal of *de minimis* offenses, the maximum civil penalty for violations of the Code of Ethics, ethics training requirements for commissioners of a community redevelopment agency, and authorization for a candidate to submit a verification or receipt of a previous financial disclosure filing to the qualifying officer.

#### B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Ethics and Elections

A bill to be entitled An act relating to ethics requirements for public officials; amending s. 99.061, F.S.; requiring candidates for specified elective offices to file a full and public disclosure at the time of qualifying; authorizing candidates to file a certain verification or receipt with the qualifying officer unless certain conditions exist; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring commissioners of community redevelopment agencies to complete annual ethics training; exempting commissioners who assumed office after a specified date from completing the required annual ethics training for that calendar year; reenacting and amending s. 112.3144, F.S.; requiring specified local officers to file full and public disclosures; requiring the Commission on Ethics to accept federal income tax returns, financial statements, and other forms or attachments showing sources of income for a specified purpose; deleting the prohibition on including a federal income tax return or a copy thereof for certain filings; requiring the commission to allow a filer to include attachments and other supporting documentation with his or her disclosure; revising the notice the commission sends to specified persons; requiring that disclosure statements be filed using the commission's electronic filing system;

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29	filed by mail; revising a provision requiring the
30	commission to adopt a specified rule; requiring an
31	individual appointed to replace an elected local
32	officer who leaves office before the end of his or her
33	term to file a full and public disclosure of financial
34	interests within 30 days after his or her appointment
35	and annually for the remainder of his or her term in
36	office; amending s. 112.31445, F.S.; requiring the
37	commission to publish a specified notice on the
38	electronic filing system for the disclosure of
39	financial interests; requiring that the filing system
40	allow a filer to include attachments and other
41	supporting documentation; amending s. 112.31446, F.S.;
42	requiring that the electronic filing system allow a
43	filer to submit attachments and other supporting
44	documentation when a disclosure is filed; reenacting
45	and amending s. 112.3145, F.S.; deleting a prohibition
46	on including a federal income tax return or copy
47	thereof in a financial disclosure; deleting a
48	provision requiring specified local officers to file
49	reports with the supervisor of elections of the
50	officer's county of principal employment or residence;
51	requiring local officers to file their quarterly
52	reports of the names of clients they represent for a
53	fee or commission with the commission; deleting a
54	provision requiring the commission to provide a
55	specified list to the supervisors of elections;
56	requiring the commission to allow a filer to include

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attachments or other documentation when filing a disclosure; deleting a provision requiring supervisors of elections to receive and provide notice of delinguencies of the disclosure of financial interests; requiring the commission to provide a certain notice by e-mail, beginning on a specified date; providing that, beginning on a specified date, paper forms will no longer be provided; requiring the commission to determine which persons have not submitted a required disclosure within a specified timeframe; requiring the commission to send periodic specified notices to such persons; requiring that disclosure statements be filed using the electronic filing system, beginning on a specified date; revising the criteria for a rule that the commission must adopt regarding the electronic filing of disclosure statements; requiring the commission to determine the amount of fines for all delinquent filers, beginning on a specified date; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 112.317, F.S.; increasing the maximum civil penalty allowed for certain violations related to statements of financial disclosure; amending s. 112.3215, F.S.; revising lobbying investigation requirements; authorizing the commission to dismiss certain complaints and investigations; requiring the commission to issue a specified public report if it dismisses such a complaint or investigation; amending s. 112.324, F.S.; authorizing the commission to dismiss financial

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disclosure complaints or referrals alleging de minimis violations; authorizing the commission to dismiss specified proceedings at any stage of disposition if a certain condition is met; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (5) and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 99.061, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 99.061 Method of qualifying for nomination or election to federal, state, county, or district office.-

(5) At the time of qualifying for office, each candidate for a constitutional office, or for another elective office subject to an annual filing requirement pursuant to s. 112.3144, shall file a full and public disclosure of financial interests pursuant to s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, which must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s. 92.525(1)(a), and a candidate for any other office, including local elective office, shall file a statement of financial interests pursuant to s. 112.3145. A candidate who is subject to an annual filing requirement under s. 112.3144 may file a verification or receipt of electronic filing pursuant to s. 112.3144(4). A candidate who is subject to an annual filing requirement under s. 112.3145 may file a verification or receipt of electronic filing pursuant to s. 112.3145(2)(c) unless the candidate is required to file a full and public disclosure of financial interests pursuant to s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or this subsection.

(7) (a) In order for a candidate to be qualified, the

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following items must be received by the filing officer by the end of the qualifying period:

- 1. A properly executed check drawn upon the candidate's campaign account payable to the person or entity as prescribed by the filing officer in an amount not less than the fee required by s. 99.092, unless the candidate obtained the required number of signatures on petitions pursuant to s. 99.095. The filing fee for a special district candidate is not required to be drawn upon the candidate's campaign account. If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall have until the end of qualifying to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided in this subparagraph shall disqualify the candidate.
- 2. The candidate's oath required by s. 99.021, which must contain the name of the candidate as it is to appear on the ballot; the office sought, including the district or group number if applicable; and the signature of the candidate, which must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s. 92.525(1)(a).
- 3. If the office sought is partisan, the written statement of political party affiliation required by s. 99.021(1)(b); or if the candidate is running without party affiliation for a partisan office, the written statement required by s. 99.021(1)(c).
- 4. The completed form for the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository, as required by s. 106.021.

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5. The full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests required by subsection (5). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests with the Commission on Ethics before or the supervisor of elections prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure or a verification or receipt of electronic filing as provided in subsection (5) at the time of qualifying.

Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, and commissioners.-(2)

(e) The Legislature intends that a constitutional officer, a commissioner of a community redevelopment agency, or an elected municipal officer who is required to complete ethics training pursuant to this section receive the required training as close as possible to the date that he or she assumes office. A constitutional officer, a commissioner of a community redevelopment agency, or an elected municipal officer assuming a new office or new term of office on or before March 31 must complete the annual training on or before December 31 of the year in which the term of office began. A constitutional officer, a commissioner of a community redevelopment agency, or an elected municipal officer assuming a new office or new term of office after March 31 is not required to complete ethics training for the calendar year in which the term of office began.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the expiration date in section 92 of chapter 2022-157, Laws of Florida, paragraph (c) of

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subsection (6), paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (7), subsection (8), and subsection (10) of section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, are reenacted and amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

112.3144 Full and public disclosure of financial interests.-

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copy thereof.

(d) The following local officers must comply with the financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and this section:

- 1. Mayors.
- 2. Elected members of the governing body of a municipality. (6)
- (c) Each separate source and amount of income which exceeds \$1,000 must be identified. For the purpose of a filer reporting income, the commission shall accept federal income tax returns, financial statements, and other forms or attachments showing sources of income Beginning January 1, 2023, a federal income tax return may not be used for purposes of reporting income, and the commission may not accept a federal income tax return or a
- (7) (a) Beginning January 1, 2023, a filer may not include in a filing to the commission a federal income tax return or a copy thereof; a social security number; a bank, mortgage, or brokerage account number; a debit, charge, or credit card number; a personal identification number; or a taxpayer identification number. If a filer includes such information in his or her filing, the information may be made available as part of the official records of the commission available for public

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inspection and copying unless redaction is requested by the filer. The commission is not liable for the release of social security numbers or bank account, debit, charge, or credit card numbers included in a filing to the commission if the filer has not requested redaction of such information.

- (c) The commission must conspicuously post a notice, in substantially the following form, in the instructions for the electronic filing system specifying that:
- 1. Any filer submitting information through the electronic filing system may not include a federal income tax return or a copy thereof; a social security number; a bank, mortgage, or brokerage account number; a debit, charge, or credit card number; a personal identification number; or a taxpayer identification number in any filing unless required by law.
- 2. Information submitted through the electronic filing system may be open to public inspection and copying.
- 3. Any filer has a right to request that the commission redact from his or her filing any social security number, bank account number, or debit, charge, or credit card number contained in the filing. Such request must be made in writing and delivered to the commission. The request must specify the information to be redacted and the specific section or sections of the disclosure in which it was included.
- (8) Forms or fields of information for compliance with the full and public disclosure requirements of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution must shall be prescribed by the commission. The commission shall allow a filer to include attachments or other supporting documentation when filing a disclosure. The commission shall give notice of disclosure deadlines and

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- delinquencies and distribute forms in the following manner: (a) Not later than May 1 of each year, the commission shall prepare a current list of the names, e-mail addresses, and physical addresses of and the offices held by every person required to file full and public disclosure annually by s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, or other state law. Each unit of government shall assist the commission in compiling the list by providing to the commission not later than February 1 of each year the name, e-mail address, physical address, and name of the office held by such person within the respective unit of government as of December 31 of the preceding year.
- (b) Not later than June 1 of each year, the commission shall distribute a copy of the form prescribed for compliance with full and public disclosure and a notice of the filing deadline to each person on the list. Beginning January 1, 2022, no paper forms will not be provided by mail. The notice required under this paragraph and instructions for electronic submission of the form and any accompanying attachments must be delivered by e-mail.
- (c) Not later than August 1 of each year, the commission shall determine which persons on the list have failed to file full and public disclosure and shall send delinquency notices to such persons. Each notice must state that a grace period is in effect until September 1 of the current year. Beginning January 1, 2022, the notice required under this paragraph must be delivered by e-mail and must be redelivered on a weekly basis by e-mail as long as a person remains delinquent.
- (d) Disclosure statements required to be filed with the commission must be filed on the commission's electronic filing

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260 system as provided in s. 112.31446 Disclosures must be received 261 by the commission not later than 5 p.m. of the due date. 262 However, any disclosure that is postmarked by the United States 263 Postal Service by midnight of the due date is deemed to have 264 been filed in a timely manner, and a certificate of mailing 265 obtained from and dated by the United States Postal Service at 266 the time of the mailing, or a receipt from an established 267 courier company which bears a date on or before the due date, 268 constitutes proof of mailing in a timely manner. Beginning 269 January 1, 2023, upon request of the filer, the commission must 270 provide verification to the filer that the commission has 271 received the filed disclosure.

- (e) Beginning January 1, 2023, a written declaration, as provided for under s. 92.525(2), accompanied by an electronic signature satisfies the requirement that the disclosure be sworn.
- (f) Any person who is required to file full and public disclosure of financial interests and whose name is on the commission's list, and to whom notice has been sent, but who fails to timely file is assessed a fine of \$25 per day for each day late up to a maximum of \$1,500; however this \$1,500 limitation on automatic fines does not limit the civil penalty that may be imposed if the statement is filed more than 60 days after the deadline and a complaint is filed, as provided in s. 112.324. The commission must provide by rule the grounds for waiving the fine and the procedures by which each person whose name is on the list and who is determined to have not filed in a timely manner will be notified of assessed fines and may appeal. The rule must provide for and make specific that the amount of

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the fine due is based upon when the disclosure is filed on the commission's electronic filing system that is created and maintained by the commission as provided in s. 112.31446. the following:

- 1. The amount of the fine due is based upon the earliest of the following:
  - a. When a statement is actually received by the office.
  - b. When the statement is postmarked.
  - c. When the certificate of mailing is dated.
- d. When the receipt from an established courier company is <del>dated.</del>
- 2. Upon receipt of the disclosure statement or upon accrual of the maximum penalty, whichever occurs first, the commission shall determine the amount of the fine which is due and shall notify the delinquent person. The notice must include an explanation of the appeal procedure under subparagraph 2. 3-Such fine must be paid within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted, unless appeal is made to the commission pursuant to subparagraph 2. 3. The moneys shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.
- 2.3. Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the person designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing

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of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, "unusual circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an e-mail account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail address.

- (g) Any person subject to the annual filing of full and public disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, or other state law, whose name is not on the commission's list of persons required to file full and public disclosure is not subject to the fines or penalties provided in this part for failure to file full and public disclosure in any year in which the omission occurred, but nevertheless is required to file the disclosure statement.
- (h) The notification requirements and fines of this subsection do not apply to candidates or to the first filing required of any person appointed to elective constitutional office or other position required to file full and public disclosure, unless the person's name is on the commission's notification list and the person received notification from the commission. The appointing official shall notify such newly appointed person of the obligation to file full and public disclosure by July 1. The notification requirements and fines of this subsection do not apply to the final filing provided for in subsection (10).
- (i) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 120, any fine imposed under this subsection which is not waived by final order of the commission and which remains unpaid more than 60 days after the notice of payment due or more than 60 days after the

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commission renders a final order on the appeal must be submitted to the Department of Financial Services as a claim, debt, or other obligation owed to the state, and the department shall assign the collection of such fine to a collection agent as provided in s. 17.20.

(10) Each person required to file full and public disclosure of financial interests shall file a final disclosure statement within 60 days after leaving his or her public position for the period between January 1 of the year in which the person leaves and the last day of office or employment, unless within the 60-day period the person takes another public position requiring financial disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, or is otherwise required to file full and public disclosure for the final disclosure period. The head of the agency of each person required to file full and public disclosure for the final disclosure period shall notify such persons of their obligation to file the final disclosure and may designate a person to be responsible for the notification requirements of this subsection. When an elected local officer specified in paragraph (1)(d) leaves office before the expiration of his or her term, each individual appointed to replace such officer for the remainder of that term shall file a full and public disclosure of financial interests within 30 days after the date of appointment and must file a full and public disclosure of financial interests annually thereafter for the remainder of his or her term in office.

Section 4. Subsections (4) and (5) are added to section 112.31445, Florida Statutes, to read:

112.31445 Electronic filing system; full and public

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disclosure of financial interests.-

- (4) The commission shall publish a notice on the electronic filing system instructing filers to redact a social security number; a bank, mortgage, or brokerage account number; a debit, charge, or credit card number; a personal identification number; or a taxpayer identification number in their filings.
- (5) The electronic filing system must allow a filer to include attachments or other supporting documentation when submitting a disclosure through the system.

385 Section 5. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (2) of 386 section 112.31446, Florida Statutes, to read:

387 112.31446 Electronic filing system for financial 388 disclosure.-

- (2) By January 1, 2022, the commission shall procure and test an electronic filing system. At a minimum, the electronic filing system must:
- (f) Allow a filer to include attachments or other supporting documentation when submitting a disclosure or a statement through the system.

Section 6. Notwithstanding the expiration date in section 95 of chapter 2022-157, Laws of Florida, paragraphs (b) and (e) of subsection (2), paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (4), subsection (6), and subsection (8) of section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, are reenacted and amended to read:

112.3145 Disclosure of financial interests and clients represented before agencies .-

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(b) Each state or local officer, except local officers specified in s. 112.3144(1)(d), and each specified state

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employee shall file a statement of financial interests no later than July 1 of each year. Each state officer, local officer, and specified state employee shall file a final statement of financial interests within 60 days after leaving his or her public position for the period between January 1 of the year in which the person leaves and the last day of office or employment, unless within the 60-day period the person takes another public position requiring financial disclosure under this section or s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or otherwise is required to file full and public disclosure or a statement of financial interests for the final disclosure period. Each state or local officer who is appointed and each specified state employee who is employed shall file a statement of financial interests within 30 days from the date of appointment or, in the case of a specified state employee, from the date on which the employment begins, except that any person whose appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate shall file before prior to confirmation hearings or within 30 days from the date of appointment, whichever comes first.

- (e) Beginning January 1, 2024, a statement of financial interests, and a final statement of financial interests and any amendments thereto, or any other form required by this section, except any statement of a candidate who is not subject to an annual filing requirement, must be filed electronically through an electronic filing system created and maintained by the commission as provided in s. 112.31446.
- (4) (a) Beginning January 1, 2024, a filer may not include in a filing to the commission a federal income tax return or a copy of thereof; a social security number; a bank, mortgage, or

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434 brokerage account number; a debit, charge, or credit card number; a personal identification number; or a taxpaver identification number. If a filer includes such information in 437 his or her filing, the information may be made available as part 438 of the official records of the commission available for public 439 inspection and copying unless redaction is requested by the 440 filer. The commission is not liable for the release of social 441 security numbers, bank account numbers, or debit, charge, or credit card numbers included in a filing to the commission if 442 443 the filer has not requested redaction of the information.

- (c) The commission must conspicuously post a notice, in substantially the following form, in the instructions for the electronic filing system specifying that:
- 1. Any filer submitting information through the electronic filing system may not include a federal income tax return or a copy thereof; a social security number; a bank, mortgage, or brokerage account number; a debit, charge, or credit card number; a personal identification number; or a taxpayer identification number in any filing unless required by law.
- 2. Information submitted through the electronic filing system may be open to public inspection and copying.
- 3. Any filer has a right to request that the commission redact from his or her filing any social security number, bank account number, or debit, charge, or credit card number contained in the filing. Such request must be made in writing and delivered to the commission. The request must specify the information to be redacted and the specific section or sections of the disclosure in which it was included.
  - (6) Each elected constitutional officer, state officer,

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local officer, and specified state employee shall file a quarterly report of the names of clients represented for a fee or commission, except for appearances in ministerial matters, before agencies at his or her level of government. For the purposes of this part, agencies of government shall be classified as state-level agencies or agencies below state level. Each local officer shall file such report with the supervisor of elections of the county in which the officer is principally employed or is a resident. Each state officer, elected constitutional officer, and specified state employee, and local officer shall file such report with the commission. The report must shall be filed only when a reportable representation is made during the calendar quarter and must shall be filed no later than the last day of each calendar quarter, for the previous calendar quarter. Representation before any agency shall be deemed to include representation by such officer or specified state employee or by any partner or associate of the professional firm of which he or she is a member and of which he or she has actual knowledge. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "representation before any agency" does not include appearances before any court or the Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims or judges of compensation claims or representations on behalf of one's agency in one's official capacity. Such term does not include the preparation and filing of forms and applications merely for the purpose of obtaining or transferring a license based on a quota or a franchise of such agency or a license or operation permit to engage in a profession, business, or occupation, so long as the issuance or granting of such license, permit, or transfer

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does not require substantial discretion, a variance, a special consideration, or a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

- (8) Beginning January 1, 2024, forms for compliance with the disclosure requirements of this section and a current list of persons subject to disclosure must shall be created by the commission and provided to each supervisor of elections. The commission shall allow a filer to include attachments or other supporting documentation when filing a disclosure. Beginning January 1, 2024, the commission and each supervisor of elections shall give notice of disclosure deadlines, and delinquencies, and instructions distribute forms in the following manner:
- (a) 1. Not later than May 1 of each year, the commission shall prepare a current list of the names, e-mail addresses, and physical addresses of, and the offices or positions held by, every state officer, local officer, and specified employee. Each unit of government shall assist the commission in compiling the list by providing to the commission not later than February 1 of each year the name, e-mail address, physical address, and name of agency of, and the office or position held by, each state officer, local officer, or specified state employee within the respective unit of government as of December 31 of the preceding vear.
- 2. Not later than May 15 of each year, the commission shall provide each supervisor of elections with a current list of all local officers required to file with such supervisor of elections.
- (b) Beginning January 1, 2024, the commission shall notify, by e-mail, not later than June 1 of each year, all persons

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required to file a statement of financial interests, of all of the following:

- 1. All applicable filing deadlines for completing and filing the statement of financial interests, prescribed under subsection (3), on the commission's electronic filing system.
- 2. Instructions on how to complete and file the statement of financial interests, as prescribed by subsection (3), on the commission's electronic filing system.
- 3. Instructions on how to upload attachments and documentation onto the commission's electronic filing system.

Beginning January 1, 2024, paper forms may not be provided and persons required to file a statement of financial interests must complete and file their statement of financial interests on the commission's electronic filing system pursuant to paragraph (2) (e) Not later than June 1 of each year, the commission and each supervisor of elections, as appropriate, shall distribute a copy of the form prescribed for compliance with subsection (3) and a notice of all applicable disclosure forms and filing deadlines to each person required to file a statement of financial interests. Beginning January 1, 2024, no paper forms will be provided. The notice required under this paragraph and instructions for electronic submission must be delivered by email.

(c) 1. Beginning January 1, 2024, but no later than August 1, 2024, and each August 1 thereafter, the commission shall determine the persons required to file a statement of financial interests pursuant to this part who have failed to do so and the commission shall send delinquency notices by e-mail to these

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persons. The commission shall redeliver weekly by e-mail such notice as long as the person remains delinguent.

- 2. Each notice must state all of the following:
- a. A grace period is in effect until September 1 of the current year.
- b. Investigative or disciplinary action based upon the delinquency may not be taken by the agency head or commission if the statement is filed by September 1 of the current year, which includes the imposition of a daily fine of \$25 for each day late, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500.
- c. If upon the filing of a sworn complaint the commission finds that a person has failed to timely file the statement within 60 days after September 1 of the current year, such person is subject to the penalties imposed in s. 112.317 Not later than August 1 of each year, the commission and each supervisor of elections shall determine which persons required to file a statement of financial interests in their respective offices have failed to do so and shall send delinquency notices to these persons. Through December 31, 2023, delinquency notices must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. Each notice must state that a grace period is in effect until September 1 of the current year; that no investigative or disciplinary action based upon the delinquency will be taken by the agency head or commission if the statement is filed by September 1 of the current year; that, if the statement is not filed by September 1 of the current year, a fine of \$25 for each day late will be imposed, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500; for notices distributed by a supervisor of elections, that he or she is required by law to notify the commission of the delinquency;

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and that, if upon the filing of a sworn complaint the commission finds that the person has failed to timely file the statement within 60 days after September 1 of the current year, such person will also be subject to the penalties provided in s. 112.317. Beginning January 1, 2024, notice required under this paragraph must be delivered by e-mail and must be redelivered on a weekly basis by e-mail as long as the person remains delinguent.

- (d) Beginning January 1, 2024, disclosure statements required to be filed with the commission must be filed using the commission's electronic filing system pursuant to s. 112.31446 by 5 p.m. on the due date No later than November 15 of each year, the supervisor of elections in each county shall certify to the commission a list of the names and addresses of, and the offices or positions held by, all persons who have failed to timely file the required statements of financial interests. The certification must include the earliest of the dates described in subparagraph (g) 1. The certification shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall indicate whether the supervisor of elections has provided the disclosure forms and notice as required by this subsection to all persons named on the delinquency list.
- (e) Statements must be received by the commission not later than 5 p.m. of the due date. However, any statement that is postmarked by the United States Postal Service by midnight of the due date is deemed to have been filed in a timely manner, and a certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the United States Postal Service at the time of the mailing, or a receipt from an established courier company which bears a date

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on or before the due date, constitutes proof of mailing in a timely manner. Beginning January 1, 2023, upon reguest of the filer, the commission must provide verification to the filer that the commission has received the filed statement.

(f) Beginning January 1, 2023, the statement must be accompanied by a declaration as provided in s. 92.525(2) and an electronic acknowledgment thereof.

(f) (g) Any person who is required to file a statement of financial interests and whose name is on the commission's list, and to whom notice has been sent, but who fails to timely file is assessed a fine of \$25 per day for each day late up to a maximum of \$1,500; however, this \$1,500 limitation on automatic fines does not limit the civil penalty that may be imposed if the statement is filed more than 60 days after the deadline and a complaint is filed, as provided in s. 112.324. The commission must provide by rule the grounds for waiving the fine and procedures by which each person whose name is on the list and who is determined to have not filed in a timely manner will be notified of assessed fines and may appeal. The rule must provide for and make specific that the amount of the fine due is based upon the date and time that the disclosure is filed on the electronic filing system as provided in s. 112.31446. the following:

- 1. Beginning January 1, 2024, The amount of the fine due is based upon the earliest of the following:
  - a. When a statement is actually received by the office.
- 634 b. When the statement is postmarked.
  - c. When the certificate of mailing is dated.
    - d. When the receipt from an established courier company is

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2. for a specified state employee, or a state officer, or local officer, upon receipt of the disclosure statement by the commission or upon accrual of the maximum penalty, whichever occurs first, and for a local officer upon receipt by the commission of the certification from the local officer's supervisor of elections pursuant to paragraph (d), the commission shall determine the amount of the fine which is due and shall notify the delinquent person. The notice must include an explanation of the appeal procedure under subparagraph 2. 3. The fine must be paid within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted, unless appeal is made to the commission pursuant to subparagraph 2. 3. The moneys are to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

2.3. Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the person designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "unusual circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an e-mail account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail address.

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(g) (h) Any state officer, local officer, or specified employee whose name is not on the list of persons required to file an annual statement of financial interests is not subject to the penalties provided in s. 112.317 or the fine provided in this section for failure to timely file a statement of financial interests in any year in which the omission occurred, but nevertheless is required to file the disclosure statement.

(h) (i) The notification requirements and fines of this subsection do not apply to candidates or to the first or final filing required of any state officer, specified employee, or local officer as provided in paragraph (2) (b).

(i) (i) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 120, any fine imposed under this subsection which is not waived by final order of the commission and which remains unpaid more than 60 days after the notice of payment due or more than 60 days after the commission renders a final order on the appeal must be submitted to the Department of Financial Services as a claim, debt, or other obligation owed to the state, and the department shall assign the collection of such a fine to a collection agent as provided in s. 17.20.

Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 112.317, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.317 Penalties.-

(1) Any violation of this part, including, but not limited to, failure to file disclosures required by this part or violation of any standard of conduct imposed by this part, or any violation of s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, in addition to any criminal penalty or other civil penalty involved, under applicable constitutional and statutory

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procedures, constitutes grounds for, and may be punished by, one or more of the following:

- (a) In the case of a public officer:
- 1. Impeachment.
- 2. Removal from office.
- 3. Suspension from office.
- 4. Public censure and reprimand.
- 5. Forfeiture of no more than one-third of his or her salary per month for no more than 12 months.
  - 6. A civil penalty not to exceed \$20,000 \$10,000.
- 7. Restitution of any pecuniary benefits received because of the violation committed. The commission may recommend that the restitution penalty be paid to the agency of which the public officer was a member or to the General Revenue Fund.
- (b) In the case of an employee or a person designated as a public officer by this part who otherwise would be deemed to be an employee:
  - 1. Dismissal from employment.
- 2. Suspension from employment for not more than 90 days without pay.
  - 3. Demotion.
  - 4. Reduction in his or her salary level.
- 5. Forfeiture of no more than one-third salary per month for no more than 12 months.
  - 6. A civil penalty not to exceed \$20,000 \$10,000.
- 7. Restitution of any pecuniary benefits received because of the violation committed. The commission may recommend that the restitution penalty be paid to the agency by which the public employee was employed, or of which the officer was deemed

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to be an employee, or to the General Revenue Fund.

- 725 8. Public censure and reprimand.
  - (c) In the case of a candidate who violates this part or s. 8(a) and (i), Art. II of the State Constitution:
    - 1. Disqualification from being on the ballot.
    - 2. Public censure.
- 730 3. Reprimand.
  - 4. A civil penalty not to exceed \$20,000 \$10,000.
  - (d) In the case of a former public officer or employee who has violated a provision applicable to former officers or employees or whose violation occurred before the officer's or employee's leaving public office or employment:
    - 1. Public censure and reprimand.
    - 2. A civil penalty not to exceed \$20,000 \$10,000.
  - 3. Restitution of any pecuniary benefits received because of the violation committed. The commission may recommend that the restitution penalty be paid to the agency of the public officer or employee or to the General Revenue Fund.
  - (e) In the case of a person who is subject to the standards of this part, other than a lobbyist or lobbying firm under s. 112.3215 for a violation of s. 112.3215, but who is not a public officer or employee:
    - 1. Public censure and reprimand.
    - 2. A civil penalty not to exceed \$20,000 \$10,000.
  - 3. Restitution of any pecuniary benefits received because of the violation committed. The commission may recommend that the restitution penalty be paid to the agency of the person or to the General Revenue Fund.
    - Section 8. Present paragraph (d) of subsection (8) of

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section 112.3215, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (e), a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, and paragraph (c) of that subsection is amended, to read:

112.3215 Lobbying before the executive branch or the Constitution Revision Commission; registration and reporting; investigation by commission .-

- (c) The commission shall investigate any lobbying firm, lobbyist, principal, agency, officer, or employee upon receipt of information from a sworn complaint or from a random audit of lobbying reports indicating that the entity or individual has intentionally failed to disclose any material fact or has knowingly submitted false information in any report required by this section or by rules adopted pursuant to this section a possible violation other than a late-filed report.
- (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), the commission may dismiss any complaint or investigation resulting from a random audit of lobbying reports, at any state of disposition, if it determines that the public interest is not served by proceeding further, in which case the commission must issue a public report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissals.

Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (11) and subsection (12) of section 112.324, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 112.324 Procedures on complaints of violations and referrals; public records and meeting exemptions .-

(11) (a) Notwithstanding subsections (1)-(8), the commission may dismiss any complaint or referral at any stage of disposition if it determines that the violation that is alleged

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or has occurred is a de minimis violation attributable to inadvertent or unintentional error. In determining whether a violation was de minimis, the commission shall consider whether the interests of the public were protected despite the violation. This subsection does not apply to complaints or referrals pursuant to ss. 112.3144 and 112.3145.

(12) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1)-(8), the commission may, at its discretion, dismiss any complaint or referral, or dismiss any proceeding brought under s. 112.3215 at any stage of disposition should it determine that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further, in which case the commission shall issue a public report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissal.

Section 10. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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# The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

	Prepared By: The	e Professional Staff	of the Committee o	n Ethics and El	ections	
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#### I. Summary:

CS/SB 774 makes the following changes to ethics requirements for public officials:

- Requires specified local officers to file a Form 6 financial disclosure instead of the Form 1 they are currently required to file.
- Maintains and makes permanent requirements for e-filing of financial disclosures as specified in the current year implementing bill, by
  - Maintaining the requirement that Form 6 filers submit their financial disclosures via the Commission on Ethics electronic filing system beginning January 1, 2023, and requiring Form 1 filers to submit their disclosures electronically beginning January 1, 2024.
  - Allowing filers to submit federal tax returns and other attachments for purposes of showing income.
- Allows the Commission on Ethics to dismiss complaints or investigations for certain minor infractions.
- Increases the maximum civil penalty for violations of the Code of Ethics to \$20,000 from \$10.000.
- Adds commissioners of a community redevelopment agency to the list of officers exempt from having to complete ethics training in the year they begin their term, if the term begins after March 31.
- Clarifies that a candidate may submit a verification or receipt of a previous financial disclosure filing to the qualifying officer in lieu of the full financial disclosure.

The bill takes effect upon becoming law.

#### II. Present Situation:

#### **Commission on Ethics**

The Commission on Ethics (Commission) was created by the Legislature in 1974 "to serve as guardian of the standards of conduct" for state and local public officials and employees. The Florida Constitution and state law designate the Commission as the independent commission provided for in s. 8(g), Art. II of the Florida Constitution. Constitutional duties of the Commission consist of conducting investigations and making public reports on all breach of trust complaints towards public officers or employees not governed by the judicial qualifications commission. In addition to constitutional duties, the Commission, in part:

- Renders advisory opinions to public officials;<sup>4</sup>
- Makes recommendations to disciplinary officials when appropriate for violations of ethics and disclosure laws;<sup>5</sup>
- Administers the Executive Branch Lobbying Registration and Reporting Law;<sup>6</sup>
- Maintains financial disclosure filings of constitutional officers and state officers and employees;<sup>7</sup> and
- Administers automatic fines for public officers and employees who fail to timely file a required annual financial disclosure.<sup>8</sup>

#### **Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees**

The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees (Code of Ethics)<sup>9</sup> establishes ethical standards for public officials and is intended to ensure that public officials conduct themselves independently and impartially, not using their officers for private gain other than compensation provided by law.<sup>10</sup> The Code of Ethics addresses various issues, such as ethics trainings, voting conflicts, full and public disclosure of financial interests, standards of conduct, and the Commission on Ethics, among others.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Florida Commission on Ethics, *Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees*, p. 1., available at <a href="https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310">https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310</a> (last visited March 10, 2023); *see also* s. 112.320, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section (8)(j)(3), art. II, Fla. Const.; s. 112.320, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section (8)(g), art. II., Fla. Const.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 112.322(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 112.322(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Sections 112.3215, 112.32155, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 112.3144, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 112.3144, F.S.; s. 112.3145, F.S.; s. 112.31455, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See pt. III. Ch. 112, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Florida Commission on Ethics, *Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees*, p. 1., available at <a href="https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310">https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310</a> (last visited March 10, 2023)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See pt. III. 112, F.S.

#### **Disclosure of Financial Interests**

#### Full and Public Disclosure (Form 6)

The Florida Constitution requires all elected constitutional officers, candidates for such offices, and statewide elected officers to file a full and public disclosure of their financial interests. <sup>12</sup> Other public officers, candidates, and public employees may be required to file a full and public disclosure of their financial interests as determined by law. <sup>13</sup>

Under the Florida Constitution, the term "full and public disclosure of financial interests" means the reporting individual must disclose his or her net worth and the value for each asset and liability in excess of \$1,000. 14 The disclosure must be accompanied by either a sworn statement that identifies each separate source and amount of income that exceeds \$1,000 or a copy of the reporting individual's most recent federal income tax return. 15 The Florida Constitution expressly provides that the Legislature can change this definition and requirements. 16

Pursuant to general law, the Commission has created by rule CE Form 6 (Form 6), which required filers use to make the required full and public financial disclosure. <sup>17</sup> Reporting individuals are required to file a Form 6 annually with the Commission by July 1 through the Commission's electronic filing system. <sup>18</sup>

Individuals holding the following positions must presently file a Form 6: governor; lieutenant governor; cabinet members; legislators; state attorneys; public defenders; clerks of circuit courts; sheriffs; tax collectors; property appraisers; supervisors of elections; county commissioners; elected superintendents of schools; district school board members; Jacksonville City Council members (including the mayor); compensation claims judges; the Duval County superintendent of schools; Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board Members; Florida Prepaid College Board Members; and members of each expressway authority, transportation authority (except Jacksonville Transportation Authority), bridge authority, or toll authority created pursuant to ch. 348 or 343, F.S., or any other general law.<sup>19</sup>

The Form 6 requires filers to report their net worth, assets, and liabilities.<sup>20</sup> The filer must report the specific identification and value of each asset which exceeds \$1,000 in value and provide the name and address of the creditor for each liability which exceeds \$1,000 in amount and its amount, and must submit a statement of the value of the reporting person's net worth as of December 31 of the preceding year or a more current date.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Section 8(a), art. II, Fla. Const.; see ss. 112.3144(1)(b), 112.3145, F.S.

 $<sup>^{13}</sup>$  Id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Section (8)(j)(1), art. II, Fla. Const.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See 112.3144(6)(c) and (7)(a), F.S. (Beginning January 1, 2023, the Commission may not accept federal income tax returns for proof of income.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Section 8(j)(1), art. II, Fla. Const. (schedule in effect until change by law).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Section 112.3144(8), F.S.; see R. 34-8.002, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Section (8)(j)(1), art. II, Fla. Cont.; see s. 112.3144(2), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Section (8)(j)(1), art. II, Fla. Const.; see s. 112.3144, F.S.; see R. 34-8.003, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See s. (8)(j), art. II, Fla. Const.; s. 112.3144(5),(6), F.S.; R. 34-8.004, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> *Id*.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the Commission was required to establish and have in place an electronic filing system via which filers of financial disclosures would be required to file their disclosure with the Commission through this system. <sup>22</sup> The start date requiring all filers of Form 6 financial disclosures to make their disclosures to the Commission solely through this electronic filing system was changed by the Legislature to begin on January 1, 2023.<sup>23</sup> The Commission is required, not later than May 1 of each year, to prepare a current list with the name and contact information for every person required to file a Form 6.24 Each government unit is required to assist the Commission in compiling the list by providing, not later than February 1 of each year, the name and contact information of every person required to file a Form 6, within the respective unit of government as of December 31, of the preceding year.<sup>25</sup> Not later than June 1 of each year, the Commission, by email, must provide notice and instructions for the electronic submission of the Form 6 on the Commission's electronic filing system pursuant to s. 112.3144(2), F.S.<sup>26</sup> Not later than August 1 of each year, the Commission must determine which persons required to file a Form 6 failed to do so and must send weekly delinquency notices by email as long as a person remains delinquent.<sup>27</sup> Form 6 disclosures must be received by the Commission no later than 5 p.m. of the due date. <sup>28</sup> Form 6 filers are given a grace period until September of the current year, where no investigative or disciplinary action based on delinquency will be taken if the filer submits the Form 6 by 5 p.m. on September 1 of the current vear.29

Candidates for constitutional office must file a Form 6, verified under oath and affirmation, to the qualifying officer at the time of qualifying.<sup>30</sup> When a candidate has qualified for office prior to the deadline to file an annual financial disclosure, the disclosure filed with the candidate's qualifying papers is deemed to satisfy the annual disclosure requirement and the qualifying officer is required to submit an electronic copy to the Commission by July 1.<sup>31</sup> Candidates for office who are not already required to file a Form 6, are required to file their Form 6 with the election office in which they file their qualifying papers at the time they qualify.<sup>32</sup> Candidates who are incumbents running for the same office or who currently hold another position currently requiring the annual filing of a Form 6 and who qualifies as a candidate after they have filed a

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Section 112.31446, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Section 112.3144(6)(c), F.S. (Section 91, ch. 2022-157, amended subsection (6)(c), among others, in order to implement specific appropriations in the 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act for the development and implementation of the electronic filing system. Section 92, ch. 2022-157, provides that the amendment made to subsection (6)(c), among others, by this act expires July 1, 2023, and the text of those subsections and paragraphs shall revert to that in existence on June 1, 2022. Therefore, effective July 1, 2023, the triggering date requiring filings of financial disclosures be made solely through the electronic filing system, is changed from January 1, 2023, back to January 1, 2022.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Section 112.3144(8)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Section 112.3144(8)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Section 112.3144(8)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Section 112.3144(8)(d), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Section 99.061(5), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Section 99.061(5), F.S.; s. 112.3144(3), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Sections 99.061(5), 99.061(7)(a)5., F.S.

Form 6 with the Commission may file a copy of the Form 6, verification or receipt of the filing of the Form 6 with the Commission, to the qualifying officer.<sup>33</sup>

#### Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1)

In addition to provisions governing the Form 6, current law provides for a less detailed disclosure of financial interests using the Commission's CE Form 1 (Form 1).<sup>34</sup> A Form 1 must be filed by a large group of local officers, including all officers holding elected positions in any political subdivision of the state, other than counties, and specified appointed officers.<sup>35</sup> Other persons required to file a Form 1 include specified state officers and employees and persons seeking to qualify as candidates for these specified state or local office.<sup>36</sup> Currently, mayors; city commissioners; elected members of a city council, town council, village council, or other governing body of a city, town or village; and city, county, town, or village managers are required to file a Form 1.<sup>37</sup>

Form 1 requires filers to disclose specified information related to sources of income, real property, intangible personal property, liabilities, and interests in specified businesses.<sup>38</sup> Although no specific dollar values of incomes, property, or liabilities are required to be reported, the filer must report which assets or liabilities exceed certain dollar thresholds.<sup>39</sup> Form 1 filers must disclose: all sources of income in excess of \$2,500, excluding public salary; all sources of income from a business entity that the filer had a material interest in where their gross income was in excess of \$5,000 and in excess of 10% of the businesses gross income; any property, except for their residence or vacation home, in which the person owns more than 5% of the value of the property; any intangible personal property in excess of \$10,000; and any liability in excess of \$10,000.<sup>40</sup> A Form 1 must be filed annually with the Commission by July 1, 2023.<sup>41</sup>

Currently, a local officer<sup>42</sup> must file a Form 1 within 30 days of appointment or employment and then annually by July 1 of each year with the supervisor of election in the county in which he or she permanently resides.<sup>43</sup> Currently, specified state employees<sup>44</sup> and state officers<sup>45</sup> must file a Form 1 with the Commission within 30 days of appointment or employment and then annually by July 1 of each year.<sup>46</sup> Candidates for local elective office who were not previously required to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Section 112.3144(4), F.S.; s. 99.061(7)(a)(5), F.S. (Currently, unlike the Code of Ethics under s. 112.3144(4), F.S. the Elections Code under s. 99.061(7)(a)(5), F.S. only allows the filing of a copy of full and public disclosure at the time of qualifying.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See s. 112.3145, F.S.; R. 34-8.202, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See s. 112.3145, F.S.; ss. 99.061(5) and 99.061(7)(a)(5), F.S.; R. 34.8.202, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> *Id.*; see Florida Commission on Ethics, *Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees*, p. 16-18., available at <a href="https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310">https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310</a> (last visited March 10, 2023)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> See s. 112.3145(1), F.S.; R. 34.8.202, F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Section 112.3145, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> See s. 112.3145(3)(a)(b), F.S. (Beginning January 1, 2023, filers may only use the threshold based on dollar value when filing their Form 1.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Section 112.3145(3)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Section 112.3145(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> As defined in s. 112.3145(1)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Section 112.3145(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> As defined in s. 112.3145(1)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Not required to file Form 6 as defined in s. 112.3145(1)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Section 112.3145(2)(b), F.S.

file an annual financial disclosure are required to file their Form 1 with the qualifying officer at the time of qualifying. 47

The Commission is required, not later than May 1 of each year, to prepare a current list with the contact information for every state officer, local officer, and specified employee. Each government unit is required to assist the Commission in compiling the list by providing, not later than February 1 of each year, the name and contact information of every state officer, local officer, or specified state employee within the respective unit of government as of December 31 of the preceding year. The Commission, not later than May 15 of each year, must provide each supervisors of elections with a current list of all local officers required to file with such supervisors of elections. Not later than June 1 of each year, the Commission and supervisors of elections, must distribute a copy of the Form 1 and a notice of all applicable disclosure forms and filing deadlines by e-mail. Not later than August 1 of each year, the Commission and each supervisor of elections must determine which individuals required to file a Form 1 have failed to do so and must send delinquency notices to these individuals by certified mail, return receipt requested. 22

Filers are given a grace period until September 1 of the current year, where no investigative or disciplinary action based on delinquency will be taken if the filer submits the disclosure by September 1 of the current year. <sup>53</sup> Statements must be received by the Commission by 5 p.m. of the due date, however, any statement that is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by midnight of the due date or certificate of mailing or receipt from postal carrier before the due date is deemed timely filed. <sup>54</sup> Not later than November 15 of each year, the supervisors of election in each county must certify to the commission a list of the names and contact information of individuals who failed to file their Form 1. <sup>55</sup> However, effective July 1, 2023, all filers of Form 1 (except non incumbent candidates) must file their financial disclosures with the Commission solely through the Commission's electronic filing system. <sup>56</sup>

#### Requirements for Form 6 and Form 1

All persons required to file a Form 6 and Form 1 must disclose interests in specified businesses granted a privilege to operate in the state of Florida.<sup>57</sup> All Form 6 and Form 1 filers also must file

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Section 112.3145(2)(d), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(a)1, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(a)2, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(d), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Section 112.3145(2)(e), F.S. (Section 94, ch. 2022-157, amended subsection (2)(e), among others, in order to implement specific appropriations in the 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act for the development and implementation of the electronic filing system. Section 95, ch. 2022-157, provides that the amendment made to subsection (2)(e), among others, by this act expires July 1, 2023, and the text of those subsections and paragraphs shall revert to that in existence on June 1, 2022. Therefore, effective July 1, 2023, the triggering date requiring filings of financial disclosures be made solely through the electronic filing system for Form 1s to the Commission, is changed from January 1, 2024, back to January 1, 2023.)

<sup>57</sup> Section 112.3145(7), F.S. (i.e. specific entities including banks, insurance companies, cemetery companies, public utilities and others.)

quarterly reports naming clients represented for a fee before agencies at the filer's level of government.<sup>58</sup> Certain Form 6 and Form 1 filers must certify their completion of any required ethics training on their respective financial disclosure form.<sup>59</sup> General law also requires an individual subject to filing Form 6 or Form 1 to file a final disclosure statement within 60 days after leaving his or her public position.<sup>60</sup>

Any person required to File a Form 6 or Form 1 whose name is on the Commission's list, and to whom notice has been sent, but who fails to timely file, is assessed a fine of \$25 per day for each day late up to a maximum of \$1,500.<sup>61</sup> However, this limitation on automatic fines does not limit the civil penalty that may be imposed if the statement is filed more than 60 days after the deadline has passed.<sup>62</sup> The Commission is required to promulgate rules for determining the amount of the fine for a late filing,<sup>63</sup> an appeal process, procedures for grounds for waiving the fine based on unusual circumstances, and notice requirements.<sup>64</sup>

#### Candidate Qualifications in Respect to Financial Disclosures

Under the Election Code, at the time of qualifying for office, each candidate for a constitutional office must file a full and public disclosure of financial interests pursuant to s. 8, Art II, of the Florida Constitution, which must be verified under oath or affirmation. A candidate for any other office, including elective office, must file a statement of financial interests. When a candidate has qualified for office prior to the deadline to file an annual financial disclosure, the disclosure file with the candidate's qualifying papers is deemed to satisfy the annual disclosure requirement. 66

As of January 1, 2023, under the Code of Ethics, an incumbent in an elective office or a candidate holding another position subject to an annual filing requirement who has filed his or her annual disclosure electronically may submit a copy of the disclosure filed with the Commission, or a verification or receipt for the filing, with the officer before whom he or she qualifies.<sup>67</sup> A candidate not subject to an annual filing requirement does not file with the Commission, but may complete and print the appropriate disclosure form to file with the officer before whom he or she qualifies.<sup>68</sup> Under the Elections Code, in order for a candidate to be qualified, the filing officer must receive the full and public disclosure (Form 6) or statement of financial interests (Form 1).<sup>69</sup> This provision is inconsistent with the verification or receipt provisions in the Code of Ethics.<sup>70</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Section 112.3145(6), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> See s. 112.3142, F.S.; s. 112.3144(1)(a), F.S.; s. 112.3145(5), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Section 112.3144(10), F.S.; s. 112.3145(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Section 112.3145(8)(g), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> See s. 112.3145(8)(g)1-3, F.S. (Form 1); s. 112.3144(8)(f)1-3, F.S. (Form 6); R. 34-8.011(3), F.A.C.; R. 34-8.210(2), F.A.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> See R. 34-8.015, F.A.C.; R. 34-8.215, F.A.C.

<sup>65</sup> Section 99.061, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Sections 112.3144(3), 112.3145(2)(a), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Ss. 112.3144(4), 112.3145(2)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Section 99.061(7)(a)5., F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Section 99.061(7)(b), F.S. (If the filing officer receives qualifying papers during the qualifying period prior to the last day of qualifying, which do not include all statutorily required items, the filing officer must make a reasonable effort to notify the

#### **Procedures on Complaints and Violations**

Current law authorizes the Commission to investigate alleged violations of the Code of Ethics upon a written complaint executed on a form prescribed by the Commission and signed under oath or affirmation by any person, or upon receipt of a written referral of a possible violation from the Governor, the Department of Law Enforcement, a State Attorney, or a United States Attorney. The Commission may dismiss any such complaint or referral at any stage of disposition if it determines that the violation alleged is a *de minimis* violation attributable to inadvertent or unintentional error. The Commission is not authorized to dismiss complaints alleging *de minimis* violations involving financial disclosure statements. The Commission may, at its discretion, dismiss any complaint at any stage of disposition should it determine that the public would not be served by proceeding further, in which case, the Commission must issue a public report stating with particularity its reasons for dismissal.

#### **Penalty Provisions**

The penalty provisions for violations of the Code of Ethics are located in s. 112.317, F.S. There are no criminal penalties for violation of the Code of s. 8, Art. II, of the Florida Constitution. The penalty provisions cover public officers and public employees, former public officers and employees, candidates, and lobbyists and lobbyists firms. Depending on the individual and the position he or she holds, penalties include impeachment, removal from office or employment, suspension, public censure and reprimand, and a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000, among other penalties. The Commission is without jurisdiction to impose any penalty, but may make recommendations for an appropriate penalty to the appropriate disciplinary authority charged with imposing penalties as designated under the procedures of s. 112.324(3), F.S. 75

#### **Ethics Training**

All constitutional officers, all elected municipal officers, and each commissioner of a community redevelopment agency (CRA) created under part III. 163, F.S., must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the Florida Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings law of Florida. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or other continuing professional education class, seminar, or presentation, if the required subject is covered by the class. To

candidate of any missing or incomplete items and must inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Section 112.324(1)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Section 112.324(11), F.S. (a *de minimis* violation is any violation that is unintentional and not material in nature.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> See ss. 112.3144 and 112.3145, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Section 112.324(12), F.S. (In order for the Commission to dismiss a complaint under this provision, it must find that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further and must issue a public report explaining its justification for dismissal. In contrast, to dismiss a violation for being *de minimis*, the Commission must find that the violation was unintentional and not material in nature.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Section 112.324(3), F.S.; s. 112.322(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Section 112.3142(2)(a)-(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> *Id*.

A constitutional officer or elected municipal officer assuming a new office or a new term of office after March 31 is not required to complete ethics training for the calendar year in which his or her term of office began. <sup>78</sup> CRAs are not included in this new office or new term of office exemption language.

#### **Lobbyist Registration and Compensation Reporting**

Lobbyist must register to lobby the executive branch or the legislative branch in Florida. Executive branch lobbying is regulated by the Code of Ethics and administered by the Commission. <sup>79</sup> Legislative branch lobbying is regulated primarily by Joint Rule of the House and Senate and administered by the Office of Legislative Services. <sup>80</sup> Both registration systems require lobbyists to register annually for each principal represented and to indicate the entities to be lobbied. <sup>81</sup> In addition, lobbying firms must file quarterly compensation reports. <sup>82</sup> Both the Commission and the Legislature have instituted electronic registration and compensation reporting. <sup>83</sup> Executive branch lobbyists, however, must supply a written oath to complete each registration as well as a signed statement of authority from the principal. <sup>84</sup>

State agency employees and employees of legislative and judicial branch entities acting in the normal course of their duties are exempt from executive branch lobbying registration. 85 However, local government officers and employees must register to lobby the state executive branch.

Compensation reporting is subject to random audits, and findings of non-compliance are reported to the Commission, in the case of executive branch lobbying firms, for investigation. <sup>86</sup>

The executive branch lobbyist registration law provides specific procedures for its enforcement. The Commission reports probable cause findings to the Governor and Cabinet for appropriate action, which can include a fine up to \$5,000 and prohibition from lobbying for up to two years. A person accused of violating the lobbyist registration law may also request a hearing within 14 days of the mailing of the probable cause notification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Section 112.3142(2)(e), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Section 112.3215, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Section 11.045, F.S. and Joint rule 1.

<sup>81</sup> Section 112.3215(3), F.S.; Joint Rule 1.2.

<sup>82</sup> Section 112.3215(5)(a)1., F.S.; Joint Rule 1.4.

<sup>83</sup> Section 112.32155, F.S.; Joint Rule 1.1(2)(f)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> Section 112.3215(3), F.S.

<sup>85</sup> Section 112.3215(1)(h)(2), F.S.

<sup>86</sup> Section 112.3215(8)(c), F.S.

<sup>87</sup> Section 112.3215(8)-(9), F.S.

<sup>88</sup> Section 112.3215(9)-(10), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> Section 112.3215(9), F.S.

#### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:90

#### **Disclosure of Financial Interests**

The bill provides the following in regards to Form 1 and Form 6 filers:

• Requires certain local officers, mayors and elected members of the governing body of a municipality to annually file a Form 6 full and public disclosure of financial interest's statement with the Commission on Ethics through the Commission's electronic filing system.

- Exempts local officers required to file a Form 6 from the present requirement to file a Form 1.
- Requires if an elected local officer, now required to file a Form 6 with the Commission, leaves office before the expiration of his term, each individual appointed to replace such an officer must file a Form 6 within 30 days from the appointment and must file a Form 6 annually for the remainder of that individual's term.
- Adds clarifying language that each Form 6 filer must fill out his or her Form 6 on the Commission on Ethics electronic filing system by the due date annually.
- Maintains the current law, beginning January 1, 2024, that each Form 1 filer must file his or her annual Form 1 with the Commission through the Commission's electronic filing system.
- Because Form 1 filers, beginning January 1, 2024, can only submit a Form 1 with the Commission by filling out the Form 1 financial statement on the Commission's electronic filing system, the bill removes supervisors of elections from being involved in the Form 1 filing process.
- Requires local officers to file their quarterly reports of the names of clients represented for a fee or commission be filed with the Commission through the electronic filing system.
- Allows Form 1 and Form 6 filers to submit federal income tax returns or other attachments to report income.

The bill provides the following in regard to the Commission's electronic filing system:

- Requires the Commission's electronic filing system to have the capability to allow filers to upload attachments, including federal income tax returns.
- Requires the Commission's instructions for its electronic filing system to notify filer's that certain personal account information should not be included in the filing.
- Removes language allowing Form 1 and Form 6 filers to fill out and submit paper versions of the forms to the Commission through mail.
- Requires the Commission to notify Form 1 and Form 6 filers by email of all deadlines for filing, instructions on completing the online Form 1 and Form 6, and instructions on how to upload attachments and documentation to the electronic filing system.
- Requires the Commission to notify a Form 1 or Form 6 filer of delinquent filings weekly, through email, as long as the person remains delinquent.

<sup>90</sup> The following bill's provisions were legislative recommendations made by the Florida Commission on Ethics in the Commission's most recent annual report to the Legislature: 1) Enhanced financial disclosure for local elected officials; 2) Dismissal of complaints alleging *de minimis* financial disclosures; 3) Increase of maximum civil penalties; 4) Extension of the ethics training filing exemption to commissioners of community redevelopment agencies; and 5) Dismissal of lobbying firm audit matters. *See* Florida Commission on Ethics, *Annual Report to the Florida Legislature for Calendar Year 2022*, P. 23-24, available at <a href="https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/2022%20Annual%20Report.pdf?cp=202337">https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/2022%20Annual%20Report.pdf?cp=202337</a> (Last visited March 10, 2023)

• Specifies that the only determining factor the Commission may use in determining the amount of fine for late submission to the Commission of a Form 1 or Form 6 is the date the filer submitted their Form 1 or Form 6 on the Commission's electronic filing system.

#### Candidate Qualifications in Respect to Financial Disclosures

The bill adds language to the Election Code<sup>91</sup> allowing filers of Form 1 and Form 6 financial disclosure statements to submit a verification or receipt of the filing to the qualifying officer at the time of qualifying, making this section of the Election Code consistent with the Code of Ethics.

#### **Procedures on Complaints and Violations**

The bill allows the Commission to dismiss any complaint or referral for *de minimis* violations of financial disclosures. 92

#### **Penalty Provisions**

The bill increases the maximum civil penalty allowed under s. 112.317(1), F.S., from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

#### **Ethics Training**

The bill adds commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) to the new office or new term of office exemption language contained in s. 112.3142(2)(e), F.S., that already exists for constitutional officers and elective municipal officers. CRAs assuming a new office or term of office after March 31 are not required to complete ethics training for the calendar year in which their term of office began.

#### **Lobbyist Registration and Compensation Reporting**

The bill adds clarifying language of what allegations must be contained in a complaint or report initiating the requirement for the Commission to investigate potential violations and allows the Commission to dismiss any complaint or investigation from a random audit of lobbying reports, at any stage of disposition, if it determines that the public interest is not served by proceeding further. If the Commission dismisses an action, the Commission must issue a public report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> See s. 99.061(7)(a)5, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> See s. 112.3144, F.S. (Form 6 financial disclosure statements); s. 112.3145, F.S. (Form 1 financial disclosure statements) (allows Commission to dismiss complaints or referrals relating to unintentional or non-material violations of the submission of Form 1 or Form 6 financial disclosure statements.)

#### IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

The bill imposes additional financial disclosures on certain officers of local government, but the burden on the governments themselves does not appear to reach the threshold required to be affected by s. 18, Art. VII, Fla. Const.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

Section 8(j)(1), Art. II, of the Florida Constitution provides that the Legislature is authorized to change the definition and requirements for full and public financial disclosures.

#### V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill imposes additional financial disclosures on certain officers of local government that will create an indeterminate but most likely insignificant impact. These new Form 6 filers will increase the number of Form 6 disclosures filed with the Commission through the Commission's electronic filing system, which is now active. This increase in the number of Form 6 filings may increase the amount of time and resources that Commission staff requires to review, redact, and publish such disclosures and may require some programming changes to the electronic filing system for the specified local officers to now file the Form 6 on the electronic system. However, with all Form 1 filers soon being required to file their Form 1 disclosures solely with the Commission through the electronic filing system, and with the Commission actively preparing for these

increased disclosures and changes to the electronic system, any changes to the process required by adding these specified local officers is most likely negligible.

#### VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

#### VII. Related Issues:

None.

#### VIII. Statutes Affected:

The bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 99.061, 112.3142, 112.3144, 112.31445, 112.31446, 112.3145, 112.317, 112.3215, and 112.324.

#### IX. Additional Information:

#### A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

#### CS by Ethics and Elections on March 14, 2023:

- Retains from the original bill the requirement that specified local officers file a Form 6 financial disclosure instead of the Form 1 they are currently required to file, with some drafting revisions and the removal of non-elected managers from the requirement.
- Maintains and makes permanent requirements for e-filing of financial disclosures as specified in the current year implementing bill.
- Adds new provisions relating to dismissal of *de minimis* offenses, the maximum civil penalty for violations of the Code of Ethics, ethics training requirements for commissioners of a community redevelopment agency, and authorization for a candidate to submit a verification or receipt of a previous financial disclosure filing to the qualifying officer.

#### B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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By Senator Brodeur

10-00321-23 2023774 A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial disclosures for local officers; amending s. 112.3144, F.S.; requiring specified local officers to file a full and public disclosure of financial interests; amending s. 112.3145, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "local officer"; providing an effective date. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of 12 section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, to read: 13 112.3144 Full and public disclosure of financial 14 interests.-15 (d) The following local officers must comply with the 16 17 financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Art. II of the State 18 Constitution and this section: 19 1. Mayors. 20 2. City commissioners. 21 3. Elected members of a city council; town council; village 22 council; or other governing body of a city, town, or village. 23 4. City, county, town, or village managers. 24 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 2.5 112.3145, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 26 112.3145 Disclosure of financial interests and clients 27 represented before agencies .-2.8 (1) For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

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(a) "Local officer" means:

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- 1. Every person who is elected to office in any political subdivision of the state, and every person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in such an elective office. The term "local officer" does not include mayors; city commissioners; elected members of a city council, town council, or village council, or any other governing body of a city, town, or village; or city, county, town, or village managers.
- 2. Any appointed member of any of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of any county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision of the state:
- a. The governing body of the political subdivision, if appointed;
- b. A community college or junior college district board of trustees;
- c. A board having the power to enforce local code provisions;
- d. A planning or zoning board, board of adjustment, board of appeals, community redevelopment agency board, or other board having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within the political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and such other groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards;
- e. A pension board or retirement board having the power to invest pension or retirement funds or the power to make a binding determination of one's entitlement to or amount of a pension or other retirement benefit; or

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f. Any other appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.

3. Any person holding one or more of the following positions: mayor; county or city manager; chief administrative employee of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; finance director of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; chief county or municipal building code inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator, with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; or purchasing agent having the authority to make any purchase exceeding the threshold amount provided for in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, on behalf of any political subdivision of the state or any entity thereof.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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#### SENATOR JASON BRODEUR

10th District

February 27, 2023

The Honorable Danny Burgess Chair, Committee on Ethics and Elections 412 Senate Building 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Burgess,

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill 774**, **Financial Disclosures for Local Officers**, be placed on the agenda of the Ethics and Elections Committee meeting to be considered at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my office.

Sincerely,

Senator Jason Brodeur - District 10

CC: Dawn Roberts – Staff Director Sarah Naf Biehl – Deputy Staff Director

Terrance Riggins – Committee Administrative Assistant

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

# **Ethics and Elections**

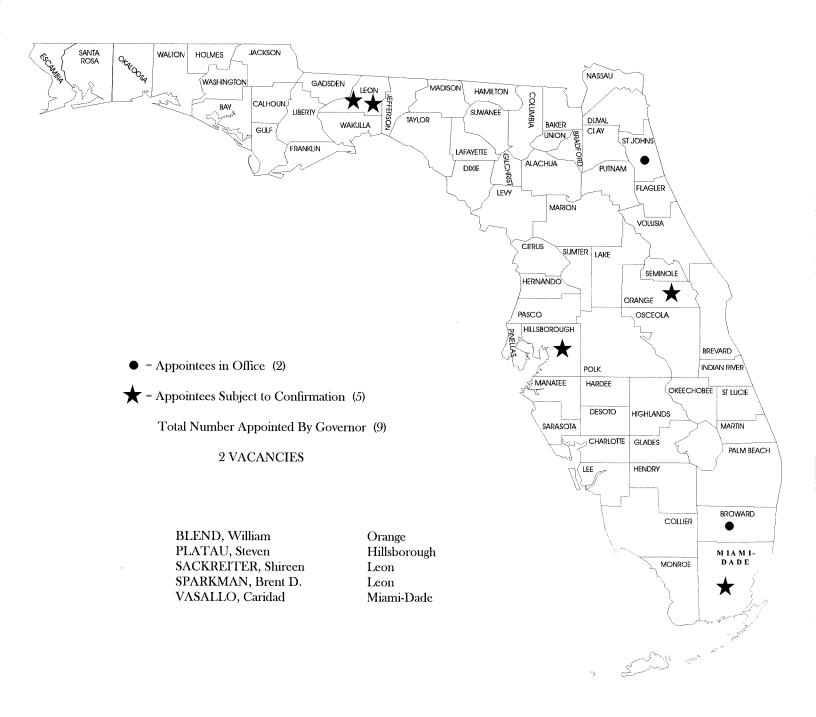
MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

## **Board of Accountancy**



### **Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment**

Appointee: Sackreiter, Shireen S. Appointed: 12/15/2022

Term: 12/15/2022 – 10/31/2026 Prior Term: 12/11/2020 - 10/31/2022

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Board of Accountancy, Member
Authority: 473.303, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.
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)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/30/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action	Х		As of 2/23/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist			

**Occupation:** State of Florida Account Managing Director at Accenture, LLP (Global Consulting Firm)

Attendance: Attended 9 of 12 meetings (75%) from December 11, 2020 through February 28, 2023.

Compensation: Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Sackreiter, Shireen S. Page 2

**Requirements:** The nine-member board consists of:

•Seven members who are certified public accountants who are licensed in this state and practiced public accounting in this state on a substantially full-time basis for at least five years; and

•Two lay members who are not and have never been certified public accountants or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

At least one member of the board must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional** Requirements:

Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lay Member

Number 15 - Mrs. Sackreiter disclosed that her employer holds contract with several State agencies and higher education institutions.

Appointed: 04/28/2022

Prior Term: 11/05/2021 - N/A

Appointee: Vasallo, Caridad

Term: 04/28/2022 - 10/31/2024

04/20/2022 - 10/31/2024

City/County: Miami Lakes/Miami-Dade

Office: Board of Accountancy, Member

Authority: 473.303, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 8/30/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Occupation: Business Owner at Vasallo Accounting & Consulting Services, LLC

**Attendance:** Attended 4 of 6 meetings (67%) from November 5, 2021 through May 13, 2022.

Compensation: Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Vasallo, Caridad Page 2

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•Two lay members who are not and have never been certified public accountants or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

At least one member of the board must be sixty years of age or older.

Additional Requirements:

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Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 8 - Certified Public Accountant

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

## **Ethics and Elections**

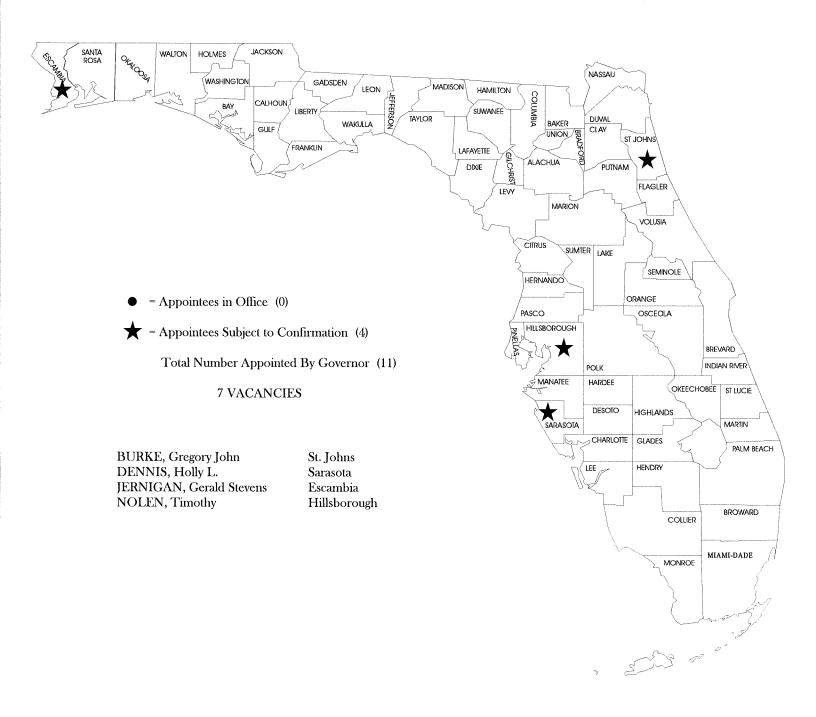
MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

## Board of Architecture and Interior Design



Burke, Gregory John Appointee:

Appointed: 08/19/2022

Prior Term: 8/19/2022 - 10/31/2022

City/County:

Term: 11/01/2022 - 10/31/2026 St. Augustine/St. Johns

Office: Board of Architecture and Interior Design, Member

Authority: 481.205, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		·
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 8/23/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Architect

**Attendance:** Attended 2 of 2 meetings (100%) from August 19, 2022 through March 1, 2023.

Compensation: Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Burke, Gregory John Page 2

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board consists of:

•Five registered architects who have been engaged in the practice of architecture for at least 5 years;

- •Three registered interior designers who have been offering interior design services for at least 5 years and who are not also registered architects; and
- •Three lay persons who are not and have never been architects, interior designers, or members of any closely related profession or occupation.
- •At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older.

#### **Additional** Requirements:

Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 17 - Mr. Burke is serving on the St. Johns Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, since 2022.

Number 18 - Mr. Burke served on the Indian River Code Enforcement Board 1995-1998. Mr. Burke served on the Indian River County Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals 2008-2011. Mr. Burke served on the Architectural Review Board for the City of Vero Beach 2008-2011.

Appointee: Dennis, Holly L. Appointed: 08/19/2022

Term: 08/19/2022 - 10/31/2025 Prior Term: 02/09/2018 - 10/31/2021

City/County: Sarasota/Sarasota

Office: Board of Architecture and Interior Design, Member

Authority: 481.205, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)1, F.S. Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 9/1/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Owner and Principal Designer of Holly Dennis Interiors

Attendance: Attended 28 of 30 meetings (93%) from February 9, 2018 through September 1, 2022.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Dennis, Holly L. Page 2

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# Additional Requirements:

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Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Interior Designer

Appointee: Jernigan, Gerald Steven

Appointed: 08/19/2022

Term: 08/19/2022 - 10/31/2025

Prior Term: 01/12/2018 - 10/31/2021

City/County: Pensacola/Escambia

Office: Board of Architecture and Interior Design, Member

Authority: 481.205, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)1, F.S. 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)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/6/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Occupation: Senior V.P. Architect at Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC

**Attendance:** Attended 31 of 31 meetings (100%) from January 12, 2018 through September 1, 2022.

Compensation: Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Jernigan, Gerald Steven Page 2

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# Additional Requirements:

Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

#### Notes: Number 8 - Architect

Number 15 - Mr. Jernigan disclosed that employer, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, has architectural contracts with the City of Pensacola, Northwest Florida State College, University of West Florida, Bay County and Escambia County.

Number 18 - Mr. Jernigan served on the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority 2006-2014. Number 19 - Mr. Jernigan worked as an architect for the Pensacola Junior College 1989-1992.

Appointee: Nolen, Timothy Appointed: 08/19/2022

Term: 08/19/2022 - 10/31/2024 Prior Term: 01/12/2018 - 10/31/2020

City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough

Office: Board of Architecture and Interior Design, Member

Authority: 481.205, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)1, F.S. Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 9/6/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
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17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Account Executive for Shea Barclay Group

Compensation: Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Nolen, Timothy Page 2

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**Notes:** Number 8 - Lay Member

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

## **Ethics and Elections**

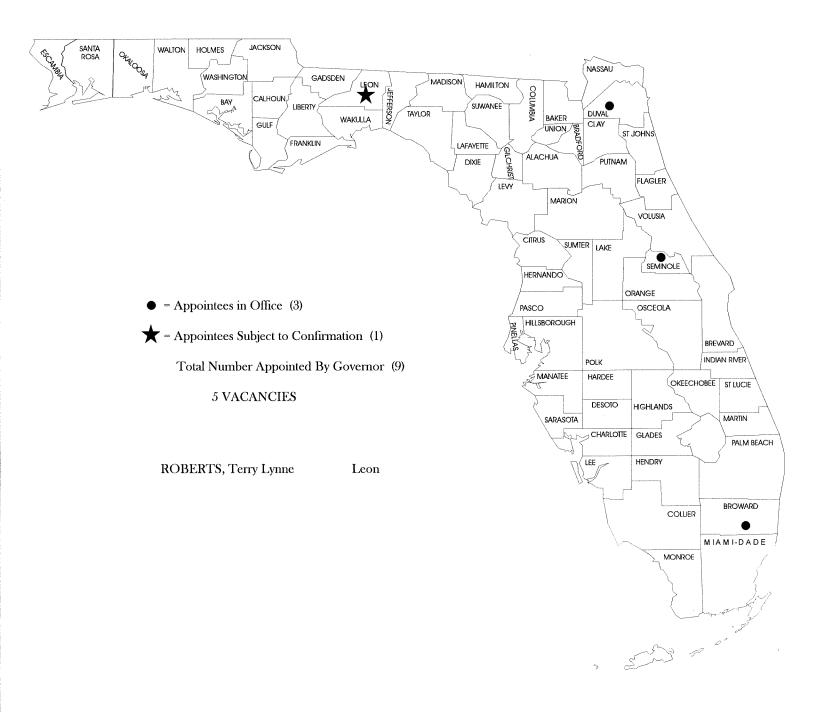
MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

## **Board of Athletic Training**



Appointee: Roberts, Terry Lynne

Appointed: 04/28/2022

Term: 04

04/28/2022 - 10/31/2025

Prior Term: 07/02/2015 - 10/31/2017

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Board of Athletic Training, Member

Authority: 468.703(1)-(4), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)18, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/9/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/24/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Director of Affiliates at Wolters Kluwer (Corporate Legal Services)

Attendance: Attended 12 of 21 meetings (57%) from July 2, 2015 through May 18, 2022.

Compensation: A board member shall be compensated fifty dollars for each day he or she attends an official board

meeting and for each day he or she participates in any other board business. A board member shall also be entitled to reimbursement for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F. S. Travel out of the state

shall require the prior approval of the secretary of the department.

Appointee: Roberts, Terry Lynne Page 2

**Requirements:** The nine-member board shall include:

• Five licensed athletic trainers (certified by Board of Certification)

- •One physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459
- •One physician licensed under chapter 460

•Two members shall be consumer members, each of whom must be a resident of this state who has never worked as an athletic trainer, who has no financial interest in the practice of athletic training and who has never been a licensed health care practitioner as defined in s. 456.001(4), F.S.

# Additional Requirements:

Terms are for four years.

As the terms of the members expire, the Governor shall appoint successors for terms of 4 years and such members shall serve until their successors are appointed.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Consumer Member

#### The Florida Senate

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

## **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

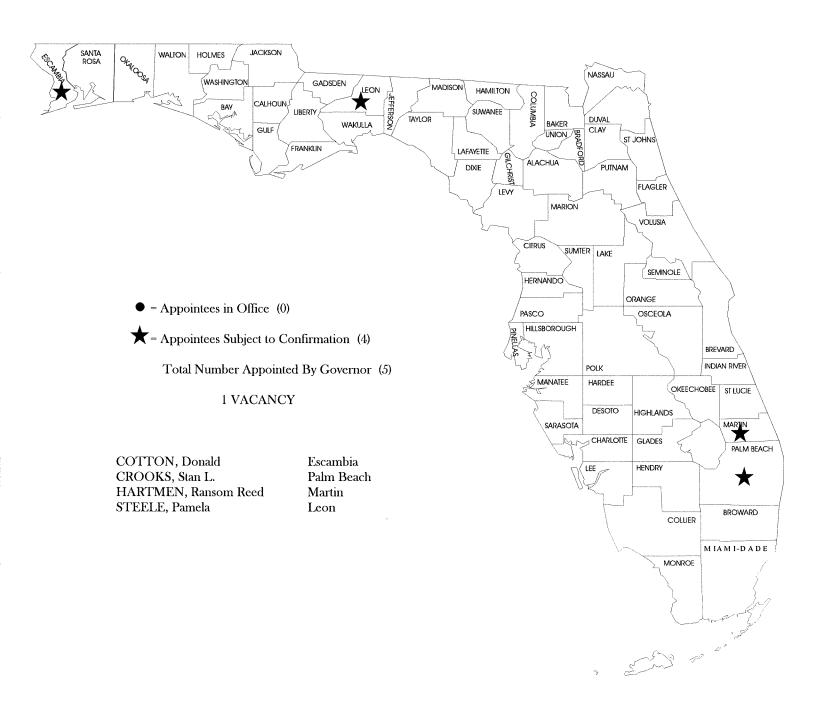
**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

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## Florida Board of Auctioneers



Appointee: Cotton, Donald Appointed: 07/08/2022

Term: 11/01/2022 – 10/31/2026 Prior Term:

City/County: Cantonment/Escambia

Office: Florida Board of Auctioneers, Member Authority: 468.384, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)2, F.S. Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х	·	
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 2/21/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record	Х		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Real Estate Sales/Appraisals

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The five-member board consists of:

•Two members who have been actively and principally engaged as auctioneers for a period of not less than 5 years preceding appointment;

•One member who is a principal of an auction company; and

•Two members who are lay persons.

Appointee: Cotton, Donald Page 2

Additional Requirements:

Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Cotton served in the U.S. Marine Corps 1974-1985. Mr. Cotton served in the U.S.

Army Reserves 1971-1974.

Number 8 - Auctioneer

Number 9 - Mr. Cotton disclosed that in 1966 at Jacksonville Beach, he was cited for possession of

alcoholic beverages by a minor and fined \$50.

Appointee: Crooks, Stan L.

Appointed: 07/08/2022

Term: 07/08/2022 - 10/31/2025

Prior Term:

City/County: Lake Worth/Palm Beach

Office Shell Beard of Austinesses

Office: Florida Board of Auctioneers, Member

Authority: 468.384, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)2, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/22/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/26/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** President of Auction America, Inc.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The five-member board consists of:

•Two members who have been actively and principally engaged as auctioneers for a period of not less than 5 years preceding appointment;

•One member who is a principal of an auction company; and

•Two members who are lay persons.

Appointee: Crooks, Stan L. Page 2

Additional Requirements:

Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** 

Appointee: Steele, Pamela Appointed: 07/08/2022

Term: 07/08/2022 - 10/31/2023 Prior Term:

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Florida Board of Auctioneers, Member Authority: 468.384, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)2, F.S. Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/4/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/27/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Human Resource Manager at Acumera/Reliant Solutions

Compensation: Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The five-member board consists of:

•Two members who have been actively and principally engaged as auctioneers for a period of not less than 5 years preceding appointment;

•One member who is a principal of an auction company; and

•Two members who are lay persons.

Appointee: Steele, Pamela Page 2

**Additional** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 18 - Ms. Steele served on the Leon County Value Adjustment Board 2013-2017.

Number 19 - Ms. Steele interned for the Department of Insurance in 1989.

#### The Florida Senate

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

## **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

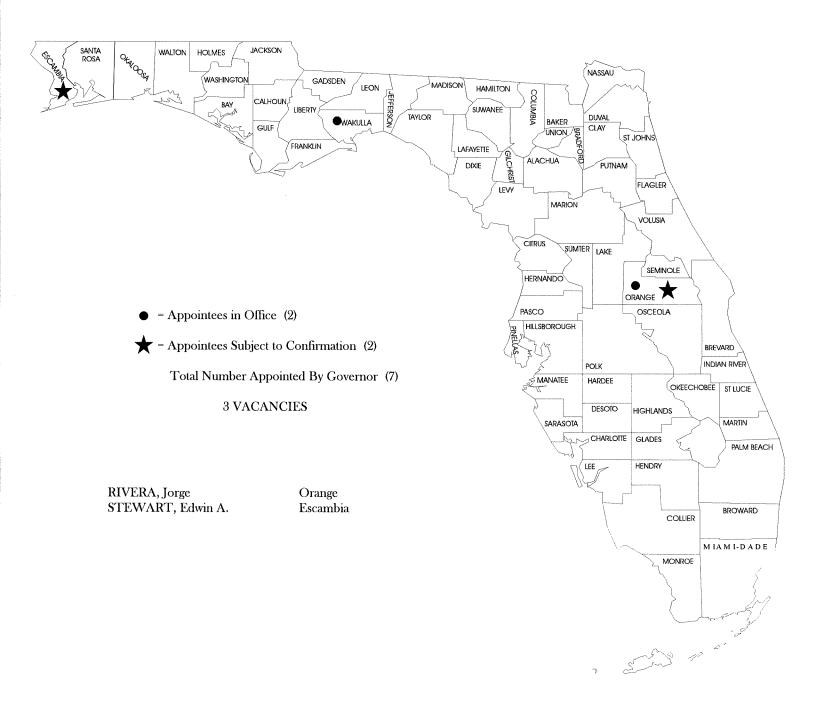
**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

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## Barbers' Board



Appointee: Rivera, Jorge

Appointed: 09/16/2022

Term: 09/16/2022 - 10/31/2025

Prior Term:

City/County: Orlando/Orange

Office: Barbers' Board, Member

Authority: 476.054, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)3, F. S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 9/28/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record	Х		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action	Х		As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	See Below
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Barber at Classic Man Cuts

**Compensation:** 

Each board member shall receive per diem and mileage allowances as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

from the place of her or his residence to the place of meeting and the return therefrom.

Appointee: Rivera, Jorge Page 2

**Requirements:** The seven-member board consists of:

•Five members who are barbers who have practiced the occupation of barbering in Florida for at least five years; and

•Two members who are citizens of Florida who are not presently licensed barbers.

No member of the board shall be connected in any way with the manufacture, rental, or wholesale distribution of barber equipment and supplies.

# Additional Requirements:

Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 8 - Barber

Number 9 - The Florida Department of Law Enforcement reported in 2009 Mr. Rivera was charged for operation of a motor vehicle without a valid Driver License. Mr. Rivera pled Nolo Contendere, was adjudicated guilty, and ordered to pay \$413.99 for fines and court costs. Mr. Rivera is a reappointment to the Barbers' Board and this information was previously reported.

Number 14 - The Department of Business and Professional Regulation reported two administrative complaints filed, in 2013 and 2019, which alleged Mr. River violated s. 409.2598(4)(b), F.S., for nonpayment of child support. Each instance Mr. Rivera's Barber's license was suspended and subsequently reinstated. Mr. Rivera is a reappointment to the Barbers' Board and this information was previously reported.

Appointee: Stewart, Edwin A., Jr.

> Term: 11/01/2022 - 10/31/2026

Appointed: 12/16/2022

Prior Term: 07/18/2019 - 10/31/2022

City/County: Pensacola/Escambia

Office: Barbers' Board, Member

Authority: 476.054, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)3, F. S. Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 7/1/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record	Х		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/6/22
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Barber at the Navy Exchange

**Attendance:** Attended 24 of 24 meetings (100%) from July 18, 2019 through January 12, 2023.

**Compensation:** 

Each board member shall receive per diem and mileage allowances as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

from the place of her or his residence to the place of meeting and the return therefrom.

Appointee: Stewart, Edwin A., Jr. Page 2

**Requirements:** The seven-member board consists of:

• Five members who are barbers who have practiced the occupation of barbering in Florida for at least five years: and

•Two members who are citizens of Florida who are not presently licensed barbers.

No member of the board shall be connected in any way with the manufacture, rental, or wholesale distribution of barber equipment and supplies.

Additional Requirements:

Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes:

Number 6 - Mr. Stewart served in the Florida National Guard 1967-1973.

Number 8 - Barber

Number 9 - The Florida Department of Law Enforcement reported Mr. Stewart was fined \$37.00 for an insufficient funds check in 1975 in Escambia County. Mr. Stewart is a reappointment to the Barbers' Board and this information was previously reported.

Number 19 - Mr. Stewart was the Director of the Barber Program at Pensacola State College 2015-2017.

# The Florida Senate COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

## **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

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Appointee: Deardoff, Robert "Bruce"

Appointed: 09/09/2022

Term: 09/09/2022 - 05/31/2026

Prior Term: 12/23/2020 - 05/31/2022

City/County: Cocoa Beach/Brevard

Office: Board of Trustees of Eastern Florida State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/13/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record	Х		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Deardoff, Robert "Bruce" Page 2

**Occupation:** Chairman at Deardoff Automotive Group (Auto Sales & Service)

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

Requirements: Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

comprised of:

Five members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board

district.

Seven members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board

district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Eastern Florida State College serves Brevard County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Notes: Number 8 - Brevard County Resident

Number 9 - The FDLE and DHSMV reported Mr. Deardoff was charged with a D.W.I. traffic offense in

Jacksonville on 8/28/1976. Mr. Deardoff was fined \$152.00.

Number 19 - Mr. Deardoff served as the Commissioner of the Canaveral Port Authority 2009-2016.

Appointee: Figueroa, Edgar Allan

Appointed: 09/09/2022

Term: 09/09/2022 - 05/31/2026

Prior Term: 12/23/2020 - 05/31/2022

City/County: Melbourne/Brevard

Office: Board of Trustees of Eastern Florida State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/14/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	·
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/3/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Surgeon at Steward Health Care

**Attendance:** Attended 11 of 12 meetings (92%) from December 23, 2020 through October 26, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

Requirements: Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

comprised of:

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

#### Additional Requirements:

Eastern Florida State College serves Brevard County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Notes: Number 8 - Brevard County Resident

Number 19 - Dr. Figueroa was the Trauma Medical Director at the University of Florida 2000-2008.

Appointee: Moody, Laura Michelle Appointed: 05/20/2022

Term: 05/20/2022 – 05/31/2025 Prior Term:

City/County: Rockledge/Brevard

Office: Board of Trustees of Eastern Florida State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 5/27/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/25/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Occupation: Chief Legal Counsel for Brevard County Sheriff's Office

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Eastern Florida State College serves Brevard County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Notes:

Number 8 - Brevard County Resident

Number 10 - Report No. 2023-104

Number 18 - Mrs. Moody served as the Vice Chair of the 18th Circuit Grievance Committee 2018-2021.

Number 19 - Mrs. Moody is the Chief Legal Counsel for the Brevard County Sheriff's Office since 2019.

Mrs. Moody was the Assistant State Attorney for the Office of the State Attorney, 18th Circuit 2017-

2019. Mrs. Moody was a Victim Advocate for the Office of the State Attorney, 18th Circuit 2000-2004.

Appointee: Scott, Winston E.

Appointed: 04/28/2022

Term: 04/28/2022 - 05/31/2023

Prior Term: 03/26/2021 - 05/31/2023

City/County: Melbourne/Brevard

Office: Board of Trustees of Eastern Florida State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/15/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/25/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Occupation: Retired- Senior Adminstrator at Florida Tech University

Attendance: Attended 10 of 11 meetings (91%) from March 26, 2021 through June 15, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

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# Additional Requirements:

Eastern Florida State College serves Brevard County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Captain Scott served in the US Navy 1973-1999.

Number 8 - Brevard County Resident

Number 10 - Report No. 2023-104

Number 18 - Captain Scott served on Space Florida 2001-2004.

Number 19 - Captain Scott was the Executive Director for Florida Space Authority 2003-2006. Captain

Scott was a Senior Administrator at Florida Tech University 2008-2021.

# The Florida Senate COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

Appointee: Branson, Russell

Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 - 05/31/2023

Prior Term: 09/04/2015 - 05/31/2019

City/County: Ocala/Marion

Office: Board of Trustees of College of Central Florida, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/13/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Χ	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Branson, Russell Page 2

Occupation: President of Gateway Bank of Central Florida

Attendance: Attended 70 of 72 meetings (97%) from September 4, 2015 through September 22, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

Requirements: Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

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Five members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board

district.

Seven members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board

district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

**Additional Requirements:**  Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

College of Central Florida serves Citrus, Levy, and Marion Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Marion County Resident

Number 10 - Report No. 2023-007

Appointee: Roberts, Frederick N., Jr.

Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 - 05/31/2023

Prior Term:

City/County: Ocala/Marion

Office: Board of Trustees of College of Central Florida, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 11/4/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/3/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Attorney at Klein & Klein, LLC

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

College of Central Florida serves Citrus, Levy, and Marion Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 8 - Marion County Resident

Number 10 - Report No. 2023-007

Number 18 - Mr. Roberts served on the Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management

District 2012-2019.

Appointee: Stone, Charlie

Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 - 05/31/2025

Prior Term:

City/County: Ocala/Marion

Office: Board of Trustees of College of Central Florida, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 9/21/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	×		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Stone, Charlie Page 2

**Occupation:** Owner of Stone Petroleum

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

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Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 10 - Report No. 2023-007

Number 15 - Mr. Stone disclosed his company, Stone Petroleum, has a contractual relationship

regarding the sales of oil to the City Ocala.

Number 18 - Mr. Stone served in the Florida House of Representatives 2012-2020. Mr Stone served

on the Marion County Board of County Commissioners 2004-2012.

Appointee: Torres, Michael A. Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 – 05/31/2025 Prior Term:

City/County: Ocala/Marion

Office: Board of Trustees of College of Central Florida, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 10/21/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Torres, Michael A. Page 2

**Occupation:** Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at AdventHealth

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

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It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Dr. Torres served in the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard and Reserve1987-2013.

Number 8 - Marion County Resident

Number 10 - Report No. 2023-007

#### The Florida Senate **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

Appointee: Howard, Randall B. Appointed: 09/09/2022

Term: 09/09/2022 - 05/31/2026 Prior Term: 07/30/2019 - 05/31/2022

City/County: New Smyrna Beach/Volusia

Office: Board of Trustees of Daytona State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/27/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	x		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	·
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Howard, Randall B. Page 2

**Occupation:** Senior VP & CFO of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Attendance: Attended 28 of 28 meetings (100%) from July 30, 2019 through September 22, 2022.

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

**Requirements:** Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

comprised of:

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Daytona State College serves Flagler and Volusia Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Dr. Howard served in the United States Air Force 1986-2006.

Number 8 - Volusia County Resident

Number 15 - Dr. Howard disclosed that his employer, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, receives

state funding/grants.

Number 17 - Dr. Howard is serving on the Volusia County Educational Finance Authority.

Appointee: Kwiatek, Kelly Parsons

Appointed: 09/09/2022

Term: 09/09/2022 - 05/31/2025

Prior Term:

City/County: Ormond Beach/Volusia

Office: Board of Trustees of Daytona State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/13/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Kwiatek, Kelly Parsons Page 2

Occupation: Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Halifax Staffing, Inc. Shareholder at Cobb Cole, P.A.

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Daytona State College serves Flagler and Volusia Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Volusia County Resident

Number 15 - Ms. Kwiatek disclosed her employer, 'Halifax Hospital Medical Center, has vendor and

patient care contracts.

Number 17 - Ms. Kwiatek is serving on the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Committee since 2019.

Appointee: Lubi, Garry R. Appointed: 09/09/2022

Term: 09/09/2022 - 05/31/2026 Prior Term: 11/01/2019 - 05/31/2022

City/County: Palm Coast/Flagler

Office: Board of Trustees of Daytona State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 5/31/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Lubi, Garry R. Page 2

**Occupation:** Senior Vice President, CenterState Bank

**Attendance:** Attended 24 of 26 meetings (92%) from November 1, 2019 through September 22, 2022.

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

**Requirements:** Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

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Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Daytona State College serves Flagler and Volusia Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 8 - Flagler County Resident

#### The Florida Senate

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

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Appointee: Leben, Daniel S. Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 – 05/31/2026 Prior Term:

City/County: Key Largo/Monroe

Office: Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)		Х	
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 2/23/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/6/22
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Leben, Daniel S. Page 2

Occupation: Self employed

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

The College of the Florida Keys serves Monroe County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 8 - Represents Monroe County

Appointee: Madok, Kevin M.

Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 - 05/31/2024

Prior Term: 01/05/2018 - 05/31/2020

City/County: Big Pine Key/Monroe

Office: Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 6 filed as of 3/28/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/6/22
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Madok, Kevin M. Page 2

**Occupation:** Clerk of Courts, Monore County Board of County Commissioners

**Attendance:** Attended 40 of 45 meetings (89%) from January 5, 2018 through December 6, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

Requirements: Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

comprised of:

Five members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board

Seven members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements: Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

The College of the Florida Keys serves Monroe County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Monroe County Resident

Number 9 - Mr. Madok reported he was fined for taking an 'undersized crawfish' (lobster) in 2003 in Monroe County. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement reported this violation. Mr. Madok is a reappointment to the Board of Trustees of the College of the Florida Keys and this information was previously reported.

Number 17 - Mr. Madok is the Monroe County Clerk of Courts since 2017.

Number 18 - Mr. Madok served on the Layton City Council and the Monroe County Fire & Ambulance District 2002-2006.

Number 19 - Mr. Madok was Senior Director of Strategic Planning for the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners 2013-2017. Mr. Madok was the Assistant Finance Director for the Monroe County Clerk of Court 2004-2012.

Appointee: Maxwell, Michelle Sylvia

Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 - 05/31/2026

Prior Term:

City/County: Key West/Monroe

Office: Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 5/25/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/3/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Maxwell, Michelle Sylvia Page 2

**Occupation:** Attorney/Inspector for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

The College of the Florida Keys serves Monroe County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Monroe County Resident

Number 18 - Ms. Maxwell served on Board of Trustees of the College of the Florida Keys, 2014-2016.

Number 19 - Ms. Maxwell is an Attorney and Inspector in the Office of Internal Affairs at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office since 2011. Ms. Maxwell was employed by the Office of the Public Defender

2006-2009.

Appointee: Puto, Michael H. Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 - 05/31/2023 Prior Term: 12/4/2015 - 5/31/2019

City/County: Marathon/Monroe

Office: Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 9/12/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Puto, Michael H. Page 2

**Occupation:** 

**Attendance:** Attended 63 of 65 meetings (97%) from December 4, 2015 through February 21, 2023.

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

**Requirements:** Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

comprised of:

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district.

Seven members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board

district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

The College of the Florida Keys serves Monroe County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Monroe County Resident

Number 18 - Mr. Puto served as the City Manager of Marathon, 2004-2008 and Interim City Manager of Marathon, 2014-2015. Mr. Puto served on the Monroe County Commission, 1986-1990 where he served as Mayor for one year.

Number 19 - Mr. Puto worked as an educator for Monroe County 1970-1974. Mr. Puto worked as an Emergency Management Coordinator for Monroe County 1997-2000. Mr. Puto was a Volunteer Fire Chief for Monroe County 1983-2000.

Appointee: Suga, Sheldon Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 - 05/31/2025 Prior Term: 11/21/2017 - 05/31/2021

City/County: Monroe/Monroe

Office: Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
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 6/2/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** VP Managing Director of Hawks Cay Resort

**Attendance:** Attended 35 of 45 meetings (78%) from November 21, 2017 through December 7, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

**Requirements:** Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

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Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

The College of the Florida Keys serves Monroe County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Monroe County Resident

Appointee: Weinstein, Richard Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 – 05/31/2024 Prior Term:

City/County: Key Largo/Monroe

Office: Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	Х		
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 1/31/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/3/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Weinstein, Richard Page 2

**Occupation:** President and COO at the Ocan Reef Community Foundation (Philanthropy)

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

Requirements: Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements: Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

The College of the Florida Keys serves Monroe County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 8 - Monroe County Resident

#### The Florida Senate

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

Appointee: Berry, Tricia E.

Term: 12/06/2022 - 05/31/2025

Appointed: 12/06/2022

Prior Term:

City/County: Panama City/Bay

Office: Board of Trustees of Gulf Coast State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
1. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
5. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 1/13/23
3. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
. Conviction Record		Х	
0. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
1. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/23/23
2. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
3. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
4. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
.5. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
.6. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
7. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
8. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
9. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
0. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Berry, Tricia E.

**Occupation:** Co-Owner of Panhandle Pediatric Dentistry

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Seven members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board

district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements: Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Gulf Coast State College serves Bay, Franklin, and Gulf Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Represents Bay County

Appointee: Cramer, William Cato, Jr.

Appointed: 12/06/2022

Term: 12/06/2022 - 05/31/2023

Prior Term:

City/County: Panama City Beach/Bay

Office: Board of Trustees of Gulf Coast State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 1/5/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/6/22
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

#### Occupation:

Compensation:

Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

Requirements:

Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and comprised of:

Five members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board district.

Seven members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

# **Requirements:**

**Additional** Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Gulf Coast State College serves Bay, Franklin, and Gulf Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Represents Bay County

Number 15 - Mr. Cramer is owner/president of car dealerships that has sold vehicles on bids to various governmental agencies

Number 18 - Mr. Cramer served on the Gulf Coast Community College Board of Trustees 1987-1995 and 1999-2009. Mr. Cramer served two years on the Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District Board.

Number 19 - Mr. Cramer was an Adjunct Professor at Gulf Coast Community College in 1983.

Appointee: De La Rosa, Abel Appointed: 12/06/2022

Term: 12/06/2022 – 05/31/2025 Prior Term:

City/County: Port Saint Joe/Gulf

Office: Board of Trustees of Gulf Coast State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 1/18/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/8/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: De La Rosa, Abel Page 2

Occupation: Retired

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

**Additional** Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Gulf Coast State College serves Bay, Franklin, and Gulf Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Represents Gulf County

Appointee: Hall, Frank Appointed: 12/06/2022

Term: 12/06/2022 - 05/31/2026 Prior Term: 01/12/2021 - 05/31/2022

City/County: Lynn Haven/Bay

Office: Board of Trustees of Gulf Coast State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 4/13/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/8/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	See Below
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Hall, Frank Page 2

**Occupation:** Market President at Bancorpsouth Bank (Banking)

Attendance: Attended 19 of 20 meetings (95%) from January 12, 2021 through January 24, 2023.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Gulf Coast State College serves Bay, Franklin, and Gulf Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Bay County Resident

Number 16 - Mr. Hall is employed by the Bancorpsouth Bank, a primary bank for Gulf Coast State College.

Number 17 - Mr. Hall serves on the Port of Panama City since 2020. Mr. Hall also serves on the Bay County Half Cent Oversight Committee since 2017.

Number 18 - Mr. Hall served on the City of Lynn Haven General Pension Board in 2019.

Appointee: Powell, Charles David Appointed: 12/06/2022

Term: 12/06/2022 - 05/31/2026 Prior Term: 01/12/2021 - 05/31/2022

City/County: Panama City/Bay

Office: Board of Trustees of Gulf Coast State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/9/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/10/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Commercial Banker at Innovations Federal Credit Union

**Attendance:** Attended 20 of 20 meetings (100%) from January 12, 2021 through January 24, 2023.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements: Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Gulf Coast State College serves Bay, Franklin, and Gulf Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: No

Number 8 - Bay County Resident

Number 18 - Mr. Powell served on the Board of Landscape Architecture 2012-2015.

Appointee: Tannehill, Joe K., Jr. Appointed: 12/06/2022

Term: 12/06/2022 – 05/31/2026 Prior Term: 01/12/2021 - 05/31/2022

City/County: Panama City/Bay

Office: Board of Trustees of Gulf Coast State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/24/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/10/23
2. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
3. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
.4. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
8. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
9. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Tannehill, Joe K., Jr.

Occupation: President/CEO of Merrick Industries (Manufacturing)

**Attendance:** Attended 17 of 20 meetings (85%) from January 12, 2021 through January 24, 2023.

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Gulf Coast State College serves Bay, Franklin, and Gulf Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes:

Number 8 - Bay County Resident

Number 15 - Mr. Tannehill disclosed he is the owner of ENGEN, LLC, which operates the Bay County Waste to Energy Facility. In addition, he is the President of Merrick Industries, Inc., a supplier to multiple Florida municipal water treatment facilities.

#### The Florida Senate

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

Appointee: Jones, Bret

Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 - 05/31/2025

Prior Term: 01/05/2018 - 05/31/2021

City/County: Clermont/Lake

Office: Board of Trustees of Lake-Sumter State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
1. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
5. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 9/15/22
3. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/3/23
2. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
3. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
4. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
5. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn tatement)		Х	
6. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
7. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
8. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
9. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
0. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Jones, Bret Page 2

Occupation: Attorney, Bret Jones, P.A.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Lake-Sumter State College serves Lake and Sumter Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lake County Resident

Appointee: Morris, Timothy

Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 - 05/31/2025

Prior Term: 01/05/2018 - 05/31/2021

City/County: Leesburg/Lake

Office: Board of Trustees of Lake-Sumter State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/10/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Morris, Timothy Page 2

**Occupation:** Vice President of Ernie Morris Enterprises, Inc. (office supplies)

Attendance: Attended 44 of 50 meetings (88%) from January 5, 2018 through September 22, 2022.

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Lake-Sumter State College serves Lake and Sumter Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lake County Resident

Number 15 - Mr. Morris disclosed his employer, Ernie Morris Ent., represents State contract

manufactures but does not hold the contracts.

Number 18 - Mr. Morris served on the Lake County Planning and Zoning Commission 2001-2017.

Appointee: Parks, Ivy Appointed: 08/26/2022

Term: 08/26/2022 - 05/31/2026 Prior Term: 5/21/2021 - 5/31/2022

City/County: Clermont/Lake

Office: Board of Trustees of Lake-Sumter State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/13/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/6/22
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	Х		
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Parks, Ivy Page 2

**Occupation:** Administrator at Parks Consulting Services

**Attendance:** Attended 21 of 22 meetings (95%) from May 21, 2021 through February 16, 2023.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional Requirements:

**Additional** Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

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Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 8 - I

Number 8 - Lake County Resident

Number 18 - Mrs. Park served on the Lake County Library Advisory Board in 2009.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

Appointee: Carter, Jaymie G. Appointed: 09/09/2022

Term: 09/09/2022 – 05/31/2026 Prior Term:

City/County: Bradenton/Manatee

Office: Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/8/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Occupation: Sales Associate, Michael Saunders & Company

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional **Requirements:** 

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota serves Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

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Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 8 - Represents Manatee County

Number 19 - Mrs. Carter worked for the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County 2011-2012.

Appointee: Goodson, Mark

Appointed: 04/28/2022

Term: 04/28/2022 - 05/31/2023

Prior Term: 3/26/2021 - 5/31/2023

City/County: Palmetto/Manatee

Office: Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
5. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/22/22
3. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
. Conviction Record		Х	
0. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
1. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/26/23
2. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
3. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
4. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
5. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn tatement)		Х	
.6. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
7. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
8. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
9. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
0. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** President at Goodson Electric, Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 15 of 16 meetings (94%) from March 26, 2021 through January 25, 2023.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional Requirements: Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

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Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Manatee County Resident

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Number 18 - Mr. Goodson served on the City Council of Palmetto 1984-1988.

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# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

**Building** 

Appointee: Bileca, Michael

Appointed: 04/28/2022

Term: 04/28/2022 - 05/31/2025

Prior Term: 03/13/2020 - 05/31/2021

City/County: Miami/Miami-Dade

Office: Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 8/26/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/26/23; See Below
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Occupation: Executive Director at the Dennis Bileca Institute for Character and Excellence

Attendance: Attended 31 of 31 meetings (100%) from March 13, 2020 through July 6, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Miami Dade College serves Miami-Dade County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes:

Number 8 - Miami-Dade County Resident

Number 11 - The Commission on Ethics reported one complaint filed against Mr. Bileca alleging possible violations relating to Art. II, s. 8, FL Const. (disclosure of financial interests), while he was serving as a member of the Florida House of Representatives. The COE dismissed Complaint 12-240 on January 30, 2013 for legal insufficiency.

Number 18 - Mr. Bileca served in the Florida House of Representatives 2010-2018.

Appointee: Bosque-Blanco, Maria

Appointed: 04/28/2022

Term: 04/28/2022 - 05/31/2025

Prior Term: 11/19/2021 - N/A

City/County: Miami/Miami-Dade

Office: Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/28/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/24/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Guidance Counselor at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy

**Attendance:** Attended 13 of 13 meetings (100%) from November 19, 2021 through May 11, 2022.

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

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Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes:

Number 8 - Miami-Dade County Resident

Number 19 - Mrs. Bosque-Blanco was a School Psychologist for Broward County Public Schools 2001-

2016.

Appointee: Monreal, Ismare

Appointed: 04/28/2022

Term: 04/28/2022 - 05/31/2025

Prior Term: 06/18/2021 - NA

City/County: Miami/Miami-Dade

Office: Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 8/30/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/24/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Monreal, Ismare Page 2

**Occupation:** Chief of Staff for the City of Hialeah

Attendance: Attended 18 of 18 meetings (100%) from June 18, 2021 through May 11, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional Requirements:

**Additional** Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Miami Dade College serves Miami-Dade County.

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Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Miami-Dade County Resident

Number 19 - Mrs. Monreal is currently the Chief of Staff for the City of Hialeah since 2021. Mrs.

Monreal was a legislative analyst in the Florida House of Representatives 1996-2000.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

Appointee: Kelley, Lori K.

Appointed: 08/05/2022

Term: 08/05/2022 - 05/31/2026

Prior Term: 12/23/2020 - 05/31/2022

City/County: Destin/Okaloosa

Office: Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/27/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/3/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	x		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Kelley, Lori K. Page 2

**Occupation:** CPA/Member at Warren Averett, LLC (Certified Public Accounting Firm)

Attendance: Attended 20 of 20 meetings (100%) from December 23, 2020 through November 18, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional **Requirements:** 

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Northwest Florida State College serves Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes:

Number 8 - Okaloosa County Resident

Number 15 - Ms. Kelley disclosed her employer, Warren Averett, LLC, is a provider of contract auditing

and accounting services to government agencies.

Number 19 - Mrs. Kelley worked for the Florida Division of Recreation and Parks in 1985.

Appointee: Peacock, Jack Tanner

Appointed: 08/05/2022

Term: 08/05/2022 - 05/31/2025

Prior Term:

City/County: Santa Rosa Beach/Walton

Office: Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/17/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/27/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Peacock, Jack Tanner Page 2

Occupation: Broker Associate at Scenic Sotheby's International Realty

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Requirements:

**Additional** Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Northwest Florida State College serves Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for

removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Walton County Resident

Number 17 - Mr. Peacock is serving on the Walton County Planning Commission since 2020.

Number 18 - Mr. Peacock served on the Walton County Design Review Board 2019-2020. Mr. Peacock

served on the Local Planning Agency for the City of Destin 2013-2014.

Number 19 - Mr. Peacock interned at the Florida Department of Transportation in 1994.

Appointee: Ward, Jon

Appointed: 08/05/2022

Term: 08/05/2022 - 05/31/2026

Prior Term:

City/County: Inlet Beach/Walton

Office: Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 2/23/23
3. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record	Х		See Below
0. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
1. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
2. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
3. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
4. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
5. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn tatement)		Х	
6. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
7. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
3. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
). Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
0. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Ward, Jon Page 2

**Occupation:** President of Southwestern Dermitology Group

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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Additional Requirements:

**Additional** Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Northwest Florida State College serves Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Walton County Resident

Number 9 - Dr. Ward disclosed in his Senate Questionnaire and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement reported that, in 1996 Dr. Ward pled Nolo Contendre to a charge of trespassing in Structure or Conveyance (Occupied). Dr. Ward was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 2 days in

Duval County Jail with 2 days credited and court costs were suspended/waived.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

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Appointee: Butts, Jason

Appointed: 04/28/2022

Term: 04/28/2022 - 05/31/2023

Prior Term: 03/26/2021 - 05/31/2023

City/County: Palm Harbor/Pinellas

Office: Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 3/9/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/26/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist			

Appointee: Butts, Jason Page 2

**Occupation:** Insurance Agent-VP Partnerships at Insurance Office of America

Attendance: Attended 18 of 20 meetings (90%) from March 26, 2021 through July 25, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

**Requirements:** Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

comprised of:

Five members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board

district.

Seven members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board

district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

St. Petersburg College serves Pinellas County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Pinellas County Resident

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Number 15 - Mr. Butts disclosed that his employer is a large insurance brokerage in the City of

Longwood, but has no record of state or local government dealings.

Appointee: Cole, Katherine E.

Appointed: 04/28/2022

Term: 04/28/2022 - 05/31/2025

Prior Term: 07/14/2017 - 05/31/2021

City/County: Belleair/Pinellas

Office: Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/17/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/24/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Cole, Katherine E.

**Occupation:** Attorney at Hill Ward Henderson

**Attendance:** Attended 51 of 56 meetings (91%) from July 14, 2017 through May 11, 2022.

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

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comprised of:

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

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Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

St. Petersburg College serves Pinellas County.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 8 - Pinellas County Resident

Number 9 - Mrs. Cole disclosed in her Senate Questionnaire that in 2013 she paid a fine for speeding

in a school zone in Pinellas County. Number 10 - Report No. 2023-094

Number 15 - Mrs. Cole disclosed her employer, Hill Ward Henderson, represents several state and

local agencies but generates less than 1% of the law firm's revenue.

Number 18 - Mrs. Cole served on Charter Review Committee for Pinellas County, the City of

Clearwater, and the Town of Bellaire. Mrs. Cole served on the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg

College in 2017.

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# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

Appointee: Lamb, Eugene, Jr. Appointed: 07/29/2022

Term: 07/29/2022 - 05/31/2026 Prior Term: 05/04/2019 - 05/31/2022

City/County: Midway/Gadsden

Office: Board of Trustees of Tallahassee Community College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1) and (2), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/24/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action	Х		As of 12/17/90; See Below
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Lamb, Eugene, Jr.

Occupation: Retired

Attendance: Attended 37 of 37 meetings (100%) from May 4, 2019 through August 18, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board

meetings.

Requirements: Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and

comprised of:

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district.

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district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

Additional Requirements:

Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college.

Tallahassee Community College serves Gadsden, Leon, and Wakulla Counties.

It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal.

Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Lamb served in the U.S. Army in 1972.

Number 8 - Gadsden County Resident

Number 11 - The Commission on Ethics reported a complaint against Mr. Lamb. The report stated Mr. Lamb, while holding the office of Mayor of Midway, violated Section 112.313(10), F.S., as he was simultaneously employed as the Director of Midway's Summer Playground Program. A stipulated agreement was reached between the Commission on Ethics and Mr. Lamb in which, Mr. Lamb agreed to reimburse the City of Midway \$1,617.75. The Commission on Ethics issued a final order in 1990 and recommended that Mr. Lamb be publicly censured and reprimanded. Mr. Lamb previously disclosed this information to staff during an investigation for a prior appointment to this same office. Mr. Lamb is a reappointment to the Board of Trustees of Tallahassee Community College.

Number 18 - Mr. Lamb served on the Florida High School Athletic Association Board of Directors 2014-2020. Mr. Lamb served on the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners 2004-2012. Mr. Lamb served on the Midway City Council 1986- 1992. Mr. Lamb served on the Gadsden County Planning and Zoning Commission 1992-2001.

Number 19 - Mr. Lamb was a teacher/coach with Leon County School System for 30 years. He was an athletic supervisor with the Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department for 16 years.

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# **Ethics and Elections**

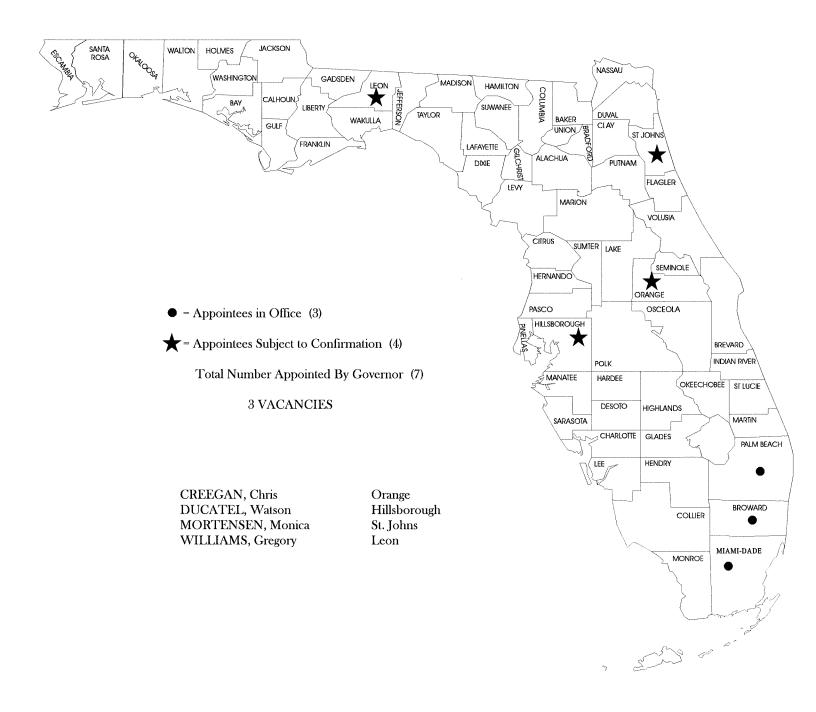
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**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

# Board of Osteopathic Medicine



Appointee: Creegan, Chris

Appointed: 12/06/2022

Term: 12/06/2022 - 10/31/2023

Prior Term:

City/County: Winter Park/Orange

Office: Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Member

Authority: 459.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)3, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 12/9/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		·	Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/6/22
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Owner of Greegan Group (Real Estate)

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Creegan, Chris Page 2

**Requirements:** The seven-member board consists of:

• Five members who are licensed resident osteopathic physicians in good standing in this state who have been engaged in the practice of osteopathic medicine for at least four years immediately prior to their appointment;

- Two members who are citizens of this state who are not and have never been licensed health care practitioners; and
- At least one member who is sixty years of age or older.

# **Additional**

Terms are for four years.

**Requirements:** 

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Number 8 - Consumer Member

Number 19 - Mr. Creegan was a police officer for the City of Casselberry 2003-2004 and for the Oakland Police Department 2008-2021.

Appointee: Ducatel, Watson

Term: 01/30/2023 - 10/31/2026

Appointed: 01/30/2023

Prior Term:

City/County: Seffner/Hillsborough

Office: Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Member

Authority: 459.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)3, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 2/1/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/23/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Physician at Health Bodies

Compensation: Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Ducatel, Watson Page 2

Requirements: The sev

The seven-member board consists of:

• Five members who are licensed resident osteopathic physicians in good standing in this state who have been engaged in the practice of osteopathic medicine for at least four years immediately prior to their appointment;

- Two members who are citizens of this state who are not and have never been licensed health care practitioners; and
- At least one member who is sixty years of age or older.

Additional Requirements:

Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Osteopathic Physician

Appointee: Williams, Gregory Appointed: 12/06/2022

Term: 12/06/2022 – 10/31/2026 Prior Term:

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Member Authority: 459.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)3, F.S. Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 12/7/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/6/22
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Physician at Tallahassee Primary Care Associates

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Williams, Gregory Page 2

**Requirements:** The seven-member board consists of:

• Five members who are licensed resident osteopathic physicians in good standing in this state who have been engaged in the practice of osteopathic medicine for at least four years immediately prior to their appointment;

- Two members who are citizens of this state who are not and have never been licensed health care practitioners; and
- At least one member who is sixty years of age or older.

# Additional Requirements:

Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 8 - Osteopathic Physician

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# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

Appointee: Clark, Gary F.

Appointed: 09/30/2022

Term: 01/02/2023 - 01/01/2027

Prior Term: 01/02/2019 - 01/01/2023

City/County: Chipley/Washington

Office: Florida Public Service Commission, Member

Authority: 350.01(1), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Committee on Regulated Industries-Recommend Confirm-03/07/2023

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed		Х	Not Filed
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/6/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Clark, Gary F. Page 2

Occupation:

**Compensation:** \$135.997.32 per year as of October 31, 2021.

**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 - Mr. Clark served on the Washington County School Board 1994-2006. Mr. Clark served on the Northwest Florida Water Management District 2013-2015. Mr. Clark served on the Board of Trustees of Chipola College 1999-2005.

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

Appointee: Passidomo, Gabriella

Appointed: 09/30/2022

Term: 01/02/2023 - 01/01/2027

Prior Term: 05/10/2021 - 01/01/2023

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Florida Public Service Commission, Member

Authority: 350.01(1), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Committee on Regulated Industries-Recommend Confirm-03/07/2023

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/20/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/30/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Appointee: Passidomo, Gabriella Page 2

Occupation:

**Compensation:** \$135.997.32 per year as of October 31, 2021.

**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.

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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 19 - Commissioner Passidomo has worked for the Public Service Commission as a Law Clerk

in 2018 and then as an attorney 2019-2021.

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# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

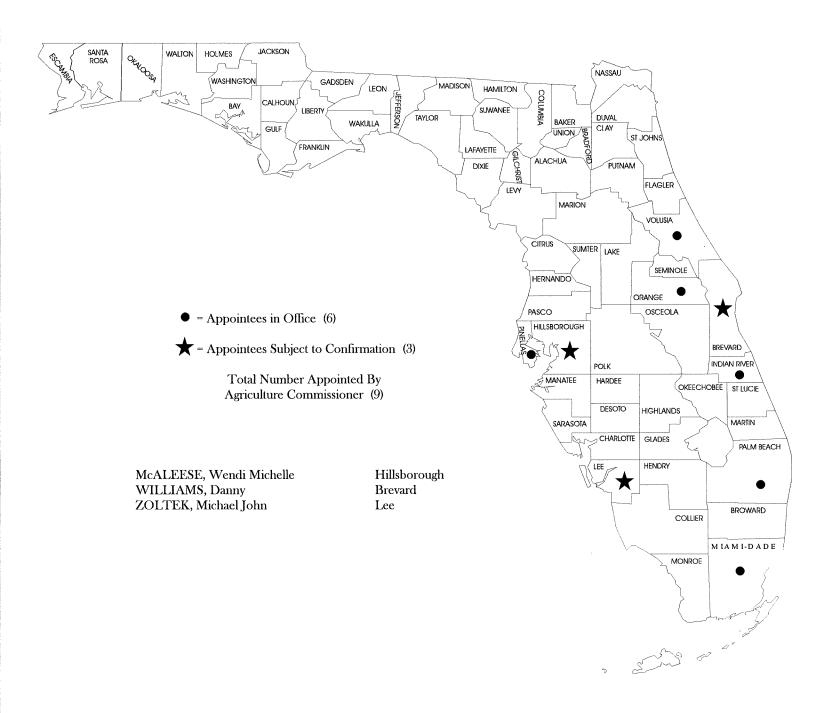
**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate

Building

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# Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers



Appointee: McAleese, Wendi Michelle

Appointed: 09/12/2022

Term: 11/01/2022 - 10/31/2026

Prior Term:

City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough

Office: Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, Member

Authority: 472.007, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)14, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 2/14/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/8/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Owner of American Government Services Corporation

Compensation: Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The nine-member board appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture consists of:

- •Seven of whom shall be registered surveyors and mappers primarily engaged in the practice of surveying and mapping and
- •Two of whom shall be laypersons who are not and have never been surveyors and mappers or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

**Additional** 

Terms are for four years.

**Requirements:** 

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes:

Number 15 - Ms. McAleese disclosed her company, American Government Services Corporation, does title services contracts with local and state governmental entities.

Appointee: Williams, Danny

Appointed: 09/12/2022

Term: 09/12/2022 - 10/31/2026

Prior Term:

City/County: Cape Canaveral/Brevard

Office: Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, Member

Authority: 472.007, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)14, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 2/14/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		
9. Conviction Record	Х		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/9/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)			
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** VP Surveying & Mapping at WBQ Design & Engineering, Inc.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Williams, Danny

Requirements: The nine-member board appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture consists of:

- •Seven of whom shall be registered surveyors and mappers primarily engaged in the practice of surveying and mapping and
- •Two of whom shall be laypersons who are not and have never been surveyors and mappers or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

#### Additional Requirements:

Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes:

Number 6 - Mr. Williams served in the US Navy 1977-1984.

Number 9 - Mr. Williams disclosed in his Senate Questionnaire in 1984 that he was charged with possession of cocaine in Brevard County. Mr. Williams plead guilty and completed the sanctions levied upon him by the Court. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement also reported the violation, "Cocaine-Possession; Less than 28 Grams (Felony, 3rd Degree)".

Appointee: Zoltek, Michael John Appointed: 09/13/2022

Term: 11/01/2022 – 10/31/2026 Prior Term: 05/06/2019 - 10/31/2022

City/County: Cape Coral/Lee

Office: Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, Member

Authority: 472.007, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)14, F.S. Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 5/27/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 2/9/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Surveyor/Associat VP at GPI Geospatial, Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 18 of 19 meetings (95%) from May 6, 2019 through November 18, 2022.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant

to s. 112.061, F.S.

Appointee: Zoltek, Michael John Page 2

**Requirements:** The nine-member board appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture consists of:

•Seven of whom shall be registered surveyors and mappers primarily engaged in the practice of surveying and mapping and

•Two of whom shall be laypersons who are not and have never been surveyors and mappers or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

# Additional Requirements:

**Additional** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Zoltek served in the U.S. Army 1987-1989.

Number 8 - Professional Surveyor and Mapper

Number 15 - Mr. Zoltek disclosed that his employer, GPI Geospatial, Inc., has contracts for professional surveying services with state agencies.

#### The Florida Senate

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

Appointee: Oliver, John Cole Appointed: 06/03/2022

Term: 06/03/2022 – 03/01/2026 Prior Term: 10/09/2020 - 03/01/2022

City/County: Merritt Island/Brevard

Office: Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District, Member

Authority: 373.073 & 373.073(2)(c), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Environment and Natural Resources-Recommend Confirm-03/06/2023

Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/30/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report	Х		
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/27/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Attorney/Partner at Rossway Swan

Attendance: Attended 29 of 31 meetings (94%) from October 9, 2020 through August 19, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for actual travel expenses, subsistence, lodging, and other expenses while on official

business, not to exceed the statutory amount allowed under s. 112.061, F.S.

Payment for the use of private or charter aircraft may be no greater than that allowed for commercial

air travel for equivalent distances.

Appointee: Oliver, John Cole Page 2

#### Requirements:

The nine-member board consists of:

- One member who resides in the "St. Mary River Basin-Coastal area between St. Marys and St. Johns Rivers" hydrologic units;
- One member who resides in the "St. Johns River Basin below Oklawaha River-Coastal area between the St. Johns River and Ponce de Leon Inlet" hydrologic units;
- One member who resides in the "Oklawaha River Basin" hydrologic unit;
- One member who resides in the "St. Johns River Basin above the Oklawaha River" hydrologic unit;
- One member who resides in the "Coastal area between Ponce de Leon Inlet and Sebastian Inlet-Coastal area Sebastian Inlet to St. Lucie River" hydrologic units; and
- Four at large members, provided that no county shall have more than two members on the governing board.

Membership on governing boards shall be selected from candidates who have significant experience in one or more of the following areas, including, but not limited to: agriculture, the development industry, local government, government-owned or privately owned water utilities, law, civil engineering, environmental science, hydrology, accounting or financial business.

#### Additional **Requirements:**

Terms are for four years.

Terms begin March 2 of the year in which the appointment is made and terminates March 1 of the fourth calendar year of the term or may continue until a successor is appointed, but not more than 180 days.

Terms of office of governing board members shall be staggered to help maintain consistency and continuity in the exercise of governing board duties and to minimize disruption in district operations.

Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Member at Large

Number 9 - Mr. Oliver disclosed in his Senate Questionnaire in 1997 he was charged with Driving Under the Influence Under the Age of 21. Mr. Oliver's Driver's License was suspended and subsequently reinstated after completing a defensive driving course.

Number 15 - Mr. Oliver disclosed he is outside counsel to the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections. Mr. Oliver also disclosed his Law firm represents the St. Johns Improvement District.

Number 18 - Mr. Oliver served on the Brevard County Charter Review Commission 2015-2016.

Number 19 - Mr. Oliver was a Law Clerk for Judge John Anton, U.S. District Court 2008-2010.

Appointee: Price, Janet Appointed: 06/03/2022

Term: 06/03/2022 - 03/01/2026 Prior Term: 09/08/2020 - 03/01/2022

City/County: Fernandina Beach/Nassau

Office: Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District, Member

Authority: 373.073 & 373.073(2)(c), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Environment and Natural Resources-Recommend Confirm-03/06/2023

Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х	-	
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/17/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/26/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	х		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	Х		
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

Occupation: Retired

Attendance: Attended 32 of 32 meetings (100%) from September 8, 2020 through July 6, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for actual travel expenses, subsistence, lodging, and other expenses while on official

business, not to exceed the statutory amount allowed under s. 112.061, F.S.

Payment for the use of private or charter aircraft may be no greater than that allowed for commercial

air travel for equivalent distances.

Appointee: Price, Janet Page 2

**Requirements:** The nine-member board consists of:

- One member who resides in the "St. Mary River Basin-Coastal area between St. Marys and St. Johns Rivers" hydrologic units;
- One member who resides in the "St. Johns River Basin below Oklawaha River-Coastal area between the St. Johns River and Ponce de Leon Inlet" hydrologic units;
- One member who resides in the "Oklawaha River Basin" hydrologic unit;
- One member who resides in the "St. Johns River Basin above the Oklawaha River" hydrologic unit;
- One member who resides in the "Coastal area between Ponce de Leon Inlet and Sebastian Inlet-Coastal area Sebastian Inlet to St. Lucie River" hydrologic units; and
- Four at large members, provided that no county shall have more than two members on the governing board.

Membership on governing boards shall be selected from candidates who have significant experience in one or more of the following areas, including, but not limited to: agriculture, the development industry, local government, government-owned or privately owned water utilities, law, civil engineering, environmental science, hydrology, accounting or financial business.

#### **Additional Requirements:**

Terms are for four years.

Terms begin March 2 of the year in which the appointment is made and terminates March 1 of the fourth calendar year of the term or may continue until a successor is appointed, but not more than 180 days.

Terms of office of governing board members shall be staggered to help maintain consistency and continuity in the exercise of governing board duties and to minimize disruption in district operations.

Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

Notes: Number 8 - St. Mary River Basin, etc.

Number 15 - Mrs. Price disclosed her prior employer, Rayonier Inc., has contractual relationships with the State concerning 'land sales, environmental permitting'.

Number 18 - Mrs. Price served on the Board of Supervisors, East Nassau Stewardship District 2019-2021.

#### The Florida Senate

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB**

# **Ethics and Elections**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

Appointee: Keith, Charles G.

Appointed: 06/03/2022

Term: 06/

06/03/2022 - 03/01/2026

Prior Term: 09/11/2019 - 03/01/2022

City/County: Lake City/Columbia

Office: Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District, Member

Authority: 373.073 & 373.073(2)(b), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Environment and Natural Resources-Recommend Confirm-03/06/2023

Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 5/24/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/26/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		Х	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		Х	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	Х		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** President of American Pawn Brokers

**Attendance:** Attended 46 of 47 meetings (98%) from September 11, 2019 through July 25, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for actual travel expenses, subsistence, lodging, and other expenses while on official

business, not to exceed the statutory amount allowed under s. 112.061, F.S.

Payment for the use of private or charter aircraft may be no greater than that allowed for commercial

air travel for equivalent distances.

Appointee: Keith, Charles G. Page 2

#### Requirements:

The nine-member board consists of:

- One member who resides in the "Aucilla River Basin" hydrologic unit;
- One member who resides in the "Coastal Area between Suwannee and Aucilla Rivers" hydrologic units;
- One member who resides in the "Withlacoochee River Basin-Alapaha River Basin-Suwannee River Basin above the Withlacoochee River" hydrologic unit;
- One member who resides in the "Suwannee River Basin below the Withlacoochee River excluding the Santa Fe River Basin" hydrologic unit;
- One member who resides in the "Santa Fe Basin-Waccasassa River and Coastal Area between Withlacoochee and Suwannee River" hydrologic units; and
- Four at large members, provided that no county shall have more than two members on the governing board.

Membership on governing boards shall be selected from candidates who have significant experience in one or more of the following areas, including, but not limited to: agriculture, the development industry, local government, government-owned or privately owned water utilities, law, civil engineering, environmental science, hydrology, accounting or financial business.

# Additional Requirements:

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Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Member at Large

Number 19 - Mr. Keith was a Deputy at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office 1975-1977.

Appointee: Sessions, Larry C. Appointed: 06/03/2022

Term: 06/03/2022 - 03/01/2026 Prior Term: 10/09/2020 - 03/01/2022

City/County: Live Oak/Suwannee

Office: Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District, Member

Authority: 373.073 & 373.073(2)(b), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Environment and Natural Resources-Recommend Confirm-03/06/2023

Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	Х		
2. Questionnaire notarized	Х		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	Х		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	Х		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	Х		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	Х		Form 1 filed as of 6/14/22
8. Meets Requirements of Law	Х		See Below
9. Conviction Record		Х	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		Х	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		Х	As of 1/26/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		Х	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		Х	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		Х	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		Х	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		Х	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	Х		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		Х	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		Х	

**Occupation:** Administrator, Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

Attendance: Attended 28 of 31 meetings (90%) from October 9, 2020 through July 25, 2022.

Compensation: Reimbursed for actual travel expenses, subsistence, lodging, and other expenses while on official

business, not to exceed the statutory amount allowed under s. 112.061, F.S.

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air travel for equivalent distances.

Appointee: Sessions, Larry C. Page 2

#### Requirements:

The nine-member board consists of:

- One member who resides in the "Aucilla River Basin" hydrologic unit;
- One member who resides in the "Coastal Area between Suwannee and Aucilla Rivers" hydrologic units;
- One member who resides in the "Withlacoochee River Basin-Alapaha River Basin-Suwannee River Basin above the Withlacoochee River" hydrologic unit;
- One member who resides in the "Suwannee River Basin below the Withlacoochee River excluding the Santa Fe River Basin" hydrologic unit;
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Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

#### Notes:

Number 6 - Mr. Sessions served in the U.S. Army 1973-1975.

Number 8 - Upper Suwannee Basin Resident

Number 17 - Mr. Sessions serves on the Suwannee County Conservation District since 2018. Number 18 - Mr. Sessions served on the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners 2014-2018. In addition, Mr. Sessions served four years on the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

# **CourtSmart Tag Report**

Room: SB 110 Case No.: Type: Caption: Senate Ethics and Elections Committee Judge:

Started: 3/14/2023 4:01:40 PM

Ends: 3/14/2023 5:34:29 PM Length: 01:32:50

**4:01:38 PM** Chair Burgess calls meeting to order

4:01:50 PM Roll call

**4:01:55 PM** Quorum announced **4:02:02 PM** Chair with introduction

4:02:27 PM Chair with opening comments

4:02:55 PM Tab 2 SB 620 Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationships for Public Officers or Employees

4:02:58 PM Senator DiCeglie explains the bill

4:03:42 PM Questions

4:03:43 PM Amendment Barcode 624552 4:04:34 PM Senator DiCeglie explains 4:04:37 PM Amendment is adopted 4:04:48 PM Amendment Barcode 624552

4:04:53 PM Back on bill
4:05:15 PM Questions
4:05:17 PM Debate
4:05:21 PM Waives close
4:05:23 PM Roll call

4:05:51 PM CS/SB 620 is reported favorably

4:05:59 PM Tab 3 SB 774 Financial Disclosures for Local Officers

**4:06:16 PM** Senator Brodeur explains the bill

**4:06:59 PM** PCS 606398

4:07:06 PM Senator Brodeur explains

4:09:01 PM Questions 4:10:03 PM Senator Polsky Senator Brodeur 4:10:13 PM 4:10:52 PM Senator Polsky 4:11:04 PM Senator Brodeur 4:11:15 PM Senator Polsky 4:11:17 PM Senator Brodeur 4:12:45 PM Senator Polsky 4:12:51 PM Senator Brodeur 4:13:35 PM Senator Powell Senator Brodeur 4:13:38 PM 4:13:50 PM Senator Powell 4:13:54 PM Senator Brodeur

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**4:19:49 PM** Senator Polsky **4:19:58 PM** Senator Brodeur

4:20:04 PM Kerrie Stillman Executive Director, Florida Commission on Ethics speaks on PCS

**4:22:47 PM** Senator Powell **4:23:46 PM** Kerrie Stillman

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Senator Powell
4:24:31 PM
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               Kerrie Stillman
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               Jason Steele waives
4:25:37 PM
               Kerri Stillman waives
4:25:41 PM
               Trish Pfeiffer speaks
4:27:50 PM
               Chair Burgess
               Ms. Pfeiffer
4:27:58 PM
               Mindy Gibson speaks
4:28:35 PM
4:32:50 PM
               Debate
               Senator Mavfield
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               Senator Martin
4:35:12 PM
4:36:27 PM
               Senator Brodeur
4:37:08 PM
               Roll call
4:38:10 PM
               CS/SB is reported favorably
4:38:35 PM
               Tab 4-24 Appointments
4:39:01 PM
               Motion to recommend confirmations
               Senator Mayfield recommends without objection
4:39:07 PM
4:39:17 PM
               Roll call
4:39:41 PM
               Confirmations favorable
               Tab 1 SJR Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards
4:39:45 PM
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               Senator Gruters explains the bill
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               Questions
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               Senator Rouson
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               Samuel Kirk speaks
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               Grace Hayes, Working Families Lobby Corps speaks
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               Judy Mying, FEA speaks
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               Nicholas Croma, Seminole Education Association speaks
               Samuel Reddick speaks
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               Elizabeth Rasmussan speaks
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               Emily Gorentz, WFLC speaks
5:03:50 PM
               Anita Hatcher speaks
5:04:49 PM
               Darzell Warren waives
5:06:57 PM
               Carol Cleaver, FEA speaks
5:07:59 PM
               Trish Neely, League of Women Voters speaks
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               Eric Rodriguez, FEA speaks
               Chair Burgess
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               Tom Vail
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               Dr. Rich Templin, Florida AFL-CIO speaks
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               John C. Merchant, O.C.S.O
               Amanda Prater, Opportunity Solutions Project waives
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               Kimberly James waives
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               Yolanda Russell waives
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               Vivian Lyte-Johnson waives
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               Terry Freeman waives
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               Thomas Duggar waives
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               Dr. Staci Walton Duggar waives
               Jon Harris Maurer, Equality Florida waives
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               Stacy Yankelevitz waives
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               Jean Federig waives
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               Izetta Ruckman, FEA waives
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               Ramona Hooks, FEA waives
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               Kimberly Garman waives
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               Barbara DeVane, FL Now waives
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               Caitlin Sutherin waives
               Elizabeth May waives
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               Daniel Freeman waives
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               Karen Manno waives
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               Patty Farley waives
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               Sandra Thuringer waives
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               Senator Ingoglia
               Senator Martin
5:25:02 PM
5:26:33 PM
               Senator Powell
5:30:48 PM
               Senator Gruters
5:31:58 PM
               Roll call
               SJR 94 is reported favorably
5:32:59 PM
               Senator Powell favorably on Tab 2
5:33:43 PM
5:33:56 PM
               Senator Grall favorably on Tab 2
               Senator Ingoglia moves to adjourn
5:34:13 PM
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Meeting adjourned

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