

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA
CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ELDER AFFAIRS
Senator Grall, Chair
Senator Garcia, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
TIME: 1:00—3:00 p.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Grall, Chair; Senator Garcia, Vice Chair; Senators Harrell, Rouson, Sharief, and Simon

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Panel Discussion on Children’s Medical Services - Child Protection Teams and associated state systems.		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			

Child Protection Teams and associated state systems Panel:

Organization	Name	Title
Department of Health	Patricia Armstrong	Bureau Chief, Child Protection Teams and Special Technologies
Department of Children and Families	Brooke Bass	Assistant Secretary – Office of Child and Family Well-being
Florida Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers	Luzed Cruz	Executive Director
Pinellas Co. Child Protection Team	Alexa Walker	Child Protection Team, Medical Lead
Polk Co. Children’s Advocacy Center (CHS)	Roshana Agarrat	CAC Program Director
Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office	Sgt. Karen “KC” Dukes	Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office - Special Assault Unit

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CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 301
Caption: Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee

Type:
Judge:

Started: 11/4/2025 1:00:15 PM
Ends: 11/4/2025 2:25:50 PM
Length: 01:25:36

1:00:18 PM Roll call
1:01:12 PM Panel of Florida's Child Protection Teams
1:03:17 PM Brooke Bass w/ Dept. of Children & Families
1:09:27 PM Patricia Armstrong w/ Dept. of Health
1:16:57 PM Roshana Agarrant w/ the Children's Home Society of Fla., Children's Advocacy Center in Bar
1:22:24 PM Next we have Luzed Cruz, E. D. Fla. Network of Children's Advocacy Centers
1:27:40 PM Alexa Walker w/ the Pinellas Co. Child Protection Team is next
1:31:41 PM Finally, we have Sergeant K.C. Dukes of the Jax. Sheriff's Office, Special Assault Unit
1:33:45 PM Sen. Simon opens up questioning to the committee
1:34:02 PM Sen. Rouson is recognized
1:35:25 PM Ms. Armstrong responds
1:35:39 PM Sen. Harrell is recognized
1:36:33 PM Ms. Armstrong answers question
1:37:51 PM Ms. Walker is recognized for follow-up
1:39:43 PM follow-up comments from Sen. Harrell
1:40:53 PM Ms. Cruz adds to comments
1:43:20 PM Sen. Harrell speaks
1:43:36 PM Sen. Sharief recognized for a series of questions
1:45:45 PM Ms. Bass responds
1:47:42 PM Ms. Armstrong responds to follow-up question
1:48:17 PM Sergeant Dukes has a comment
1:51:01 PM Chair Simon has comments
1:51:13 PM Ms. Bass responds
1:52:46 PM Sergeant Dukes has comments
1:53:39 PM Ms. Bass
1:54:43 PM Sen. Harrell recognized
1:56:22 PM Ms. Armstrong comments
1:57:24 PM Sen. Sharieff is recognized
2:00:15 PM Ms. Bass explains the process
2:01:19 PM Ms. Cruz adds some comments
2:02:49 PM Ms. Bass
2:03:16 PM Sergeant Dukes
2:04:49 PM Sen. Sharief
2:07:18 PM Ms. Cruz
2:08:48 PM Chair Simon
2:08:57 PM Ms. Cruz
2:09:05 PM Sen. Sharief
2:09:35 PM Ms. Bass
2:12:45 PM Ms. Bass
2:14:22 PM Sen. Harrell responds
2:15:44 PM Ms. Bass explains what case plans are
2:17:57 PM there's 1 appearance card
2:18:15 PM Barney Bishop w/ Fla. Smart Justice Alliance
2:22:01 PM Sen Rouson has a comment
2:22:44 PM Sen. Harrell's recognized
2:25:23 PM comments from Chair Simon
2:25:39 PM Sen. Rouson moves to adjourn