

<b>Tab 1</b>	<b>SB 176 by Polsky;</b> Identical to H 00077 Public Postsecondary Education Safety Policies and Procedures					
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<b>Tab 2</b>	<b>SB 816 by Bradley;</b> Identical to H 00901 Diabetes Research					
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**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Senator Harrell, Chair  
 Senator Bradley, Vice Chair

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026

**TIME:** 3:45—6:00 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS:** Senator Harrell, Chair; Senator Bradley, Vice Chair; Senators Bracy Davis, Burgess, Calatayud, Davis, and Leek

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 176</b> Polsky (Identical H 77)	Public Postsecondary Education Safety Policies and Procedures; Requiring state universities and Florida College System institutions to adopt and implement specified policies and procedures relating to safety; providing requirements for such policies and procedures; requiring state universities and Florida College System institutions to annually review and update the policies and procedures, etc.  HE 01/13/2026 Favorable AHE 01/28/2026 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yea 5 Nays 0
2	<b>SB 816</b> Bradley (Identical H 901)	Diabetes Research; Establishing the University of Florida Diabetes Institute within the University of Florida College of Medicine; authorizing the institute to administer statewide pilot programs; requiring the institute to maintain a secure repository for deidentified data; authorizing the institute to share deidentified data under certain conditions; authorizing the institute to convene a consortium, etc.  HE 01/13/2026 Favorable AHE 01/28/2026 Favorable FP	Favorable Yea 5 Nays 0
TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
3	<b>Senate Confirmation Hearing:</b> A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.		
	<b>Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida</b>		
5	Florez, Alan (Ormond Beach)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yea 5 Nays 0
6	Filburn, Mark C. (Winter Park)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yea 5 Nays 0
	<b>Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College</b>		
4	Monreal, Ismare (Miami-Dade)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 5 Nays 0

**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 3:45—6:00 p.m.

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida International University</b>			
7	Plana, Nestor (Miami-Dade)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yea 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, University of North Florida</b>			
8	Moore, Clarence S. (St. Johns)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yea 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, University of South Florida</b>			
9	Piccolo, Fredrick (Sarasota)	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yea 5 Nays 0
10	Watkins, Nancy Hemmingway (Tampa)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yea 5 Nays 0

Other Related Meeting Documents

**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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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

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BILL: CS/SB 176

INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education and Senator Polsky

SUBJECT: Public Postsecondary Education Safety Policies and Procedures

DATE: January 30, 2026      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. <u>Brick</u>	<u>Bouck</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2. <u>Gray</u>	<u>Elwell</u>	<u>AHE</u>	<u>Fav/CS</u>
3. _____	_____	<u>RC</u>	_____

**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

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## I. Summary:

CS/SB 176 requires each state university and Florida College System (FCS) institution to adopt and implement written safety policies and procedures applicable to campus facilities, classrooms, and other institutional settings to prevent, report, and respond to both an act of violence or attempted violence against a person and a credible threat, as defined in s. 784.048(1)(c), F.S.<sup>1</sup> The bill requires each state university and FCS institution's policies and procedures to include certain provisions specified in the bill.

The bill requires each state university and FCS institution to annually review and update its policies and procedures to incorporate best practices in threat assessment, campus security, and safety.

The bill authorizes the Board of Governors to adopt regulations, and the State Board of Education to adopt rules, to administer the provisions of the bill.

This bill does not have a fiscal impact on state revenues and expenditures. **See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement.**

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<sup>1</sup> "Credible threat" means a verbal or nonverbal threat, or a combination of the two, including threats delivered by electronic communication or implied by a pattern of conduct, which places the person who is the target of the threat in reasonable fear for his or her safety or the safety of his or her family members or individuals closely associated with the person, and which is made with the apparent ability to carry out the threat to cause such harm. Section 784.048(1)(c), F.S.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

## II. Present Situation:

### **Governance and Institutional Authority for Campus Safety Policy**

The Board of Governors (BOG) has constitutional authority to regulate the State University System (SUS), and each local constituent university is administered by a 13-member board of trustees.<sup>2</sup> The BOG may adopt a regulation development procedure for the BOG and university boards of trustees to use in implementing their constitutional duties and responsibilities.<sup>3</sup> Florida College System (FCS) institution boards of trustees have statutory authority to provide for risk management, safety, security, and law enforcement operations at the institution, including emergency response.<sup>4</sup>

### **Campus Emergency Response Information; Public Records and Open Meetings Exemptions**

Current law defines “campus emergency response” to include plans and training for responding to an act of terrorism or other public safety crisis or emergency, and it specifies categories of included information. Campus emergency response information includes, in part:

- Threat assessments conducted by any agency or private entity.
- Threat response plans.
- Emergency evacuation plans.
- Manuals for security personnel, emergency equipment, or security training.
- Security systems or plans.
- Identification of staff involved in emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities.
- Individual identification of affected or at-risk students, faculty, and staff and related record-transfer and family-inquiry response methods.

Any portion of a campus emergency response held by a public postsecondary educational institution is exempt from the public records requirement.

Any portion of a campus emergency response held by specified governmental entities, including the BOG, the Department of Education, and state or local law enforcement and emergency management agencies, is also exempt from the public records requirement.

That portion of a public meeting that would reveal information related to a campus emergency response is exempt from open meetings requirements.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Art. IX, s. 7(c), Fla. Const.

<sup>3</sup> Art. IX, s. 7(d), Fla. Const.; and s. 1001.706(2), F.S.

<sup>4</sup> Section 1001.64(23), F.S.

<sup>5</sup> Section 1004.0962, F.S.

## State University System Emergency Management Planning

BOG regulation requires each SUS university to develop and maintain a comprehensive emergency management program and maintain a comprehensive emergency management plan and continuity of operations plan.<sup>6</sup>

The regulation also references state emergency management law that applies to state agencies and specified facilities, including requirements related to emergency coordination and disaster preparedness planning.<sup>7</sup>

## Federal Campus Security Disclosure Requirements

The U.S. Department of Education describes the federal campus security framework as advancing goals of keeping students, parents, and employees informed about campus security, and it states that ensuring institutional compliance and enforcement is a departmental priority.<sup>8</sup>

Federal regulations implementing the Clery Act framework require participating institutions to prepare and distribute an annual security report and to comply with related policy statement and campus crime statistics disclosure requirements.<sup>9</sup>

Federal regulations also address timely warnings and require institutions to include emergency response and evacuation procedures in the annual security report.<sup>10</sup>

## State University System Campus Safety Summit

A Florida Board of Governors report titled “SUS Safety Summit” states that, on October 8, 2025, the SUS hosted a safety summit for university leadership and FCS leaders and discussed key safety issues, including building hardening, threat assessment, and communications.<sup>11</sup>

The report describes facility lock review efforts following April 17, 2025, events at Florida State University and discusses facility and physical security measures such as reinforced access points, electronic door control systems, and modernized locking technologies.

The report discusses threat assessment as a proactive measure and describes multidisciplinary threat assessment teams drawing on expertise such as law enforcement, counseling, student affairs, and human resources.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Florida Board of Governors Regulation 3.001.

<sup>7</sup> Section 252.365, F.S.; see also Fla. Bd. of Governors Reg. 3.001 (referencing s. 252.365, F.S.).

<sup>8</sup> U.S. Department of Educ., Campus Security, <https://www.ed.gov/teaching-and-administration/safe-learning-environments/school-safety-and-security/campus-security>, (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

<sup>9</sup> 34 C.F.R. s. 668.46(a)-(b) (annual security report requirement).

<sup>10</sup> 34 C.F.R. s. 668.46(e) (timely warning); 34 C.F.R. s. 668.46(g) (emergency response and evacuation procedures).

<sup>11</sup> Florida Board of Governors, SUS Safety Summit (Nov. 2025) at 2, available at <https://www.flbog.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Safety-Summit-Report-DRAFT.pdf> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

The report discusses emergency communications practices such as establishing communication hierarchies and distributing verified updates through multiple channels.<sup>13</sup>

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

The bill creates s. 1004.0983, F.S., to require each state university and Florida College System (FCS) institution to adopt and implement written safety policies and procedures applicable to campus facilities, classrooms, and other institutional settings to prevent, report, and respond to both an act of violence or attempted violence against a person and a credible threat, as defined in s. 784.048(1)(c), F.S.<sup>14</sup>

The bill requires each state university and FCS institution's policies and procedures to include, at a minimum, provisions that:

- Identify a responsible person who coordinates the institution's response to covered threats or conduct and implements the policies and procedures, including all safety measures.
- Establish clear internal and external reporting protocols, including notification of campus security or a local law enforcement agency when appropriate.
- Outline protective measures available to affected persons, which may include work or class relocation, security escorts, and restricting access to certain areas by a person engaged in covered conduct.
- Provide timely updates to an affected person regarding the status of an incident and any action taken.
- Ensure the policies and procedures are prominently posted on the institution's website and available to students, faculty, staff, and visitors upon request.

The bill requires each state university and FCS institution to annually review and update its policies and procedures to incorporate best practices in threat assessment, campus security, and safety.

The bill authorizes the Board of Governors to adopt regulations, and the State Board of Education to adopt rules, to administer the provisions of the bill.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

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<sup>13</sup> Florida Board of Governors, SUS Safety Summit (Nov. 2025) at 3, *available at* <https://www.flbog.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Safety-Summit-Report-DRAFT.pdf> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

<sup>14</sup> "Credible threat" means a verbal or nonverbal threat, or a combination of the two, including threats delivered by electronic communication or implied by a pattern of conduct, which places the person who is the target of the threat in reasonable fear for his or her safety or the safety of his or her family members or individuals closely associated with the person, and which is made with the apparent ability to carry out the threat to cause such harm. Section 784.048(1)(c), F.S.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

**E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

**V. None. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

This bill does not have a fiscal impact on state revenues or expenditures. State universities and Florida College System institutions may incur costs to develop, implement, post, and annually update required safety policies and procedures.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates section 1004.0983 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes**

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

**CS by Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education on January 28, 2026:**

The committee substitute revises the scope of the required institutional safety policies and procedures by replacing the bill's current "physical threats" and "other conduct or

language” standard with a narrower framework focused on violence against a person and on credible threats, as defined in s. 784.048(1)(c), F.S. It also clarifies that the required policies and procedures apply to campus facilities, classrooms, and other institutional settings and must address prevention, reporting, and response.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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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 Polsky

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public postsecondary education safety policies and procedures; creating s. 1004.0983, F.S.; requiring state universities and Florida College System institutions to adopt and implement specified policies and procedures relating to safety; providing requirements for such policies and procedures; requiring state universities and Florida College System institutions to annually review and update the policies and procedures; authorizing the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to adopt regulations and rules, respectively; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1004.0983, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1004.0983 Public postsecondary safety policies and procedures.—

(1) Each state university and Florida College System institution shall adopt and implement written policies and procedures to protect the physical safety of its students, faculty, staff, and visitors in campus facilities, classrooms, and other institutional settings from:

(a) Physical threats.

(b) Other conduct or language that would cause a reasonable person to believe his or her physical safety is at risk.

(2) The policies and procedures must:

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30                   (a) Identify a person responsible for:  
31                    1. Coordinating the state university or Florida College  
32 System institution's response to actions listed in paragraphs  
33 (1) (a) and (b).  
34                    2. Implementing such policies and procedures, including all  
35 safety measures.  
36                    (b) Establish clear internal and external reporting  
37 protocols, including notification of campus security or a local  
38 law enforcement agency when appropriate.  
39                    (c) Outline the protective measures available to affected  
40 persons, which may include work or class relocation, security  
41 escorts, and restricting access to certain areas by a person  
42 engaged in an activity listed in paragraph (1) (a) or paragraph  
43 (1) (b).  
44                    (d) Provide timely updates to an affected person regarding  
45 the status of an incident and any action taken.  
46                    (e) Ensure the policies and procedures are prominently  
47 posted on the state university's or Florida College System  
48 institution's website and available to students, faculty, staff,  
49 and visitors upon request.  
50                    (3) Each state university and Florida College System  
51 institution shall annually review and update the policies and  
52 procedures to incorporate the best practices in threat  
53 assessment, campus security, and safety.  
54                    (4) The Board of Governors may adopt regulations and the  
55 State Board of Education may adopt rules to administer this  
56 section.

57                   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

The Florida Senate

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1/28/2026

Meeting Date

Sen App. Higher Ed  
Committee

## APPEARANCE RECORD

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Bill Number or Topic

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The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE VOTE RECORD**

CODES: FAV=Favorable  
UNF=Unfavorable  
-R=Reconsidered

RCS=Replaced by Committee Substitute  
RE=Replaced by Engrossed Amendment  
RS=Replaced by Substitute Amendment

TP=Temporarily Postponed  
VA=Vote After Roll Call  
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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Higher Education (Polsky) recommended the following:

1                   **Senate Amendment**

2                   Delete lines 22 - 28

3                   and insert:

4                   institution shall adopt and implement written safety policies  
5                   and procedures applicable to campus facilities, classrooms, and  
6                   other institutional settings to prevent, report, and respond to:

7                    (a) An act of violence or attempted violence against a  
8                   person.

9                    (b) A credible threat as defined in s. 784.048(1)(c).

**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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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

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BILL: SB 816

INTRODUCER: Senator Bradley

SUBJECT: Diabetes Research

DATE: January 27, 2026

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. Jahnke	Bouck	HE	<b>Favorable</b>
2. Gray	Elwell	AHE	<b>Favorable</b>
3. _____	_____	FP	_____

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## I. Summary:

SB 816 codifies the University of Florida Diabetes Institute within the University of Florida College of Medicine as a statewide resource for diabetes research, prevention, treatment, and education, and focuses on all forms of diabetes, including type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes. The bill provides for the institute to conduct research, develop prevention and treatment strategies, provide multidisciplinary clinical care, educate and train health care professionals, and engage in community outreach.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the institute to administer statewide pilot programs, maintain and share deidentified data for research purposes, and convene a statewide diabetes research and care consortium to coordinate research, share expertise, and support collaborative initiatives.

The bill does not impact state revenues or expenditures. **See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement.**

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

## II. Present Situation:

### Diabetes

Diabetes is a chronic health condition that affects how the human body turns food into energy. The human body breaks down most food into sugar, known as glucose,<sup>1</sup> which is released into

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<sup>1</sup> Glucose is a type of sugar that primarily comes from carbohydrates consumed through food and drinks and serves as a primary source of energy for the body. Glucose circulates in the bloodstream and is transported to the body's cells for use as energy. See: Cleveland Clinic, *Diabetes*, <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/7104-diabetes> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

the bloodstream. When blood glucose levels increase, the pancreas releases insulin. Insulin allows glucose to enter the body's cells, where it is used as a source of energy.

In individuals with diabetes, the body either produces insufficient insulin or uses it inefficiently. When insulin is insufficient or cells do not respond properly to insulin, excess glucose remains in the bloodstream. Over time, elevated blood glucose levels can lead to serious health complications, including heart disease, vision loss, and kidney disease.

There is currently no cure for diabetes; however, the condition can be managed through lifestyle changes and other interventions.

There are three basic types of diabetes:

- Type 1 diabetes.
- Type 2 diabetes.
- Gestational diabetes.<sup>2</sup>

### ***Type 1 Diabetes***

Type 1 diabetes is thought to be caused by an autoimmune reaction in which the body's immune system attacks and destroys the cells in the pancreas that normally produce insulin. Roughly 5 to 10 percent of people with diabetes have type 1. Symptoms of type 1 often develop quickly. It is usually diagnosed in children, teens, and young adults. Someone with type 1 diabetes must take insulin regularly to survive, usually through subcutaneous injection one or more times per day. Currently, type 1 diabetes can neither be prevented nor cured.<sup>3</sup>

### ***Type 2 Diabetes***

In type 2 diabetes, the body does not use insulin effectively, leading to elevated blood glucose levels. About 90 to 95 percent of people with diabetes have type 2. It develops over many years and is usually diagnosed in overweight, middle-aged adults, although it can sometimes manifest in adolescents and young adults. Type 2 diabetes can often be prevented, delayed, or even eliminated through healthy lifestyle changes, such as losing weight, eating a healthy diet, and exercising regularly.<sup>4</sup> Type 2 diabetes is usually treated with oral medications, but can require insulin injections in some cases.

### ***Gestational Diabetes***

Gestational diabetes develops in pregnant women who have never had diabetes. If a woman has gestational diabetes, her baby could be at higher risk for health problems. Gestational diabetes usually goes away after the baby is born. However, it increases the mother's risk for

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<sup>2</sup> U.S. Centers for Disease Control, *Diabetes Basics*, <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/about/index.html> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

<sup>3</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Type 1 Diabetes*, <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/about/about-type-1-diabetes.html> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Centers for Disease Control, *Type 2 Diabetes*, <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/about/about-type-2-diabetes.html> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

type 2 diabetes later in life, and the baby is more likely to have obesity as a child or teen and develop type 2 diabetes later in life.<sup>5</sup>

### **Prevalence of Diagnosed Diabetes**

The National Diabetes Statistic Report provides up-to-date information on the prevalence and incidence of diabetes and prediabetes, risk factors for complications, acute and long-term complications, deaths, and costs. Highlights of reported statistics include the following:

- In 2021, there were 29.7 million people of all ages, or 8.9 percent of the U.S. population, who had diagnosed diabetes.
- In 2021, there were 352,000 children and adolescents younger than age 20 who had diagnosed diabetes, including 304,000 with Type 1 diabetes.<sup>6</sup>

### ***Diabetes in Florida***

In Florida, recent estimates indicate that roughly 9.6 percent to 11.6 percent of the adult population has diagnosed diabetes, representing more than 2 million adults with the condition. An estimated 117,000 Florida adults are newly diagnosed each year, reflecting the prevalence of diabetes in the state.<sup>7</sup>

### **University of Florida Diabetes Institute**

The University of Florida (UF) Diabetes Institute was founded in 2015 and operates within UF and UF Health, the university's academic health center. The institute serves as an umbrella organization that coordinates diabetes-related research, treatment, and education activities across the university.

Researchers and physicians affiliated with the institute work to prevent, diagnose, and treat diabetes across a wide range of disciplines, including immunology, genetics, endocrinology, metabolism, pediatrics, and social sciences. The institute supports both basic and clinical research and participates in national and international research collaborations to understand the causes of diabetes and improve its treatment and management.<sup>8</sup>

The UF Diabetes Institute serves as the primary coordinating center for the Breakthrough T1D<sup>9</sup> Network for Pancreatic Organ Donors with Diabetes, which supports research using donated pancreatic tissue to study how diabetes develops. In this role, the institute coordinates a global network of researchers and participates in international efforts to examine genetic and environmental factors associated with diabetes.

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<sup>5</sup> U.S. Centers for Disease Control, *Diabetes Basics*, <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/about/index.html> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Centers for Disease Control, *National Diabetes Statistical Report*, <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/php/data-research/index.html> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

<sup>7</sup> American Diabetes Association, *The Burden of Diabetes in Florida (February 2025)*, available at, <https://diabetes.org/sites/default/files/2025-05/the-burden-of-diabetes-florida-05-08-25.pdf> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

<sup>8</sup> University of Florida, UF Diabetes Institute, *About the UF Diabetes Institute*, <https://diabetes.ufl.edu/about-us/> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

<sup>9</sup> Breakthrough T1D was formerly known as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

Faculty affiliated with the UF Diabetes Institute have received competitive research funding from public and private sources, including the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Breakthrough T1D, the American Diabetes Association, the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, and other funding agencies. According to the institute, current annual diabetes-related research funding exceeds \$15 million, and UF faculty scholarship includes more than 1,100 papers, chapters, and books.<sup>10</sup>

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

This bill creates s. 1004.562, F.S., to codify the University of Florida (UF) Diabetes Institute within the UF College of Medicine as a statewide resource for diabetes research, prevention, treatment, and education. The institute's purpose is to advance scientific discovery, improve prevention and clinical care, and promote education and outreach on all forms of diabetes, including type 1, type 2, gestational, and related metabolic conditions. The bill requires the institute to:

- Conduct research on the causes, mechanisms, and potential cures of diabetes, including autoimmune, genetic, and environmental factors.
- Develop advanced prevention, diagnostic, and treatment strategies to reduce the incidence and complications of diabetes.
- Provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary clinical care to individuals living with diabetes, including patient and family education, nutrition counseling, mental health support, and disease management resources.
- Train and educate health care professionals, including physicians, nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, and scientists, to expand expertise in diabetes care and research.
- Collaborate with state universities, medical centers, community organizations, patient advocacy groups, and government agencies to advance care and accelerate progress towards prevention and cures.
- Engage in community-based outreach and education programs to reduce disparities and promote healthier lifestyles.

The bill authorizes the institute to establish and administer statewide pilot programs, including, but not limited to, screening, prevention initiatives, and technology-driven management tools. The institute must maintain a secure repository of deidentified data to advance diabetes research, prevention, and care. The bill authorizes the institute to share deidentified data with research collaborators under data-sharing agreements to support ongoing and future scientific investigations.

The bill authorizes the institute to convene a statewide diabetes research and care consortium composed of clinical and academic experts, health care providers, and patient representatives to coordinate research, share expertise, and develop innovative care models. Upon convening, the consortium must be administered by the institute under the direction of the institution's executive leadership. Additionally, the bill authorizes the consortium to solicit funding from public, nonprofit, and private sources to expand programs, research initiatives, and community services.

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<sup>10</sup> University of Florida, UF Diabetes Institute, *About the UF Diabetes Institute*, <https://diabetes.ufl.edu/about-us/> (last visited Jan. 7, 2026).

The bill requires the institute to provide an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, beginning October 15, 2027, detailing research projects and findings; clinical services provided and patient outcomes; community outreach and prevention initiatives; and recommendations for future initiatives.

The bill's implementation is contingent on appropriations provided in the General Appropriations Act or from other available funds.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

#### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**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:**

The bill does not impact state revenues or expenditures. However, the bill does require the University of Florida to establish a diabetes institute. To the extent the bill codifies current practices of the UF Diabetes Institute the bill does not have a fiscal impact on the University. Additionally, the bill's implementation is contingent on the availability of funding provided in the General Appropriations Act or from other available funds.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates section 1004.562 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

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

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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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 Bradley

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

22           Section 1. Section 1004.562, Florida Statutes, is created  
23 to read:

24           1004.562 University of Florida Diabetes Institute.—  
25           (1) The University of Florida Diabetes Institute is  
26 established within the University of Florida College of Medicine  
27 as a resource for diabetes research, screening, prevention,  
28 treatment, and education. The purpose of the institute is to  
29 advance scientific discovery, improve prevention and clinical

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30 care, and promote education and outreach related to all forms of  
31 diabetes, including type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes,  
32 gestational diabetes, and related metabolic conditions.

33 (2) The institute shall do all of the following:

34 (a) Conduct research to understand the causes, mechanisms,  
35 and potential cures for diabetes, including autoimmune, genetic,  
36 and environmental factors.

37 (b) Develop advanced prevention, diagnostic, and treatment  
38 strategies to reduce the incidence and complications of diabetes  
39 in children and adults.

40 (c) Provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary clinical care  
41 to individuals living with diabetes, including patient and  
42 family education, nutrition counseling, mental health support,  
43 and disease management resources.

44 (d) Train and educate health care professionals, including  
45 physicians, nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, and scientists, to  
46 expand expertise in diabetes care and research.

47 (e) Establish collaborations with state universities,  
48 medical centers, patient advocacy groups, community  
49 organizations, and government agencies to enhance care and  
50 accelerate progress toward diabetes prevention and cures.

51 (f) Engage in community-based outreach and education  
52 programs to increase awareness, reduce disparities in diabetes  
53 outcomes, and promote healthier lifestyles.

54 (3) (a) The institute may establish and administer statewide  
55 pilot programs, including, but not limited to, population-based  
56 diabetes screening, prevention initiatives, and technology-  
57 driven management tools.

58 (b) The institute shall maintain a secure data repository

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59 to collect, store, and analyze deidentified data for the purpose  
60 of advancing diabetes research, prevention, and care.

61 (c) The institute may provide deidentified data, pursuant  
62 to data-sharing agreements, to research collaborators to support  
63 ongoing and future scientific investigations.

64 (4) (a) The institute may convene a statewide diabetes  
65 research and care consortium composed of clinical and academic  
66 experts, health care providers, and patient representatives to  
67 coordinate research, share expertise, and develop innovative  
68 care models.

69 (b) The consortium shall, upon being convened, be  
70 administered at the institute under the direction of the  
71 institute's executive leadership.

72 (c) The consortium may solicit funding from public,  
73 nonprofit, and private sources to expand programs, research  
74 initiatives, and community services.

75 (5) Beginning October 15, 2027, and annually thereafter,  
76 the institute shall provide a report to the Governor, the  
77 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
78 Representatives which includes all of the following:

79 (a) Research projects and findings.

80 (b) Clinical services provided and patient outcomes.

81 (c) Community outreach and prevention initiatives.

82 (d) Recommendations for future initiatives.

83 (6) This section shall be implemented to the extent of  
84 appropriations provided in the annual General Appropriations Act  
85 or from other available funds.

86 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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The Florida Senate

## APPEARANCE RECORD

SB 816

Bill Number or Topic

Appropriations on Higher Education

Committee

Name **Monica Rodriguez**

Address **201 E Park Ave, 5th Floor**

Street

**Tallahassee**

**FL**

**32301**

*City*

*State*

*Zip*

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

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I am a registered lobbyist, representing:

**University of Florida Health Corporation**

I am not a lobbyist, but received something of value for my appearance (travel, meals, lodging, etc.), sponsored by:

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Meeting Date

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Committee

Name Ivonne Fernandez - AARPDeliver both copies of this form to  
Senate professional staff conducting the meeting

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954-850-7262

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Ismare Montreal*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
Miami Dade College**

for a term beginning on the Eleventh day of September, A.D., 2025, until the Thirty-First day of May, A.D., 2029 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Seventeenth day of December, A.D., 2025.*



*CLB*

Secretary of State



**RON DE SANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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2025 SEP 17 PM 12:40  
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TALLAHASSEE, FL

September 11, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 1001.61, Florida Statutes:

Mrs. Ismare Monreal  
8814 Northwest 177 Terrace  
Miami, Florida 33018

as a member of the Miami Dade College District Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 11, 2025, for a term ending May 31, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/dw

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(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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County of Miami-Dade

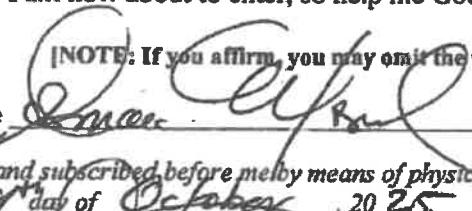
I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

## Miami Dade College - District Board of Trustees

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

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

Signature Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence  OR online notarization   
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public 

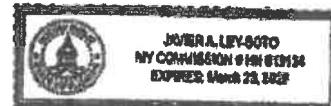
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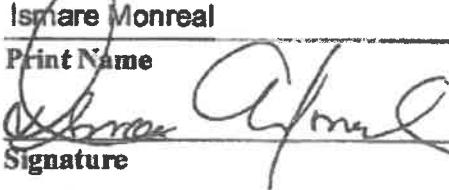
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Print Name

Signature 

The Florida Senate

**Committee:** Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
**Time:** 3:45—6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** 110 Senate Building  
**NAME:** Montreal, Ismare  
**Tab #:** 4  
**BOARD:** Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College  
**Final Action:** Recommend Confirm

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

*Alan Florez*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
University of Central Florida**

for a term beginning on the Seventh day of January, A.D., 2026,  
until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2031 and is subject to be  
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Third day of December, A.D., 2025.*



*E. Byrd*

Secretary of State



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chris Kimball

**FROM:** Shannon McDermott  
Director, University Trustee Relations

**DATE:** December 12, 2025

**RE:** Appointments to the University Boards of Trustees by the Florida Board of Governors

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This is to advise you that the Board of Governors made the following appointment to the University Boards of Trustees, on December 12, 2025.

**To the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees:**

- Mr. Mark Filburn was reappointed for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.
- Mr. Alan Florez was appointed to Tiffany Altizer's seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.

**To the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees:**

- Ms. Sandra "Sandy" Stilwell Youngquist was appointed to Joe Fogg's seat for a term that begins on January 7, 2026, and ends on January 6, 2031.
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**To the University of North Florida Board of Trustees:**

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Attached are copies of the appointment letters sent to the new appointees from Chancellor Ray Rodrigues.

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County of Volusia

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Member, University of Central Florida Board of Trustees

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

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

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*Alan Florez*  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 12 day of December, 2010.

*Michele C. Gomez*  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

*Michele C. Gomez*  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

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## ACCEPTANCE

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

Mailing Address: Home

Office

780 W. Granada Blvd.

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Ormond Beach, FL 32174

City, State, Zip Code

Alan Florez

Print Name

*Alan Florez*  
Signature

The Florida Senate

# APPEARANCE RECORD

1/28/2026

Meeting Date

app. Committee on HigherEd.

Committee

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Coral Gables FL

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**Committee:** Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
**Time:** 3:45–6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** 110 Senate Building  
**NAME:** Florez, Alan  
**Tab #:** 5  
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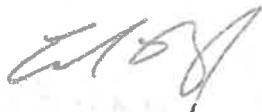
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## OATH OF OFFICE

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STATE OF FLORIDA

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

County of ORANGE



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

Board Member University of Central Florida Trustee

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

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

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

Mark C. Filburn

Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.



MARIE SABIAN  
Commission # HH 715354  
Expires September 24, 2029

Marie Sabian

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

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

Mailing Address: Home  Office

1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 190

Street or Post Office Box

Orlando, Florida 32810

City, State, Zip Code

Mark C. Filburn

Print Name

Mark C. Filburn

Signature

The Florida Senate

**Committee:** Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
**Time:** 3:45—6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** 110 Senate Building  
**NAME:** Filburn, Mark C.  
**Tab #:** 6  
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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

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

*Nestor J. Plana*

is duly appointed a member of the

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Florida International University**

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Chris Kimball

FROM: Shannon McDermott  
Director, University Trustee Relations and  
Assistant to the Chancellor

DATE: November 10, 2025

RE: Appointments to the University Boards of Trustees by the Board of Governors

This is to advise you that the Board of Governors made the following appointments to the University Boards of Trustees on November 6, 2025:

Florida A&M University Board of Trustees:

- Mr. John Crossman is reappointed with his term ending January 6, 2031

Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees:

- Ms. Barbara Stilley, her appointment starts January 7, 2026 and will end January 6, 2031. She is replacing Shaun Davis.
- Mr. Scott McCleneghen is reappointed with his term ending January 6, 2031

Florida International University:

- Mr. Nestor Plana, his appointment starts January 7, 2026 and will end January 6, 2031. He is replacing Mr. Dean Colson.

Florida State University:

- Mr. Drew Weatherford is reappointed with his term ending January 6, 2031
- Mr. Justin Roth is reappointed with his term ending January 6, 2031

New College of Florida

- Mr. Donald Patterson is reappointed with his term ending January 6, 2031
- Mr. Lance Karp is reappointed with his term ending January 6, 2031.

University of South Florida

- Mr. Michael Griffin is reappointed with his term ending January 6, 2031.

University of West Florida

- Mr. Kishane Patel, his appointment starts January 7, 2026 and will end January 6, 2031. He is replacing Alonzie Scott.

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- Ms. Janice Gilley, her appointment starts January 7, 2026 and will end January 6, 2031.  
She is replacing Richard Baker.

Attached is a copy of the appointment letter sent to the appointees from Chancellor Ray Rodrigues.

Thank you for your assistance in processing this appointment for Senate confirmation. Please call me if you need additional information.

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County of Miami-Dade

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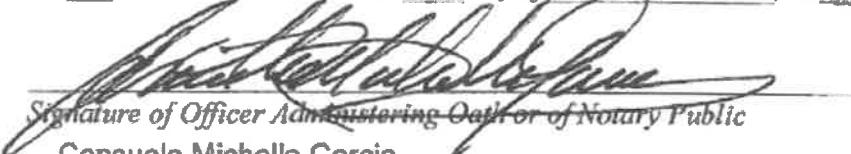
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Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence

Or  online notarization this 24 day of November, 2025

  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public  
Consuelo Michelle Garcia

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

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Nestor J. Plana

Print Name

  
Signature

The Florida Senate

1/28/2026

Meeting Date

Approp on Higher Ed

Committee

Name Nestor Plana

Address 201 E. Park St. #400B

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City

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32301

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Phone 305-788-8158

Email nplana@rlsheath.com

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

**OR**

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

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The Florida Senate

**Committee:** Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
**Time:** 3:45—6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** 110 Senate Building  
**NAME:** Plana, Nestor  
**Tab #:** 7  
**BOARD:** Board of Trustees, Florida International University  
**Final Action:** Recommend Confirm

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

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

*Clarence S. Moore*

is duly appointed a member of the

**Board of Trustees,  
University of North Florida**

for a term beginning on the Seventh day of January, A.D., 2026,  
until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2031 and is subject to be  
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital this  
the Twenty-Third day of December, A.D. 2025*



Secretary of State



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Kimball

FROM: Shannon McDermott  
Director, University Trustee Relations

DATE: December 12, 2025

RE: Appointments to the University Boards of Trustees by the Florida Board of Governors

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**To the University of North Florida Board of Trustees:**

December 12, 2025  
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

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## OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Duval

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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

Trustee of The University of North Florida

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

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

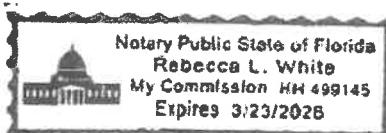
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Clarence S. Moore  
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence

Or  online notarization this 14th day of December, 2025



Rebecca L. White  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Rebecca L. White

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

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## ACCEPTANCE

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

Mailing Address: Home  Office

192 Belmont Dr  
Street or Post Office Box

Saint Johns, FL 32259  
City, State, Zip Code

Clarence S. Moore

Print Name

Clarence S. Moore  
Signature

The Florida Senate

**Committee:** Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
**Time:** 3:45—6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** 110 Senate Building  
**NAME:** Moore, Clarence S.  
**Tab #:** 8  
**BOARD:** Board of Trustees, University of North Florida  
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do hereby certify that

*Fredrick J. Piccolo*

is duly appointed a member of the

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University of South Florida**

for a term beginning on the Twelfth day of December, A.D., 2025, until the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2025 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Third day of December, A.D., 2025.*



*EJ*

Secretary of State



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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of SARASOTA

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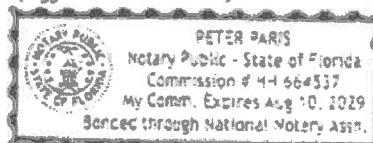
on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

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Peter Paris

Signature

(Affix Seal Below)



Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence

or  online notarization this 15 day of DECEMBER 2025.

Peter Paris  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

PETER PARIS

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced DRIVER'S LICENSE

## ACCEPTANCE

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

Mailing Address: Home  Office

4713 Thomas Hoby Place

Fredrick Joseph Piccolo

Street or Post Office Box

Print Name

Sarasota, FL, 34241

Fredrick Joseph Piccolo  
Signature

City, State, Zip Code

## The Florida Senate

## **COMMITTEE VOTE RECORD – EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**Committee:** Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
**Time:** 3:45—6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** 110 Senate Building  
**NAME:** Piccolo, Fredrick  
**Tab #:** 9  
**BOARD:** Board of Trustees, University of South Florida  
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I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
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*Nancy Hemmingway Watkins*

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FLORIDA BOARD OF  
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2025 DEC 15 AM 11:43

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

County of Hillsborough

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Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence  
Or  online notarization this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.



NADIA A. MARSHALL  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
Comm# HH227678  
Expires 2/10/2026

  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Nadia A. Marshall

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced N/A

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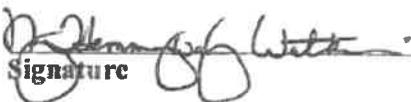
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Tampa, FL 33606

City, State, Zip Code

Nancy Hemmingway Watkins

Print Name

  
Signature

The Florida Senate

**Committee:** Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
**Time:** 3:45—6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** 110 Senate Building  
**NAME:** Watkins, Nancy Hemmingway  
**Tab #:** 10  
**BOARD:** Board of Trustees, University of South Florida  
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

### COMMITTEES:

Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12  
Education, *Chair*  
Appropriations  
Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
Education Pre-K - 12  
Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and  
Domestic Security  
Regulated Industries  
Rules

### JOINT COMMITTEE:

Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight

**SENATOR DANNY BURGESS**

23rd District

January 23, 2026

Senator Gayle Harrell  
Chair, Higher Education Appropriations Committee

Dear Chair Harrell,

I respectfully request an excusal from the January 28th meeting of the Higher Education Appropriations Committee. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danny".

Senator Danny Burgess  
The Florida Senate  
District 23

CC: Tim Elwell, Staff Director  
CC: Regina Alsarou, Committee Administrative Assistant

#### REPLY TO:

- 38507 Fifth Avenue, Zephyrhills, Florida 33542 (813) 779-7059
- 411 Senate Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5023

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**BEN ALBRITTON**  
President of the Senate

**JASON BRODEUR**  
President Pro Tempore



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

### COMMITTEES:

Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, *Vice Chair*  
Appropriations Committee on Higher Education  
Commerce and Tourism  
Education Pre-K - 12  
Fiscal Policy  
Health Policy  
Transportation

### JOINT COMMITTEE:

Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

### SENATOR TRACIE DAVIS

*Democratic Leader Pro Tempore*  
5th District

January 27, 2026

The Honorable Gayle Harrell  
Appropriations Committee on Higher Education, Chair  
111 W. Madison Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Harrell,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the January 28, 2026, Appropriations Committee on Higher Education meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tracie Davis".

Tracie Davis  
State Senator  
District 05

- 2933 North Myrtle Avenue, Suite 201, Jacksonville, Florida 32209 (904) 359-2575
- 210 Senate Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5005

**BEN ALBRITTON**  
President of the Senate

**JASON BRODEUR**  
President Pro Tempore

# CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 110

Case No.:

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Caption: Senate Appropriations Committee on Higher Education

Judge:

Started: 1/28/2026 3:45:43 PM

Ended: 1/28/2026 4:39:59 PM

Length: 00:54:17

3:45:54 PM Sen. Harrell (chair)  
3:47:20 PM TAB 1 - S 176  
3:47:33 PM Sen. Polsky  
3:49:07 PM Sen. Harrell  
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3:50:06 PM Am. 160886  
3:50:12 PM Sen. Polsky  
3:50:28 PM Sen. Harrell  
3:50:50 PM S 176 (cont.)  
3:51:55 PM Sen. Polsky  
3:52:17 PM Sen. Harrell  
3:52:38 PM TAB 2 - S 816  
3:52:53 PM Sen. Bradley  
3:53:28 PM Sen. Harrell  
3:53:38 PM Ivonne Fernandez, Lobbyist, AARP (waives in support)  
3:53:47 PM Monica Rodriguez, Lobbyist, UF Health Corporation (waives in support)  
3:54:03 PM Sen. Harrell  
3:54:45 PM Sen. Bradley  
3:55:21 PM Sen. Harrell  
3:56:02 PM TAB 1 - S 176  
3:56:09 PM Michele Drucker, Lobbyist, Florida Parent Teacher Association (waives in support)  
3:56:23 PM TABS 4-10 - SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING  
3:56:26 PM Sen. Harrell  
3:57:13 PM TAB 7 - Board of Trustees, Florida International University  
3:57:19 PM Sen. Harrell  
3:57:48 PM Nestor Plana  
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4:01:42 PM N. Plana  
4:02:03 PM Sen. Harrell  
4:02:21 PM TAB 8 - Board of Trustees, University of North Florida  
4:02:29 PM Sen. Harrell  
4:02:44 PM Clarence S. Moore  
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4:10:15 PM Mark C. Filburn  
4:12:28 PM Sen. Harrell  
4:13:32 PM TAB 9 - Board of Trustees, University of South Florida  
4:13:36 PM Sen. Harrell  
4:14:07 PM Fredrick Piccolo  
4:16:09 PM Sen. Harrell  
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4:17:35 PM Nancy Hemmingway Watkins

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