Tab 17	**SB 562** by **Rouson (CO-INTRODUCERS) Davis**; (Similar to CS/H 00721) Harassment of Election Workers

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Tab 18	**CS/SB 734** by **CA, Ingoglia**; (Identical to CS/H 00735) Government Accountability

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Tab 19	**SB 1256** by **Martin**; (Identical to H 00135) Voter Registration Applications

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

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

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024
TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room,* 37 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Burgess, Chair; Senator Rouson, Vice Chair; Senators Avila, Grall, Ingoglia, Martin, Mayfield, Polsky, and Powell

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.		
	Barbers' Board		
1	Schwartz, Mitchell (Delray Beach)	10/31/2025	
	Vargas, Hugo (LaBelle)	10/31/2026	
	Florida Athletic Commission		
2	Mallare-Pike, Christina Marie (Plant City)	09/30/2027	
	Nunez, Adrian (Miami)	09/30/2027	
	Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College		
3	Alonso, Roberto Jose (Miami Lakes)	05/31/2026	
	Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College		
4	Harrison, Megan (Santa Rosa Beach)	05/31/2026	
	State Board of Education		
5	Garcia, Kelly (Tampa)	12/31/2025	
	Education Practices Commission		
6	Jackson, Deelah (Palmetto)	09/30/2025	
	Florida Gaming Control Commission		
7	Repp, Tina ()	01/01/2026	
	Investment Advisory Council		
8	Canida, Maria Teresa (Coral Gables)	12/12/2026	
	Goetz, John P. (Windermere)	12/12/2026	
	Jones, Kenneth (Tampa)	12/12/2027	
	Olmstead, Vinny (Vero Beach)	02/01/2027	
	Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County		
9	Rutland, Melissa (St. Petersburg)	08/10/2026	
	Florida Commission on Offender Review		
10	Wyant, David A. ()	06/30/2028	

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Board of Pilot Commissioners		
11	LaMarca, Eileen M. (Lighthouse Point)	10/31/2026	
	Board of Directors, Space Florida		
12	Bocchino, Matthew (St. Augustine)	09/30/2025	
	Cruise, Rodney (Enterprise)	09/30/2027	
	Daniels, Jonathan T. (Oakland Park)	09/30/2025	
	Daugherty, Kevin (Melbourne)	09/30/2026	
	Hosseini, Mori (Ormond Beach)	09/30/2027	
	Lambert, Alexis ()	09/30/2026	
	Satter, Jonathan R. (North Palm Beach)	09/30/2027	
	Thibault, Kevin J. (Groveland)	09/30/2027	
	Big Cypress Basin Board of the South Florida Water Management District		
13	Smith, Patricia "P.J." (Naples)	03/01/2027	
	Chair of the Board of Directors, Space Florida		
14	Nunez, Jeanette M. ()	09/30/2027	
	Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University		
15	Abbot, Dorian Schuyler (Chicago)	06/30/2025	
	Hagen, Patrick (Tallahassee)	06/30/2028	
	Otto, Clifford K. (Lakeland)	06/30/2024	
	Shapiro, Ilya (Falls Church)	06/30/2025	
	Theis, Sidney Wayne (Bryan)	06/30/2027	
	Secretary of Commerce		
16	Kelly, James Alexander (Tallahassee)	Pleasure of Governor	

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
17	**SB 562** Rouson (Similar CS/H 721)	Harassment of Election Workers; Prohibiting a person from intimidating, threatening, coercing, harassing, or attempting to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or harass an election worker with specified intent; providing criminal penalties, etc. EE 02/05/2024 CJ RC	

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
18	**CS/SB 734** Community Affairs / Ingoglia (Identical CS/H 735)	Government Accountability; Prohibiting specified individuals from soliciting or accepting anything of value from a foreign country of concern; prohibiting a person from lobbying a county, municipality, or special district unless he or she is registered as a lobbyist; requiring a Commission on Ethics and Public Trust established by a county or municipality or the Commission on Ethics, as applicable, to investigate a lobbyist or principal upon receipt of a sworn complaint containing certain allegations; prohibiting the governing body of a county from renewing or extending the employment contract of a county administrator during a specified timeframe, etc. CA 01/29/2024 Fav/CS EE 02/05/2024 AP	
19	**SB 1256** Martin (Identical H 135)	Voter Registration Applications; Revising the information that the uniform statewide voter registration application must be designed to elicit; providing an exception to a requirement that certain voter registration applicants must be registered without party affiliation; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to notify certain individuals of certain information; requiring a driver license examiner to make specified inquiries, etc. EE 02/05/2024 ATD FP	
	Other Related Meeting Documents		

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COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

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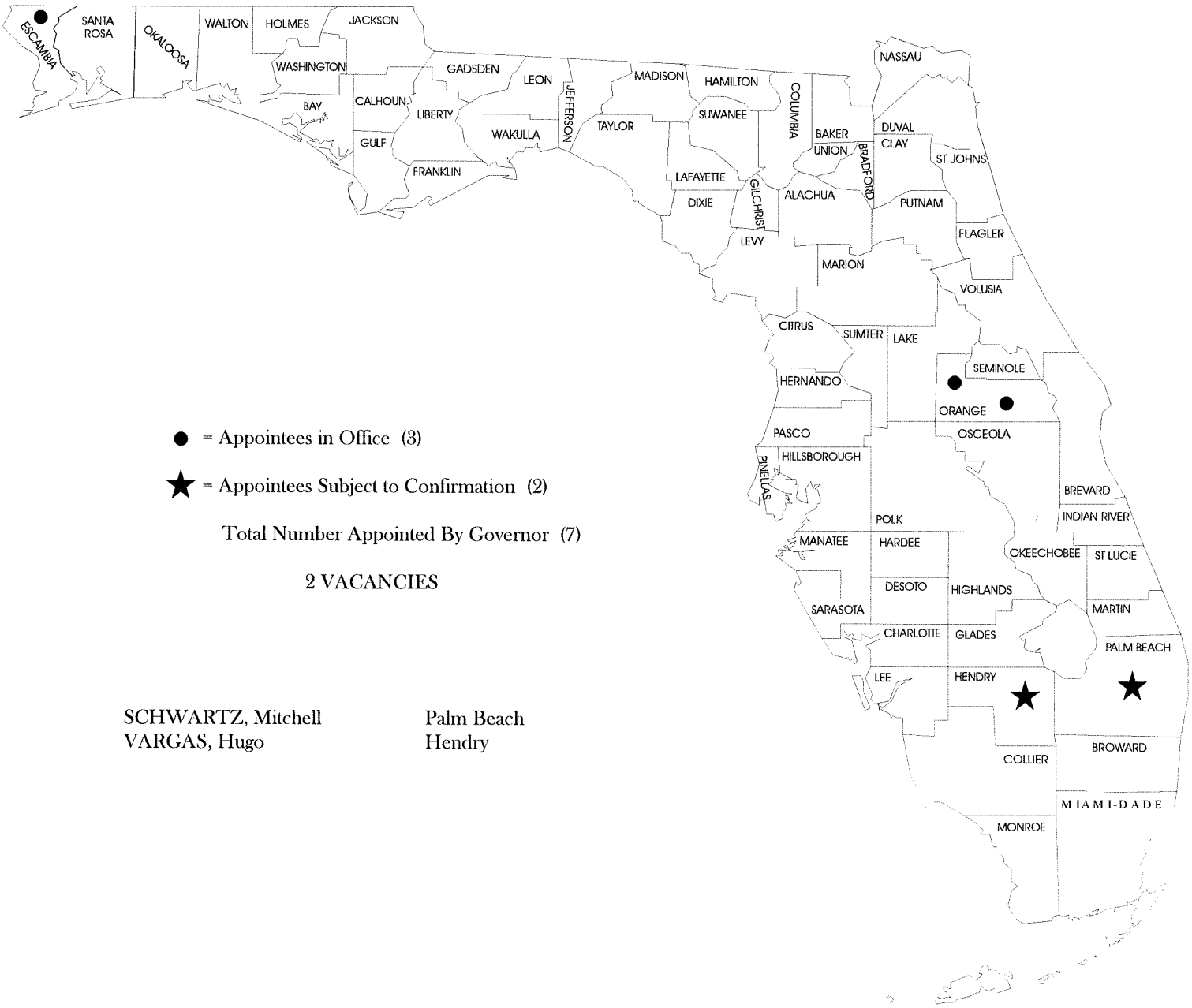
Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Barbers' Board



● = Appointees in Office (3)

★ = Appointees Subject to Confirmation (2)

Total Number Appointed By Governor (7)

2 VACANCIES

SCHWARTZ, Mitchell	Palm Beach
VARGAS, Hugo	Hendry

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Schwartz, Mitchell
Term: 12/14/2023 – 10/31/2025
City/County: Delray Beach/Palm Beach
Office: Barbers' Board, Member
Authority: 476.054, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)3, F. S.
Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 12/14/2023
Prior Term:

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

Occupation: Retired

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.

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 - Citizen Member

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Vargas, Hugo
Term: 12/14/2023 – 10/31/2026
City/County: LaBelle/Hendry
Office: Barbers' Board, Member
Authority: 476.054, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)3, F. S.
Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 12/14/2023
Prior Term:

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

Occupation: President of World Class Barbershop, Inc.

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.

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 9 - Mr. Vargas disclosed in his Senate Questionnaire that in Ft. Myers (1997) he was charged with Criminal Mischief. Adjudication was withheld and he recieved two years probation
Number 17 - Mr. Vargas is a City Commissioner in the City of Labelle, since 2022.

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

Ethics and Elections

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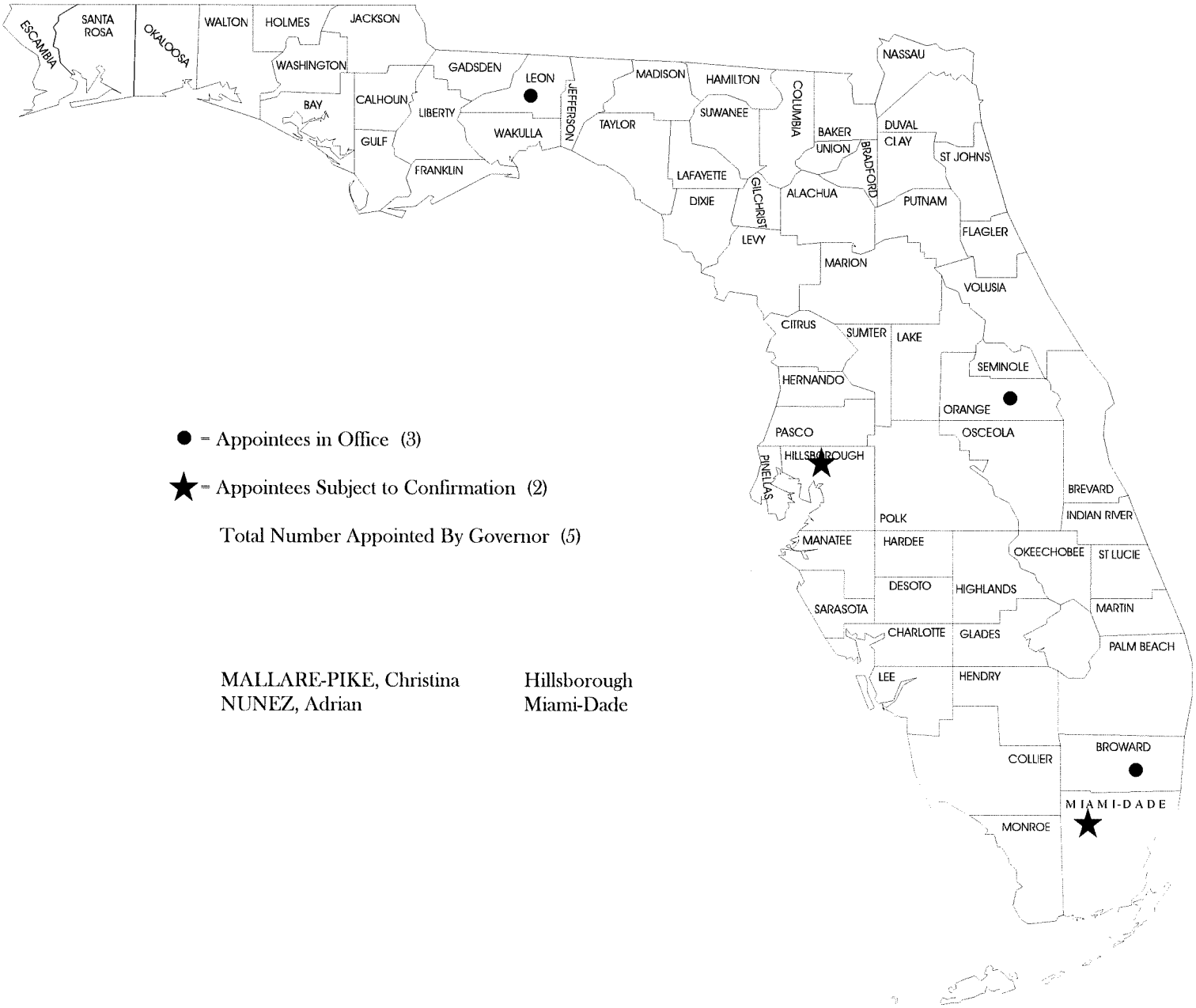
MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Florida Athletic Commission



● = Appointees in Office (3)

★ = Appointees Subject to Confirmation (2)

Total Number Appointed By Governor (5)

MALLARE-PIKE, Christina	Hillsborough
NUNEZ, Adrian	Miami-Dade

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Mallare-Pike, Christina Marie
Term: 12/20/2023 – 09/30/2027
City/County: Plant City/Hillsborough
Office: Florida Athletic Commission, Member
Authority: 548.003(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 12/20/2023
Prior Term: 01/27/2021 - 09/30/2023

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/30/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/23/24
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Homemaker and Homeschool Parent

Attendance: Attended 11 of 11 meetings (100%) from January 27, 2021 through January 8, 2024.

Compensation: Reimbursed fifty dollars for each day of attendance at a commission meeting and for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: The five-member commission is appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

One member must be a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 458 or chapter 459, who must maintain an unencumbered license in good standing, and who must, at the time of her or his appointment, have practiced medicine for at least 5 years.

Additional Requirements: Terms are for four years.

For the purposes of Section 548.003(4), F.S., unexcused absences shall include any absence other than: one caused by illness of a member preventing attendance; death or illness of a family member preventing attendance; unavoidable travel delays or cancellations preventing attendance; or any conflict, extraordinary circumstances or event approved by the chairperson and vote of the commission. Members shall communicate the reason for any absence to the executive director and chairperson 48 hours prior to the meeting unless circumstances dictate otherwise and the reason for the absence shall be made part of the minutes of that meeting. (Rule 61K1-3.0002)

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 18 - Ms. Mallare-Pike has served on this board, since 2017.

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Nunez, Adrian
Appointed: 12/20/2023
Term: 12/20/2023 – 09/30/2027
Prior Term:
City/County: Miami/Miami-Dade
Office: Florida Athletic Commission, Member
Authority: 548.003(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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 1/12/24
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/23/24
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Vice President & Chief Financial Officer at Assisting Hands Home Care Miami

Compensation: Reimbursed fifty dollars for each day of attendance at a commission meeting and for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: The five-member commission is appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

One member must be a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 458 or chapter 459, who must maintain an unencumbered license in good standing, and who must, at the time of her or his appointment, have practiced medicine for at least 5 years.

Additional Requirements: Terms are for four years.

For the purposes of Section 548.003(4), F.S., unexcused absences shall include any absence other than: one caused by illness of a member preventing attendance; death or illness of a family member preventing attendance; unavoidable travel delays or cancellations preventing attendance; or any conflict, extraordinary circumstances or event approved by the chairperson and vote of the commission. Members shall communicate the reason for any absence to the executive director and chairperson 48 hours prior to the meeting unless circumstances dictate otherwise and the reason for the absence shall be made part of the minutes of that meeting. (Rule 61K1-3.0002)

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes:

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Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Alonso, Roberto Jose
Appointed: 03/31/2023
Term: 03/31/2023 – 05/31/2026
Prior Term: 07/02/2020 - 05/31/2022
City/County: Miami Lakes/Miami-Dade
Office: Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade 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	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 6 filed as of 6/30/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/23/24
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	X		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Realtor & Senior Vice President, Costa Realtors

Attendance: Attended 39 of 39 meetings (100%) from July 2, 2020 through January 17, 2024.

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.

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 10 - Report No. 2024-067
Number 17 - Mr. Alonso serves on the Miami-Dade County School Board, since 2022.

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COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

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A355H

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Harrison, Megan
Appointed: 10/13/2023
Term: 10/13/2023 – 05/31/2026
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.
Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 11/21/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/23/24
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: President of the Walton Area Chamber of Commerce

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.

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 10 - Report No. 2024-105
Number 15 - Ms. Harrison disclosed that her employer, Walton Area Chamber of Commerce, is a grantee of the Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity (Department of Commerce).
Number 19 - Ms. Harrison worked as a Communications Coordinator for the Walton County Tourism Department 2012-2013.

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Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

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A585G

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Garcia, Kelly
Appointed: 03/24/2023
Term: 03/24/2023 – 12/31/2025
Prior Term:
City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough
Office: State Board of Education, Member
Authority: 1001.01(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Education Pre-K -12-Recommend Confirm 1/30/2023
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: Teacher at Catapult Learning

Compensation: Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement of travel and per diem expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: The Florida Board of Education consists of seven members who are residents of the state. Members are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Additional Requirements: Members of the board shall be appointed to staggered 4-year terms and may be reappointed by the Governor for additional terms not to exceed 8 years of consecutive service.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 8 - Appointed by Governor
Number 18 - Ms. Garcia served on the Board of Trustees, Florida Virtual Schools 2022-2023.
Number 19 - Ms. Garcia was a Teacher for the Hillsborough County Public Schools 2011-2013.
Education Verified

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

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A600J

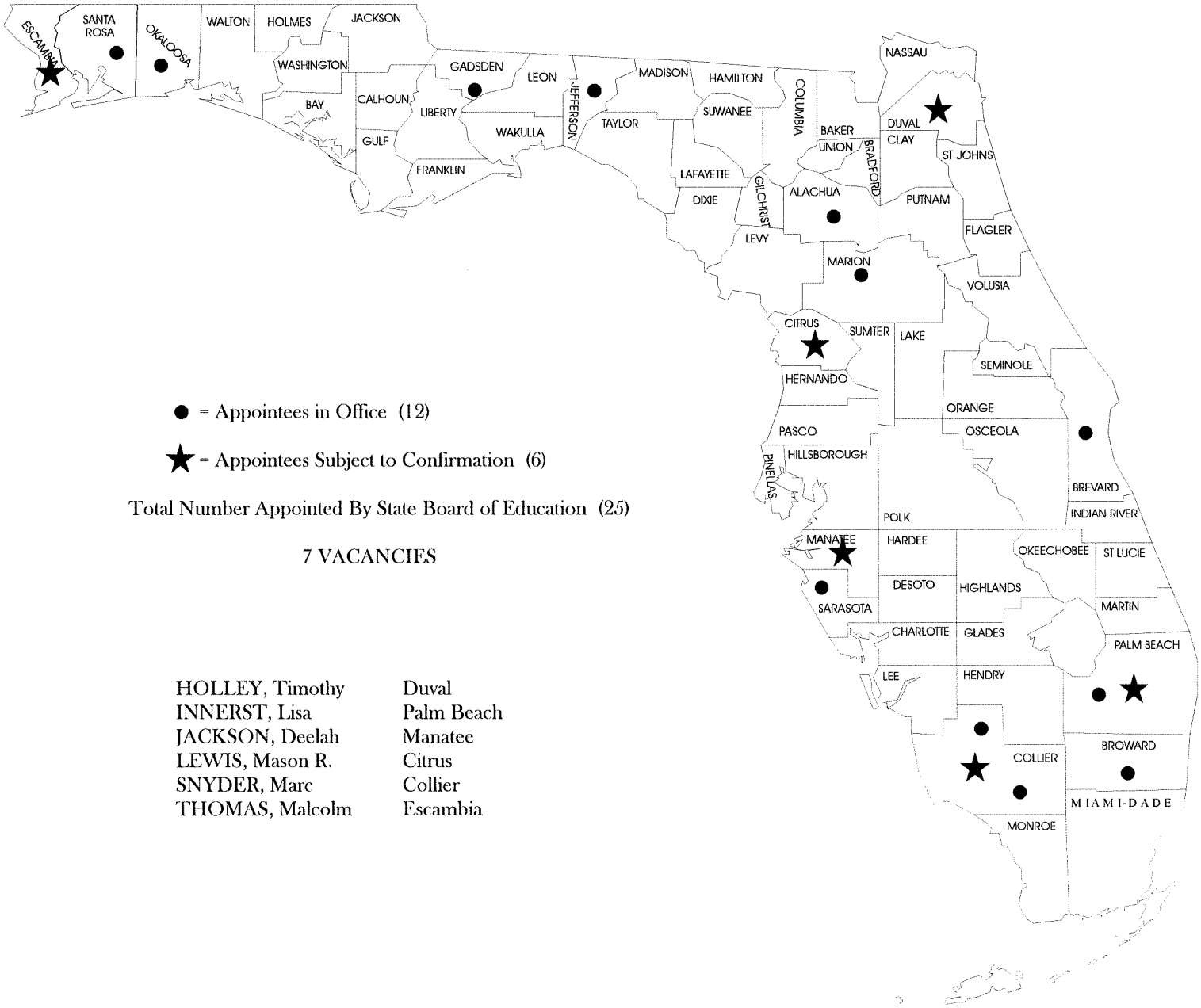
Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Education Practices Commission



● = Appointees in Office (12)

★ = Appointees Subject to Confirmation (6)

Total Number Appointed By State Board of Education (25)

7 VACANCIES

HOLLEY, Timothy	Duval
INNERST, Lisa	Palm Beach
JACKSON, Deelah	Manatee
LEWIS, Mason R.	Citrus
SNYDER, Marc	Collier
THOMAS, Malcolm	Escambia

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Jackson, Deelah
Appointed: 08/20/2023
Term: 08/20/2023 – 09/30/2025
Prior Term:
City/County: Palmetto/Manatee
Office: Education Practices Commission, Member
Authority: 1012.79(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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 1/26/24
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record	X		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 11/20/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Teacher for the Manatee County School District

Compensation: Reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 1012.79(10), F.S.

Requirements: The commission is composed 25 members persons appointed by the State Board of Education, from nominations made by the Commissioner of Education, with an effort toward achieving equal geographical representation, as follows:

•Ten teacher members who are certified to teach, and who have practiced the profession for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment;
•Five administrators members, with at least one of whom shall represents a private or virtual school. School administrator members must have an endorsement on the educator certificate in the area of school administration or supervision and must have been practicing school administrators for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment;
•Four lay citizens who are parents of public school students and who are unrelated to public school employees;
•Two former charter school governing board or district school board members or former superintendents, assistant superintendents, or deputy superintendents
•Four sworn law enforcement officials (each must have served in the profession for at least five years immediately preceding appointment and have background expertise in child safety).

All members must be residents of the state.

Additional Requirements: Members shall serve four-year staggered terms. A member may not serve more than eight years.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.
The State Board of Education may remove any member from the commission for misconduct or malfeasance in office, incapacity, or neglect of duty.

Notes: Number 8 - Teacher
Number 9 - Mrs. Jackson disclosed in 1991 or 1992 she was charged with 'Disorderly Conduct' in Fort Wayne Indiana and paid a fine.
Number 19 - Mrs. Jackson is a Teacher with the School District of Manatee County, since 2015.

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

Ethics and Elections

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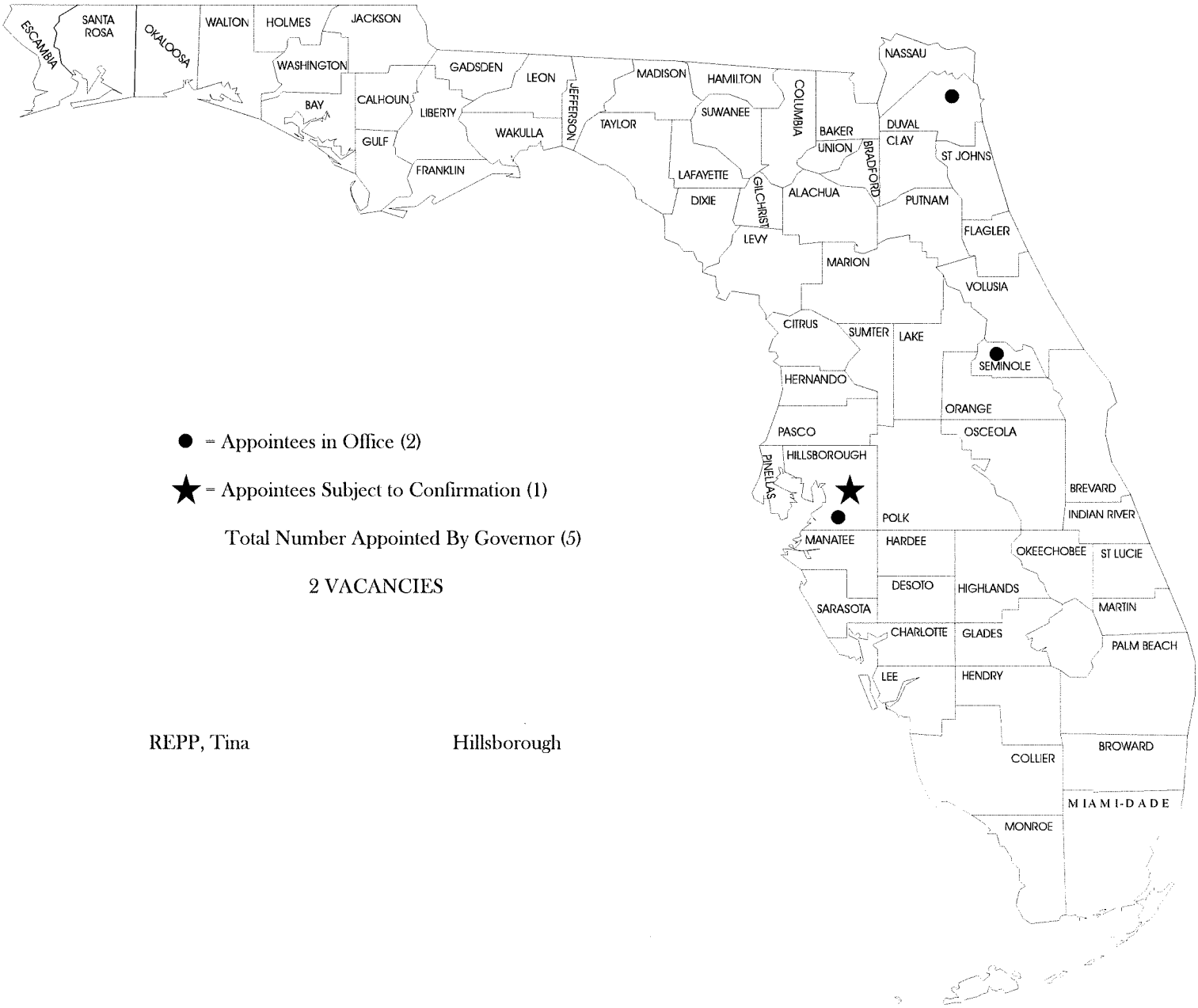
MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Florida Gaming Control Commission



● = Appointees in Office (2)

★ = Appointees Subject to Confirmation (1)

Total Number Appointed By Governor (5)

2 VACANCIES

REPP, Tina Hillsborough

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Repp, Tina
Appointed: 04/28/2023
Term: 04/28/2023 – 01/01/2026
Prior Term:
City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough
Office: Florida Gaming Control Commission, Member
Authority: 16.71, F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Regulated Industries-Recommend Confirm-12/13/2023
Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/1/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 8/29/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation:

Compensation: The salary of each commissioner is equal to that paid under state law to a commissioner on the Florida Public Service Commission.

Requirements: For the purpose of providing staggered terms, of the initial appointments,
•2 members shall be appointed to 4-year terms
•2 members shall be appointed to 3-year terms
•1 member shall be appointed to a 2-year term.

•1 member must have at least 10 years of experience in law enforcement and criminal investigations
•1 member must be a certified public accountant licensed in this state with at least 10 years of experience in accounting and auditing
•1 member must be an attorney admitted and authorized to practice law in this state for at least the preceding 10 years.

Of the five members, each appellate district shall have one member appointed from the district to the commission who is a resident of the district at the time of the original appointment.

(b) A commissioner shall serve until a successor is appointed, but commissioners may not serve more than 12 years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. The salary of each commissioner is equal to that paid under state law to a commissioner on the Florida Public Service Commission.

(c) The Governor shall have the same power to remove or suspend commissioners as set forth in s. 7, Art. IV of the State Constitution. In addition to such power, the Governor must remove a member who is convicted of or found guilty of or has pled nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, in any jurisdiction, a misdemeanor that directly relates to gambling, dishonesty, theft, or fraud.

(d) Upon the resignation or removal from office of a member of the commission, the Governor shall appoint a successor pursuant to paragraph (a) who, subject to confirmation by the Senate, shall serve the remainder of the unfinished term.

Additional Requirements: Terms of 4 years. Members of the commission must be appointed by January 1, 2022.
A commissioner shall serve until a successor is appointed, but commissioners may not serve more than 12 years.

Notes: Number 19 - Ms. Repp was a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigations 1999-2022.
Education Verified

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Canida, Maria Teresa
Appointed: 10/25/2023
Term: 10/25/2023 – 12/12/2026
Prior Term: 09/24/2019 - 12/12/2022
City/County: Coral Gables/Miami-Dade
Office: Investment Advisory Council, Member
Authority: 215.444, F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability–Recommend Confirm-01/29/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: Portfolio Manager at Citgo Capital Group

Attendance: Attended 19 of 20 meetings (95%) from September 24, 2019 through December 20, 2023.

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

Requirements: The membership of the council is nine members, appointed by the Board of Administration.

The members of the council shall be appointed by the board as a resource to the Board of Trustees of the State Board of Administration and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. These individuals shall possess special knowledge, experience, and familiarity with portfolio management, institutional investments, and fiduciary responsibilities.

Additional Requirements: Terms are for four years.

Not required to file financial disclosure form.

Notes: Number 8 - Governor's Nominee
Education Verified

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Goetz, John P.
Appointed: 10/25/2023
Term: 10/25/2023 – 12/12/2026
Prior Term: 9/24/2019 - 12/12/2022
City/County: Windermere/Orange
Office: Investment Advisory Council, Member
Authority: 215.444, F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability–Recommend Confirm-1/29/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: Co-Chief Investment Officer at Pzena Investment Management

Attendance: Attended 20 of 20 meetings (100%) from September 24, 2019 through January 4, 2024.

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

Requirements: The membership of the council is nine members, appointed by the Board of Administration.

The members of the council shall be appointed by the board as a resource to the Board of Trustees of the State Board of Administration and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. These individuals shall possess special knowledge, experience, and familiarity with portfolio management, institutional investments, and fiduciary responsibilities.

Additional Requirements: Terms are for four years.

Not required to file financial disclosure form.

Notes: Number 8 - Governor's Nominee
Education Verified

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Jones, Kenneth
Appointed: 10/25/2023
Term: 10/25/2023 – 12/12/2027
Prior Term: 1/17/2023 - 12/12/2023
City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough
Office: Investment Advisory Council, Member
Authority: 215.444, F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability–Recommend Confirm-1/29/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: Co-Founder & Managing Partner of Third Lake Partners

Attendance: Attended 4 of 4 meetings (100%) from January 17, 2023 through January 4, 2024.

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

Requirements: The membership of the council is nine members, appointed by the Board of Administration.

The members of the council shall be appointed by the board as a resource to the Board of Trustees of the State Board of Administration and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. These individuals shall possess special knowledge, experience, and familiarity with portfolio management, institutional investments, and fiduciary responsibilities.

Additional Requirements: Terms are for four years.

Not required to file financial disclosure form.

Notes: Number 17 - Mr. Jones is serving on the Board of Governors of the State University System, since 2021.

Number 19 - Mr. Jones was a Legislative Aide with the Florida Senate 1994-1995.

Education Verified

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Olmstead, Vinny
Appointed: 05/23/2023
Term: 05/23/2023 – 02/01/2027
Prior Term: 03/12/2019 - 02/01/2023
City/County: Vero Beach/Indian River
Office: Investment Advisory Council, Member
Authority: 215.444, F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability–Recommend Confirm-1/29/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: Manager/Director, VOCAP Investment Partners

Attendance: Attended 23 of 24 meetings (96%) from March 12, 2019 through December 20, 2023.

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

Requirements: The membership of the council is nine members, appointed by the Board of Administration.

The members of the council shall be appointed by the board as a resource to the Board of Trustees of the State Board of Administration and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. These individuals shall possess special knowledge, experience, and familiarity with portfolio management, institutional investments, and fiduciary responsibilities.

Additional Requirements: Terms are for four years.

Not required to file financial disclosure form.

Notes: Number 8 - Attorney General's Nominee
Number 9 - Mr. Olmstead disclosed on his questionnaire that in 1985 he was fined for 'underage drinking' in South Carolina. The FDLE report did not include this charge.
Education Verified

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Rutland, Melissa
Appointed: 07/21/2023
Term: 07/21/2023 – 08/10/2026
Prior Term:
City/County: St. Petersburg/Pinellas
Office: Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Member
Authority: 03-320, L.O.F.
Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: President of Rutland Florida Gulf Group, LLC

Compensation:

Requirements: The eleven-member board consists of:

- The county superintendent of public instruction;
- One judge in the juvenile division of the circuit court;
- The state attorney;
- The public defender;
- One appointed member of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and
- Six members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Additional Requirements: Terms for the six members appointed by the Governor shall be for four years. Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

Notes: Number 11 - Ms. Rutland disclosed she was fined for filing a financiald disclosure late. The Commission did not report this infraction.
Number 18 - Ms. Rutland served on the St. Petersburg Development Review Commission 2015-2023.

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COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Wyant, David A.
Appointed: 09/19/2023
Term: 09/19/2023 – 06/30/2028
Prior Term: 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2022
City/County: Crawfordville/Wakulla
Office: Florida Commission on Offender Review, Member
Authority: 947.01, F.S. & 947.021, F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Criminal Justice–Recommend Confirm-1/30/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: Commissioner, Commission on Offender Review

Attendance Notes: No. Get salary.

Compensation: $95,505.72 per year as of March 29, 2021.

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

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

Additional Requirements: Terms are for six years.

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

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

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 19 - Mr. Wyant served in the Bartow Police Department as Deputy Police Chief, 1/14-12/14; Detective Sergeant, 6/06-1/14; and Detective, 1/96-6/06.
Education Verified

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COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

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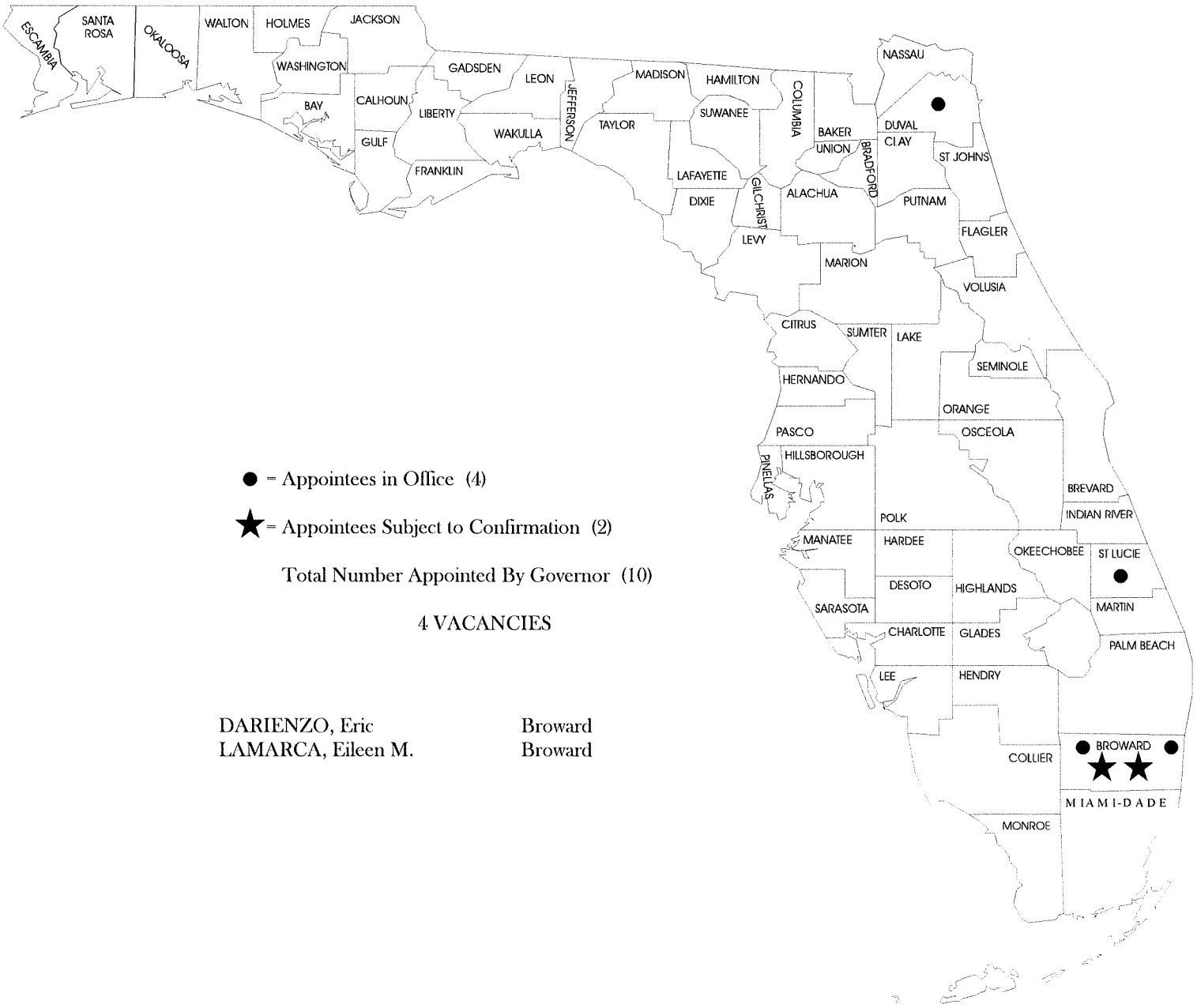
Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Board of Pilot Commissioners



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★ = Appointees Subject to Confirmation (2)

Total Number Appointed By Governor (10)

4 VACANCIES

DARIENZO, Eric	Broward
LAMARCA, Eileen M.	Broward

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: LaMarca, Eileen M.
Appointed: 11/03/2023
Term: 11/03/2023 – 10/31/2026
Prior Term:
City/County: Lighthouse Point/Broward
Office: Board of Pilot Commissioners, Member
Authority: 310.011, F.S. & 20.165(5), 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 1/3/24
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/8/24
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Vice President of The LaMarca Group

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 ten-member board consists of:

- Five licensed state pilots who are actively practicing their profession. The Governor shall appoint:
  - one member from the state at large;
  - one member from any of the following ports: Pensacola, Panama City, or Port St. Joe;
  - one member from any of the following ports: Tampa Bay, Boca Grande, Punta Gorda, Charlotte Harbor or Key West;
  - one member from any of the following ports: Fernandina, Jacksonville, or Port Canaveral; and
  - one member from any of the following ports: Ft. Pierce, Miami, Port Everglades, or Palm Beach.

  members shall be actively involved in a professional or business capacity in the maritime industry, marine shipping industry, or commercial passenger cruise industry; one member shall be a certified public accountant with at least 5 years of experience in financial management; and two members shall be citizens of the state. The latter three board members shall not be involved in, or have any financial interest in, the piloting profession, the maritime industry, the marine shipping industry, or the commercial passenger cruise industry.
- Two members shall be actively involved in a professional or business capacity in the maritime industry, marine shipping industry, or commercial passenger cruise industry;
- One member shall be a certified public accountant with at least 5 years of experience in financial management; and
- Two members shall be citizens of the state.

The latter three board members shall not be involved in, or have any financial interest in, the piloting profession, the maritime industry, the marine shipping industry, or the commercial passenger cruise industry.

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 - Citizen Member

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

Ethics and Elections

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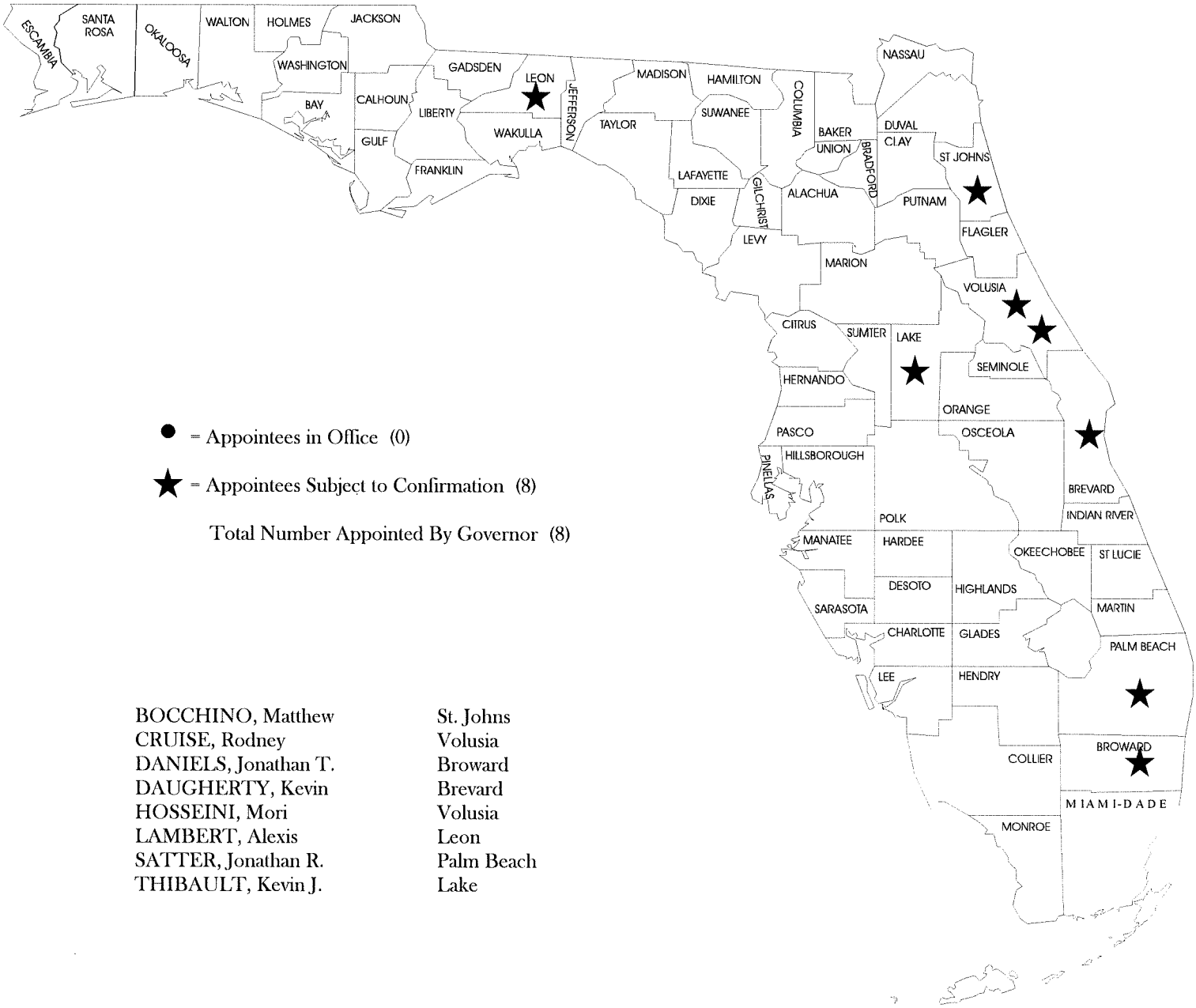
MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Board of Directors, Space Florida



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★ = Appointees Subject to Confirmation (8)

Total Number Appointed By Governor (8)

BOCCHINO, Matthew	St. Johns
CRUISE, Rodney	Volusia
DANIELS, Jonathan T.	Broward
DAUGHERTY, Kevin	Brevard
HOSSEINI, Mori	Volusia
LAMBERT, Alexis	Leon
SATTER, Jonathan R.	Palm Beach
THIBAULT, Kevin J.	Lake

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Bocchino, Matthew
Appointed: 09/28/2023
Term: 09/28/2023 – 09/30/2025
Prior Term:
City/County: St. Augustine/St. Johns
Office: Board of Directors, Space Florida, Member
Authority: 331.3081, 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/27/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		X	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/22/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office	X		See Below
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Director of Cecil Airport & Spaceport

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: Space Florida shall be governed by an independent board of directors that consists of the Governor, who shall serve ex officio, or who may appoint a designee to serve, as the chair and a voting member of the board, and the following appointed members:

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Notes: Number 8 - Jacksonville Aviation Authority
Number 15 - See #16.
Number 16 - Mr. Bocchino disclosed his employer, the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, applies for grant funding from Space Florida and the Florida Department of Transportation for airport and spaceport projects. The Jacksonville Aviation Authority appointment is a ex officio non-voting position.
Number 19 - Mr. Bocchino has worked for the Jacksonville Aviation Authority since 2016 and is currently the Director of Cecil Airport & Spaceport, since 2022. Mr. Bocchino was an Airport Operations Aide for the City of Ft. Lauderdale 2007-2009.

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Cruise, Rodney
Appointed: 09/28/2023
Term: 09/28/2023 – 09/30/2027
Prior Term:
City/County: Enterprise/Volusia
Office: Board of Directors, Space Florida, Member
Authority: 331.3081, 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 8/7/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 11/14/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: SVP and COO of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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Notes: Number 8 - Aerospace Industry/Bond Financing/Aerospace Academia/Aircraft Facilities
Number 9 - Mr. Cruise disclosed in his Senate Questionnaire in 2010 in Gainesville, FL, there was an "incident at a football game, misunderstanding regarding holding a beer, but no further action."
Number 18 - Mr. Cruise served on the Board of Directors, Enterprise Florida, Inc. 2022-2023.

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Daniels, Jonathan T.
Appointed: 09/28/2023
Term: 09/28/2023 – 09/30/2025
Prior Term:
City/County: Oakland Park/Broward
Office: Board of Directors, Space Florida, Member
Authority: 331.3081, 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida		X	
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 11/9/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		X	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 11/16/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: CEO of Port Everglades

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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Notes: Number 15 - Mr. Daniels's disclosed his employer, Port Everglades, is a grant recipient from the Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Protection.
Number 19 - Mr. Daniels is the Chief Executive Officer of Port Everglades.

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Daugherty, Kevin
Appointed: 09/28/2023
Term: 09/28/2023 – 09/30/2026
Prior Term:
City/County: Melbourne/Brevard
Office: Board of Directors, Space Florida, Member
Authority: 331.3081, 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 10/9/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		X	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 11/14/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office	X		See Below
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Director of Airports for the Cocoa Airport Authority

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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Notes: Number 6 - Mr. Daugherty served in the U.S. Marine Corps 1993-1997
Number 8 - Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority
Number 15 - Mr. Daugherty disclosed his prior employer, the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, is a grantee of the Florida Department of Transportation Aviation Grant Funds.
Number 16 - Mr. Daugherty disclosed his employer, Cocoa Airport Authority is a grantee of Space Florida Grant Funds.
Number 19 - Mr. Daugherty is the Director of Airports for the Cocoa Airport Authority, since 2021. Mr. Daugherty was the Airport Manager for the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners 2013-2021.

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Hosseini, Mori
Appointed: 09/28/2023
Term: 09/28/2023 – 09/30/2027
Prior Term:
City/County: Ormond Beach/Volusia
Office: Board of Directors, Space Florida, Member
Authority: 331.3081, 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/19/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 11/16/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	X		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Chairman and CEO of Intervest Construction Industries, LLC

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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Notes: Number 8 - Aerospace Academia
Number 15 - Mr. Hosseini disclosed his company, Intervest Construction Industries, has land development permit applications with the St. Johns River Water Management District.
Number 17 - Mr. Hosseini is serving on the Board of Trustees, University of Florida, since 2021.
Number 18 - Mr. Hosseini served on the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida 2010-2017. Mr. Hosseini served on the Board of Directors, Enterprise Florida, Inc. 2016-2023.

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Lambert, Alexis
Appointed: 09/28/2023
Term: 09/28/2023 – 09/30/2026
Prior Term:
City/County: Tallahassee/Leon
Office: Board of Directors, Space Florida, Member
Authority: 331.3081, 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/29/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 11/20/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office			Not Applicable
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Chief of Staff at the Division of Bond Financing

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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Notes: Number 8 - Bond Financing
Number 19 - Mrs. Lambert was the Chief of Staff for the Department of Health 2015-2018. Mrs. Lambert is the Chief of Staff at the Division of Bond Finance, since 2018.

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Satter, Jonathan R.
Appointed: 09/28/2023
Term: 09/28/2023 – 09/30/2027
Prior Term:
City/County: North Palm Beach/Palm Beach
Office: Board of Directors, Space Florida, Member
Authority: 331.3081, 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)		X	
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/18/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 11/20/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation:

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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Notes: Number 18 - Mr. Satter served on this board in 2022. Mr. Satter Served on the Board of Directors, Enterprise Florida, Inc. in 2019. Mr. Satter served as Secretary of Management Services 2019-2011. Mr. Satter served on the Task Force Efficient Government in 2019. Mr. Satter served on the Blockchain Task Force in 2019. Mr. Satter served as a Commissioner on the Health Care District of Palm Beach County 2005-2010.

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Thibault, Kevin J.
Appointed: 09/28/2023
Term: 09/28/2023 – 09/30/2027
Prior Term:
City/County: Groveland/Lake
Office: Board of Directors, Space Florida, Member
Authority: 331.3081, 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/3/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 11/15/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Chief Executive Officer at the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 8 - Aircraft Facilities
Number 18 - Mr. Thibault served as Secretary of Transportation 2019-2022,
Number 19 - Mr. Thibault has worked for the Florida Department of Transportation from 1995 to 2002, holding several positions including the Executive Director, Assistant Secretary, and Director of Production.

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Smith, Patricia "P.J."
Appointed: 12/15/2023
Term: 03/02/2024 – 03/01/2027
Prior Term: 08/04/2023 - 03/01/2024
City/County: Naples/Collier
Office: Big Cypress Basin Board of the South Florida Water Management District, Member
Authority: 373.0693(9), 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 8/12/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 10/10/23
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Real Estate Broker & Owner of Patricia Jean Smith, LLC

Compensation: Reimbursed for actual travel expenses, subsistence, lodging and other expenses, while on official business, pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: The Governor shall appoint not fewer than five persons residing in:
- Collier County; and
- mainland Monroe County.

Basin boards shall consist of not less than three members, but shall include one representative from each of the counties included in the basin.

Additional Requirements: Terms are for three years.

Not required to file a financial disclosure.

Notes: Number 18 - Ms. Smith served on the Design Review Board for the City of Naples in 2019.

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

Ethics and Elections

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Chair of the Board of Directors, Space Florida

● = Appointees in Office (0)

★ = Appointees Subject to Confirmation (1)

Total Number Appointed By Governor (1)

NUNEZ, Jeanette M. (Chair) Miami-Dade

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Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Nunez, Jeanette M. Appointed: 09/28/2023
Term: 09/28/2023 – 09/30/2027 Prior Term:
City/County: Miami-Dade/Miami-Dade
Office: Chair of the Board of Directors, Space Florida, Member
Authority: s. 331.3081, 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)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 6 filed as of 6/30/23
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/23/24; See Below
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	X		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

Occupation: Lieutenant Governor of Florida

Compensation: Reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: Space Florida shall be governed by an independent board of directors that consists of the Governor, who shall serve ex officio, or who may appoint a designee to serve, as the chair and a voting member of the board, and the following appointed members:

The Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee.

Five members appointed by the Governor who must each reflect the state's interests in the aerospace sector and represent the intent, duties, and purpose of Space Florida, or have at least 5 years of experience in at least one of the following areas:
•The aerospace industry. Such member may not be currently employed by an entity that is under contract with Space Florida.
•Bond financing.
•Academic experience in aerospace, aviation, or a relevant science.
An aircraft facilities manager, a fixed-based operator, or a commercial airport operator.

A representative of each of the following entities, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the board, appointed by the Governor:
•The Jacksonville Aviation Authority.
•The Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority.
An employee or official of a port district or port authority as defined in s. 315.02(2).

Additional Requirements: Terms are for four years except that the initial terms shall be staggered. The Governor shall appoint two members for a 1-year term, four members for 2-year terms, and six members for 4-year terms.

The appointees of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve at the pleasure of their presiding officers.

Terms end on June 30 of the year of the end of the term.

Absence from three consecutive meetings without good cause shall result in automatic removal by the Governor.

Notes: Number 11 - The Commission on Ethic reported Complaint No. 12-106 filed in 2012 during which time Lt. Governor Nunez was serving in the Florida Legislature, House of Representatives. The complaint was dismissed due to a finding of no probable cause to believe the respondant violated s. 112.313(6), F.S..
Number 17 - Ms. Nunez is the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Florida, since 2018.
Number 18 - Lieutenant Governor Nunez served as a State Representative in the Florida House of Representatives 2010-2018.
Number 19 - Lieutenant Governor Nunez was a legislative Assistant for the legislature 1995-2004.

The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING PACKET TAB

Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Abbot, Dorian Schuyler
Appointed: 10/24/2023
Term: 10/24/2023 – 06/30/2025
Prior Term:
City/County: Chicago/Non-Florida
Office: Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Education Postsecondary-Recommend Confirm-01/22/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: Associate Professor at the University of Chicago

Compensation: Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.
- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

Additional Requirements: No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 8 - Governor's Appointment
Number 9 - Mr. Abbot disclosed in his Senate Questionnaire that in 2003 while in New Orleans, Louisiana, he was convicted of 'Lewd Conduct' for urinating in public.
Education Verified

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Hagen, Patrick
Appointed: 10/24/2023
Term: 10/24/2023 – 06/30/2028
Prior Term:
City/County: Tallahassee/Leon
Office: Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Education Postsecondary-Recommend Confirm-01/22/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: Senior Associate at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP

Compensation: Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.
- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

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Additional Requirements: No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 8 - Governor's Appointment
Number 10 - Report No. 2024-047
Education Verified

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Otto, Clifford K.
Appointed: 10/24/2023
Term: 10/24/2023 – 06/30/2024
Prior Term: 03/24/2016 - 06/30/2019
City/County: Lakeland/Polk
Office: Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Education Postsecondary-Recommend Confirm-01/22/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: Retired

Attendance: Attended 79 of 82 meetings (96%) from March 24, 2016 through November 30, 2023.

Compensation: Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.
- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

Additional Requirements: No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 8 - Governor's Appointment
Education Verified

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Shapiro, Ilya
Appointed: 10/24/2023
Term: 10/24/2023 – 06/30/2025
Prior Term:
City/County: Falls Church/Non-Florida
Office: Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Education Postsecondary-Recommend Confirm-01/22/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: Director of Constitutional Studies at the Manhattan Institute.

Compensation: Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.
- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

Additional Requirements: No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 10 - Report No. 2024-007
Education Verified

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Theis, Sidney Wayne
Appointed: 10/24/2023
Term: 10/24/2023 – 06/30/2027
Prior Term:
City/County: Bryan/Non-Florida
Office: Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University, Member
Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.
Reference(s): Committee on Education Postsecondary-Recommend Confirm-01/22/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation: CEO & Owner of RDRTec Inc. (Radar Defense Contractor)

Compensation: Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

Requirements: Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.
- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

Additional Requirements: No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 6 - Mr. Theis served in the US Air Force 1974-1977 and the US Air Force Reserves 1979-1996.
Number 10 - Report No. 2023-007
Education Verified

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Ethics and Elections

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Kelly, James Alexander
Appointed: 05/31/2023
Term: 06/12/2023 – Pleasure of Governor
Prior Term:
City/County: Tallahassee/Leon
Office: Secretary of Commerce, Secretary
Authority: 20.60 (2)
Reference(s): Committee on Commerce and Tourism-Recommend Confirm-01/23/2024
Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

Occupation:

Compensation: $177,038.40 annual salary as of January 25, 2024.

Requirements: The head of the department is the Secretary of Commerce, who shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Additional Requirements: The secretary shall serve at the pleasure of and report to the Governor and shall serve as the Governor's chief negotiator for business recruitment and expansion and economic development.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Notes: Number 19 - Mr. Kelly was acting Chief of Staff for Governor DeSantis 2023-2024. Mr. Kelly was Chief of Staff for the Department of Education 2019-2021 and the Department of Juvenile Justice 2012-2013. Mr Kelly was the Staff Director of the Redistricting Committee for the Florida House of Representatives 2010-2012. Mr. Kelly was the Chief Analyst for the Select Policy Council for Strategic and Economic Planning 2009-2010. Mr. Kelly was the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Corrections 2007-208 and the Department of Elder Affairs 2005-2007. Mr. Kelly worked as a Legislative Analyst for the Majority Office in the Florida House of Representatives 2004-2005. Mr. Kelly was a Legislative Aide for Senator Anna Cowin 2002-2004. Mr. Kelly was a Legislative Aide for Representative Arron Bean 2000-2002.
Number 20 - Registered Legislative Lobbyist
Education Verified

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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 Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

BILL:	SB 562
INTRODUCER:	Senators Rouson and Davis
SUBJECT:	Harassment of Election Workers
DATE:	February 1, 2024 REVISED:

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Biehl	Roberts	EE	**Pre-meeting**
2.			CJ	
3.			RC	

I. Summary:

SB 562 makes it a third-degree felony to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or harass, or to attempt to intimidate, threaten, or harass, an election worker with the intent to impede or interfere with the performance of the election worker's official duties or with the intent to retaliate against the election worker for the performance of his or her official duties.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.

II. Present Situation:

Threats against and Harassment of Election Workers

Conducting an election requires the assistance of numerous election workers. Election workers may include:

- Election officials, such as supervisors of elections and their regular employees;
- Poll workers, who are short-term employees of supervisors of elections who staff voting sites, assist voters, and work in the elections office; and
- County canvassing board members,[1] who among other duties must publicly canvass vote-by-mail ballots[2] and provisional ballots[3].[4]

[1] A county canvassing board is composed of the supervisor of elections, a county court judge, and the chair of the board of county commissioners (s. 102.141(1), F.S.).

[2] Current law allows any voter to request a vote-by-mail ballot and to return such ballot via mail or by physical return to an authorized location (ss. 101.62(1)(a) and 101.69(2)(a), F.S.).

[3] At all elections, a voter claiming to be properly registered in the state and eligible to vote at the precinct in the election but whose eligibility cannot be determined, a person whom an election official asserts is not eligible, and other persons as specified are entitled to vote a provisional ballot. A person casting a provisional ballot has the right to present written evidence supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the supervisor of elections up until 5 p.m. on the second day following the election. Section 101.048(1), F.S.

[4] Section 102.141(2)(a), F.S.

In recent elections, there have been reports nationally of increased threats to and harassment of election workers.[5]

Prohibitions against Threats and Harassment

Current law prohibits various forms of threats and harassment, but does not specifically address threats to or harassment of an election worker in the performance of his or her duties. Existing prohibitions are discussed in more detail below.

Voter Intimidation or Suppression

Current law[6] makes it a third-degree felony[7] to:

- Directly or indirectly use or threaten to use force, violence, or intimidation or any tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel an individual to refrain from acting as a legally authorized election official or poll watcher.[8]
- Knowingly use false information to induce or attempt to induce an individual to refrain from acting as a legally authorized election official or poll watcher.[9]

Threats against a Public Servant

It is unlawful to harm or threaten to harm any public servant,[10] his or her immediate family, or any other person with whose welfare the public servant is interested, with the intent to:

- Influence the performance of any act or omission that the person believes to be, or that the public servant represents as being, within the official discretion of the public servant, in violation of a public duty, or in performance of a public duty.
- Cause or induce the public servant to use or exert any influence on another public servant regarding any act or omission that the person believes to be, or that the public servant represents as being, within the official discretion of the public servant, in violation of a public duty, or in performance of a public duty.[11]

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[5] National Conference of State Legislatures, *As 2024 Campaigns Begin, States Confront Threats to Election Workers*, available at https://www.ncsl.org/state-legislatures-news/details/as-2024-campaigns-begin-states-confront-threats-to-election-workers (last visited February 1, 2024).
[6] Section 104.0615(5), F.S.
[7] A third-degree felony is punishable by up to five years' imprisonment and a $5,000 fine (ss. 775.082, 775.083, or 775.084, F.S.).
[8] Section 104.0615(2)(d), F.S.
[9] Section 104.0615(3)(c), F.S. A poll watcher is a person designated by a political party or candidate pursuant to statutory requirements to observe an election in a polling room or early voting area (s. 101.131(1), F.S.).
[10] Section 838.014(7), F.S., defines a "public servant" as: 1) any officer or employee of a governmental entity, including any executive, legislative, or judicial branch officer or employee; 2) any person, except a witness, who acts as a general or special magistrate, receiver, auditor, arbitrator, umpire, referee, consultant, or hearing officer while performing a governmental function; or 3) a candidate for election or appointment to any of the officer positions listed in this subsection, or an individual who has been elected to, but has yet to officially assume the responsibilities of, public office.
[11] Section 838.021(1), F.S.

A person commits a second-degree felony[12] if he or she unlawfully harms a public servant or any person with whose welfare the public servant is interested and a third-degree felony if he or she threatens to unlawfully harm such a person.[13]

Stalking

It is a first-degree misdemeanor to willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follow, harass, or cyberstalk another person.[14] The severity of the offense is increased to a third-degree felony if the offender also makes a credible threat to the person.[15]

"Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person which causes substantial emotional distress to that person and serves no legitimate purpose.[16]

"Cyberstalk" means:

- To engage in a course of conduct to communicate, or to cause to be communicated, directly or indirectly, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic communication, directed at or pertaining to a specific person; or
- To access, or attempt to access, the online accounts or Internet-connected home electronic systems of another person without that person's permission.[17]

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 526 defines "election worker" to mean a member of a county canvassing board or an individual who is an election official or poll worker in connection with an election conducted in this state.

The bill makes it a third-degree felony to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or harass, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or harass, an election worker with the intent to:

- Impede or interfere with the performance of the election worker's official duties; or
- To retaliate against the election worker for the performance of his or her official duties.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditures of funds, reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenues in the aggregate, or reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities. In addition, bills that affect

[12] A second-degree felony is punishable by a term of imprisonment not exceeding 15 years and a $10,000 fine (ss. 775.082, 775.083, or 775.084, F.S.).
[13] Section 838.021(3)(a-b), F.S.
[14] Section 784.048(2), F.S.
[15] Section 784.048(3), F.S.
[16] Section 784.048(1)(a), F.S.
[17] Section 784.048(1)(d), F.S.

state or local elections are exempt from the requirements of Art. VII, s. 18 of the Florida Constitution.

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 may have a positive indeterminate impact on jail beds by creating a new misdemeanor offense for the harassment of election workers, which may result in more jail admissions.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates section 104.47, 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.

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

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Rouson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 104.0614, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

104.0614 Harassment of election workers.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term "election worker" means a member of a county canvassing board or an individual who is an election official or poll worker in

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11 connection with an election conducted in this state.
12 (2) A person may not intimidate, threaten, coerce, or
13 harass an election worker with the intent to impede or interfere
14 with the performance of the election worker's official duties or
15 with the intent to retaliate against the election worker for
16 performing his or her official duties.
17 (3) A person who violates this section commits a
18 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
19 775.082 or s. 775.083.
20 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.
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22 ========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ==========
23 And the title is amended as follows:
24 Delete everything before the enacting clause
25 and insert:
26 A bill to be entitled
27 An act relating to harassment of election workers;
28 creating s. 104.0614, F.S.; defining the term
29 "election worker"; prohibiting a person from
30 intimidating, threatening, coercing, or harassing an
31 election worker with specified intent; providing
32 criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

By Senator Rouson

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to harassment of election workers; creating s. 104.47, F.S.; defining the term "election worker"; prohibiting a person from intimidating, threatening, coercing, harassing, or attempting to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or harass an election worker with specified intent; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 104.47, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

104.47 Harassment of election workers.—

(1) For the purposes of this section, the term "election worker" means a member of a county canvassing board or an individual who is an election official or poll worker in connection with an election conducted in this state.

(2) A person may not intimidate, threaten, coerce, or harass, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or harass, an election worker with the intent to impede or interfere with the performance of the election worker's official duties or with the intent to retaliate against the election worker for the performance of his or her official duties.

(3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

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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 Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

BILL: CS/SB 734

INTRODUCER: Committee on Community Affairs and Senator Ingoglia

SUBJECT: Government Accountability

DATE: January 31, 2024 REVISED: _____ _____ _____ _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Hackett	Ryon	CA	**Fav/CS**
2.	Cleary	Roberts	EE	**Pre-Meeting**
3.			RC	

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 734 makes various changes related to ethics regulations for local governments. Specifically, the bill:

- Prohibits certain state and local officials from soliciting or accepting anything of value from a foreign country of concern;
- Establishes requirements for lobbyist registration for individuals lobbying local governments; and
- Provides that certain local government employee contracts shall not be renewed, extended, or renegotiated within 8 months of a general election for members of the applicable governing body.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.

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.[1] The

[1] Florida Commission on Ethics, *Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees*, p. 1, available at https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310 (last visited January 31, 2024); *see also* s. 112.320, F.S.

Florida Constitution and state law designate the Commission as the independent commission provided for in s. 8(g), Art. II of the Florida Constitution.[2] 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.[3] In addition to constitutional duties, the Commission, in part:

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

Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees

The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees (Code of Ethics)[9] establishes ethical standards for public officials and is intended to ensure that public officials conduct themselves independently and impartially, not using their office for private gain other than compensation provided by law.[10] 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.[11]

Gifts and Contracts

Public officers, state agency employees, local government attorneys, and candidates for office are prohibited from soliciting or accepting anything of value, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon the understanding that their vote, official action, or judgment would be influenced.[12] A state agency, political subdivision, or public school authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy ad valorem taxes may not participate in any agreement with or accept any grant from a foreign country of concern, or any entity controlled by a foreign country of concern which:

- Constrains the freedom of contract of such public entity;
- Allows the curriculum or values of a program in the state to be directed or controlled by the foreign country of concern; or

[2] Section (8)(j)(3), art. II, Fla. Const.; s. 112.320, F.S.
[3] Section (8)(g), art. II., Fla. Const.
[4] Section 112.322(3)(a), F.S.
[5] Section 112.322(2)(b), F.S.
[6] Sections 112.3215 and 112.32155, F.S.
[7] Section 112.3144, F.S.
[8] Sections 112.3144, 112.3145, and 112.31455, F.S.
[9] *See* pt. III. Ch. 112, F.S.
[10] Florida Commission on Ethics, *Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees*, p. 1, available at https://ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Publications/GuideBookletInternet.pdf?cp=2023310 (last visited January 31, 2024)
[11] *See* pt. III. 112, F.S.
[12] Section 112.313(2), F.S.

- Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or its residents.[13]

A "foreign country of concern" is defined as the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under significant control of those nations.[14]

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.[15] Legislative branch lobbying is regulated primarily by Joint Rule of the House and Senate and administered by the Office of Legislative Services.[16] Both registration systems require lobbyists to register annually for each principal represented and to indicate the entities to be lobbied.[17] In addition, lobbying firms must file quarterly compensation reports.[18] Both the Commission and the Legislature have instituted electronic registration and compensation reporting.[19] Executive branch lobbyists, however, must supply a written oath to complete each registration as well as a signed statement of authority from the principal.[20]

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.[21] 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.[22]

The executive branch lobbyist registration law provides specific procedures for its enforcement.[23] 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.[24] A person accused of violating the lobbyist registration law may request a hearing within 14 days of the mailing of the probable cause notification.[25]

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[13] Section 288.860(2), F.S.
[14] Section 288.860(1)(a), F.S.
[15] Section 112.3215, F.S.
[16] Section 11.045, F.S. and Joint Rule 1.
[17] Section 112.3215(3), F.S.; Joint Rule 1.2.
[18] Section 112.3215(5)(a)1., F.S.; Joint Rule 1.4.
[19] Section 112.32155, F.S.; Joint Rule 1.1(2)(f)
[20] Section 112.3215(3), F.S.
[21] Section 112.3215(1)(h)(2), F.S.
[22] Section 112.3215(8)(c), F.S.
[23] Section 112.3215(8)-(9), F.S.
[24] Section 112.3215(9)-(10), F.S.
[25] Section 112.3215(9), F.S.

Local Government Employees

Local governments have broad authority to contract with or employ personnel for the wide variety of tasks they accomplish. This authority is limited only narrowly by statute, which generally forbids the payment of extra compensation and sets limits on severance pay for all employees of a governmental unit.[26] Severance pay may not exceed 20 weeks' compensation, and must not be granted when the employee has been fired for misconduct.[27]

County Administrator

Counties are required to employ a county administrator, who acts as the administrative head of the county and is responsible for the administration of all departments of the county government.[28] The county administrator is appointed by a majority of the board of county commissioners and must reside within the county during his or her tenure.[29] The board of county commissioners fixes the county administrator's compensation.[30]

School Superintendents

A school superintendent, the administrative head of a district school board, may be either appointed by the district school board or elected for four-year terms.[31] A district school board must enter into an employment contract with an appointed district school superintendent which provides a reasonable salary not exceeding $225,000 in total remuneration.[32] These contracts are subject to the provisions of law limiting bonuses and severance pay.[33] An elected superintendent is not an employee, and he or she receives a statutory salary similarly to other elected officials.[34]

Local Government Attorneys and Municipal Chief Executive Officers

While local governments are not required by law to employ an attorney, and municipalities are not required to employ a chief executive officer,[35] the practice of hiring such personnel is common, such that these roles are referred to by various statutes.[36] These roles may be full time employees, fulfilled through contract work as needed, or divided into several smaller roles, as needed by the local government.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 amends s. 112.313, F.S., to prohibit public officers, state agency employees, local government attorneys, or candidates for office from soliciting or accepting anything of value,

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[26] Section 215.425, F.S.
[27] Section 215.425(4), F.S.
[28] Section 125.73(1), F.S.
[29] Section 125.73(2), F.S.
[30] Section 125.73(3), F.S.
[31] Article IX, s. 5, FLA. CONST. Districts may decide which system to use, changing from one to the other by referendum.
[32] Sections 1001.50(3) and (5), F.S.
[33] Section 1001.50(2), F.S.
[34] Section 1001.47, F.S.
[35] Often referred to as a city or town manager.
[36] *See, e.g.*, ss. 193.116 (referring to "the chief executive officer of each municipality"), 194.035 (referring to a school board attorney), and 409.2554 (referring to county and city attorneys), F.S.

including gifts, loans, rewards, promises of future employment, favors, or services from a foreign country of concern.

Section 2 creates s. 112.3262, F.S., to establish requirements for lobbying before counties, municipalities, and special districts. These requirements largely mirror provisions of current law regulating lobbying the executive branch.

The bill provides that a person may not lobby a county, municipality, or special district unless he or she is registered as a lobbyist with that entity. Such registration must be completed upon the person's initial retention as a lobbyist, may be renewed annually thereafter, and may be filed on a local government's form. The local government may utilize an existing legislative or executive branch lobbyist registration form, and may charge an annual registration fee not exceeding $40.

Upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging that an individual has either failed to register or knowingly submitted false information in a report or registration, a local government's commission on ethics, or the Florida Commission on Ethics if the local government does not maintain such a commission, must investigate the allegations and provide findings and recommendations for the local government to act upon.

Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 amend ss. 125.73, 125.75, 166.021, 1001.50, and 1012.366, F.S., to provide that certain local government employee contracts shall not be renewed, extended, or renegotiated within 8 months of a general election for members of the applicable governing body, except upon unanimous vote of the governing body. The bill applies this provision to:

- County administrators;
- County attorneys;
- Municipal chief executive officers;
- Municipal attorneys;
- School superintendents; and
- School board district attorneys.

The remainder of the bill revises cross-references and incorporates the amendments made by the bill.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

The county and municipality mandate provisions of Article VII, section 18 of the Florida Constitution may apply because the bill requires local governments to implement lobbyist registration systems, which may require expenditures. Article VII, section 18(a) of the Florida Constitution provides in part that a county or municipality may not be bound by a general law requiring a county or municipality to spend funds or take an action that requires the expenditure of funds unless certain specified exemptions or exceptions are met. None of the constitutional exceptions appear to apply.

Article VII, section 18(d) provides eight exemptions, which, if any single one is met, exempts the law from the limitations on mandates. Laws having an "insignificant fiscal impact" are exempt from the mandate requirements, which for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is forecast at approximately $2.3 million.[37,38] However, any local government costs associated with the bill are speculative and not readily estimable for purposes of determining whether the exemption for bills having an insignificant fiscal impact applies.

If the bill does qualify as a mandate, in order to be binding upon cities and counties, the bill must contain a finding of important state interest and be approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Individuals seeking to lobby local governments may be subject to a registration fee not exceeding $40.

C. Government Sector Impacts:

The state commission on ethics, local commission on ethics (if applicable), and local governments may incur costs associated with the implementation of lobbyist registration.

[37] Article VII, s. 18(d)., FLA. CONST.
[38] An insignificant fiscal impact is the amount not greater than the average statewide population for the applicable fiscal year times $0.10. *See* Florida Senate Committee on Community Affairs, *Interim Report 2012-115: Insignificant Impact*, (Sept. 2011), *available at* http://www.flsenate.gov/PublishedContent/Session/2012/InterimReports/2012-115ca.pdf (last visited Jan. 24, 2024).

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

The Commission on Ethics has raised a variety of concerns regarding implementation of the lobbyist registration as provided by the bill, including technology systems costs, personnel requirements, and logistical complications of receiving jurisdiction over local registration laws and complaints.[39] Their analysis regards the bill as filed, before amendments. The amendment's removal of the electronic component addressed many of the implementation challenges identified by the Commission.

The bill allows local government to use the legislative or executive branch registration in lieu of their own form. Currently, registration is only electronic for legislative lobbying. But executive branch lobbying registration does not mandate electronic registration. The Commission on Ethics, has a paper form available on its website, but it is rarely used in executive branch registration and is specific in its application to executive branch agencies.[40]

The bill language provides that the Commission can accept complaints and process them in accordance with s. 112.324., F.S. It states that the Commission is to provide the municipality, county, or special district with a report of its findings and recommendations. The Commission has raised concerns that it believes there are not any statutes relating to penalty recommendations pertaining to local lobbyists in s. 112.317., F.S.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 112.313, 112.32155, 125.73, 125.75, 166.021, 166.041, 1001.50, and 112.061.

This bill creates the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 112.3262 and 1012.336.

This bill reenacts the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 28.35, 112.3136, 112.3251, 288.012, 288.8014, 288.9604, 295.21, 406.06, 447.509, 627.311, 1002.33, 1002.333, and 1002.83.

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 Community Affairs on January 29, 2024:
The committee substitute revises provisions related to local lobbying registration to remove the requirement that local governments utilize the executive branch electronic

[39] *See* Florida Commission on Ethics, *Agency Bill Analysis Request, SB 734*, Jan. 25, 2023, on file with the Florida Senate Community Affairs Committee.
[40] The paper form for executive branch lobbying is found at: https://www.ethics.state.fl.us/Documents/Forms/EBLR_Form20.pdf?cp=202421

infrastructure for registrations, instead permitting the use of forms already in place for executive or legislative lobbying. The amendment also removes provisions of the bill permitting members of governing boards of municipalities to be "present" at official meetings without physical presence.

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

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 131 - 216
and insert:
with the commission to lobby a county, municipality, or special district. The commission shall note in a public database that such person is registered to lobby a county, municipality, or special district. Such registration is due upon the person's initial retention as a lobbyist and is renewable on a calendar-year basis thereafter. Such person shall, at the time of

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11 registration, provide a statement signed by the principal or
12 principal's representative stating that the registrant is
13 authorized to represent the principal. The statement must also
14 identify and designate the principal's main business and
15 authorize the registrant pursuant to a classification system
16 approved by the commission. Any changes in the information
17 provided pursuant to this subsection must be disclosed within 15
18 days after the change occurs by the lobbyist filing a new
19 registration form. The lobbyist shall disclose under oath on a
20 lobbyist registration form used by the commission all of the
21 following information:
22 (a) The lobbyist's name and business address.
23 (b) The name and business address of each principal
24 represented.
25 (c) The existence of any direct or indirect business
26 association, partnership, or financial relationship the lobbyist
27 has with any officer or employee of the county, municipality, or
28 special district that he or she lobbies or intends to lobby.
29 (3) The commission shall make the registrations of
30 lobbyists who register to lobby a county, municipality, or
31 special district available to the public on its website.
32 (4) A lobbyist shall promptly send a written statement to
33 the commission canceling the registration for a principal upon
34 termination of the lobbyist's representation of that principal.
35 The commission may remove the name of a lobbyist from the list
36 of registered lobbyists for counties, municipalities, and
37 special districts if the principal notifies the state that a
38 person is no longer authorized to represent that principal
39 before such entity.

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40 (5) A county, municipality, or special district shall be
41 diligent in determining whether persons required to register
42 with the commission pursuant to this section have complied. A
43 county, municipality, or special district may not knowingly
44 authorize a person who is not registered pursuant to this
45 section to lobby the county, municipality, or special district.
46 (6) Upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging that a
47 lobbyist or principal has failed to register with the commission
48 to lobby a county, municipality, or special district or has
49 knowingly submitted false information in a report or
50 registration required under this section, the commission shall
51 investigate the lobbyist or principal pursuant to the procedures
52 established under s. 112.324. The commission shall provide the
53 chief executive officer of the county or municipality or the
54 governing body of the special district with a report of its
55 findings and recommendations arising out of any investigation
56 conducted under this subsection. The chief executive officer of
57 the county or municipality or the governing body of the special
58 district may enforce the commission's findings and
59 recommendations.
60 (7) This section preempts and supersedes any ordinance or
61 charter provision establishing a lobbyist registration program
62 adopted before July 1, 2024.
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64 ========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ==========
65 And the title is amended as follows:
66 Delete lines 10 - 35
67 and insert:
68 registered as a lobbyist with the Commission on

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69 Ethics; establishing registration requirements;
70 requiring that lobbyist registrations be made
71 available to the public on its website; establishing
72 procedures for canceling a lobbyist’s registration;
73 requiring counties, municipalities, or special
74 districts to be diligent in determining whether
75 certain persons have registered with the commission;
76 prohibiting counties, municipalities, or special
77 districts from authorizing nonregistered persons to
78 lobby specified entities; requiring the commission to
79 investigate a lobbyist or principal upon receipt of a
80 sworn complaint containing certain allegations;
81 requiring the commission to provide the chief
82 executive officer of the county or municipality or the
83 governing body of the special district with a report
84 on the findings and recommendations arising out of the
85 investigation; authorizing the chief executive officer
86 of the county or municipality or the governing body of
87 the special district to enforce the findings and
88 recommendations; providing that specified provisions
89 preempt and supersede specified ordinances or charter
90 provisions adopted before a specified date; amending
91 s. 125.73, F.S.; prohibiting

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Ingoglia

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to government accountability; amending s. 112.313, F.S.; defining the term "foreign country of concern"; prohibiting specified individuals from soliciting or accepting anything of value from a foreign country of concern; making technical changes; creating s. 112.3262, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person from lobbying a county, municipality, or special district unless he or she is registered as a lobbyist; establishing registration requirements; requiring that lobbyist registrations be made available to the public; establishing procedures for canceling of a lobbyist's registration; authorizing a county, municipality, or special district to establish a lobbyist registration fee; requiring a county, municipality, or special district to monitor compliance with lobbyist registration requirements; requiring a Commission on Ethics and Public Trust established by a county or municipality or the Commission on Ethics, as applicable, to investigate a lobbyist or principal upon receipt of a sworn complaint containing certain allegations; requiring a Commission on Ethics and Public Trust or the Commission on Ethics, as applicable, to provide the chief executive officer of the county or municipality or the governing body of the special district with a report on the findings and recommendations arising out of the investigation; authorizing the chief executive officer of the county

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or municipality or the governing body of the special district to enforce the findings and recommendations; authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances, and special districts to adopt rules, governing lobbyist registration and fees; providing construction; amending s. 125.73, F.S.; prohibiting the governing body of a county from renewing or extending the employment contract of a county administrator during a specified timeframe; providing an exception; creating s. 125.75, F.S.; prohibiting the governing body of a county from renewing or extending the employment contract of the county attorney during a specified timeframe; providing an exception; amending s. 166.021, F.S.; prohibiting the governing body of a municipality from renewing or extending the employment contract of a chief executive officer of the municipality or the city attorney during a specified timeframe; providing exceptions; amending s. 1001.50, F.S.; prohibiting a district school board from renewing or extending the employment contract of a district school superintendent during a specified timeframe; providing an exception; creating s. 1012.336, F.S.; prohibiting a district school board from renewing or extending the employment contract of the general counsel of the district school board during a specified timeframe; providing an exception; amending s. 112.061, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting ss. 28.35(1)(b), 112.3136(1), 112.3251, 288.012(6)(d), 288.8014(4), 288.9604(3)(a),

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295.21(4)(d), 406.06(5), 447.509(1)(d), 627.311(5)(m), 1002.33(26)(a), 1002.333(6)(f), and 1002.83(9), F.S., relating to members of the executive council of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation, standards of conduct for officers and employees of entities serving as chief administrative officers of political subdivisions, the ethics code and standards of conduct for citizen support and direct-support organizations, senior managers and members of the board of directors of the direct-support organization of State of Florida international offices, standards of conduct for members of the board of directors of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., directors of the Florida Development Finance Corporation, standards of conduct for the board of directors of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., standards of conduct for district and associate medical examiners, prohibited actions of employee organizations, their members, agents, representatives, or persons acting on their behalf, standards of conduct for senior managers, officers, and members of the board of governors of the Office of Insurance Regulation, standards of conduct and financial disclosure for members of a governing board of a charter school, those operating schools of hope, and standards of conduct for members of an early learning coalition, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 112.313, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 112.313, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(1) DEFINITIONS ~~DEFINITION~~.—As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

(a) "Foreign country of concern" has the same meaning as in s. 286.101.

(b) "Public officer" includes any person elected or appointed to hold office in any agency, including any person serving on an advisory body.

(2) SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—

(a) A ~~No~~ public officer, an employee of an agency, a local government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election may not ~~shall~~ solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the public officer, employee, local government attorney, or candidate would be influenced thereby.

(b) A public officer, an employee of an agency, a local government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election may not solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, from a foreign country of concern.

Section 2. Section 112.3262, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

117 112.3262 Lobbying before special districts, counties, and
118 municipalities; registration and reporting.—
119 (1) As used in this section, the term:
120 (a) "Lobby" or "lobbies" means to seek, on behalf of
121 another person or group, to influence a county, municipality, or
122 special district with respect to a decision of that entity in an
123 area of policy or procurement or in an attempt to obtain the
124 goodwill of an official or employee of such entity. The term
125 must be interpreted and applied consistently with the rules of
126 the commission implementing s. 112.3215.
127 (b) "Lobbyist" has the same meaning as in s. 112.3215(1).
128 (c) "Principal" has the same meaning as in s. 112.3215(1).
129 (2) A person may not lobby a county, municipality, or
130 special district unless he or she is registered as a lobbyist
131 with such entity. Such registration is due upon the person's
132 initial retention as a lobbyist and is renewable on a calendar-
133 year basis thereafter. Such person shall, at the time of
134 registration, provide a statement signed by the principal or
135 principal's representative stating that the registrant is
136 authorized to represent the principal. The statement must also
137 identify and designate the principal's main business and
138 authorize the registrant pursuant to a classification system
139 approved by the county, municipality, or special district, as
140 applicable. Any changes in the information provided pursuant to
141 this subsection must be disclosed within 15 days after the
142 change occurs by filing a new registration form. The
143 registration form must require each lobbyist to disclose, under
144 oath, all of the following information:
145 (a) The lobbyist's name and business address.

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146 (b) The name and business address of each principal
147 represented.
148 (c) The existence of any direct or indirect business
149 association, partnership, or financial relationship the lobbyist
150 has with any officer or employee of the county, municipality, or
151 special district that he or she lobbies or intends to lobby.
152 (3) In lieu of creating its own lobbyist registration form,
153 a county, municipality, or special district may accept a
154 completed legislative branch or executive branch lobbyist
155 registration form.
156 (4) A county, municipality, or special district shall make
157 lobbyist registrations available to the public. If a county,
158 municipality, or special district maintains a website, the
159 website must make available a database of currently registered
160 lobbyists and principals.
161 (5) A lobbyist shall promptly send a written statement to
162 the county, municipality, or special district, as applicable,
163 canceling the registration for a principal upon termination of
164 the lobbyist's representation of that principal. A county,
165 municipality, or special district may remove the name of a
166 lobbyist from the list of registered lobbyists if the principal
167 notifies the county, municipality, or district that a person is
168 no longer authorized to represent that principal.
169 (6) A county, municipality, or special district may
170 establish an annual lobbyist registration fee, not to exceed
171 $40, for each principal represented. The county, municipality,
172 or special district may use registration fees only to administer
173 this section.
174 (7) A county, municipality, or special district must be

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175 diligent in ascertaining whether persons required to register
176 pursuant to this section have complied. A county, municipality,
177 or special district may not knowingly authorize a person who is
178 not registered pursuant to this section to lobby the county,
179 municipality, or special district.
180 (8)(a) Upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging that a
181 lobbyist or principal has failed to register with a county or
182 municipality or has knowingly submitted false information in a
183 report or registration required under this section, a Commission
184 on Ethics and Public Trust established by the county or
185 municipality or, if the county or municipality has not
186 established such a commission, the Commission on Ethics shall
187 investigate the lobbyist or principal pursuant to the procedures
188 established under s. 112.324. The commission shall provide the
189 chief executive officer of the county or municipality with a
190 report of its findings and recommendations arising out of any
191 investigation conducted under this subsection. The chief
192 executive officer of the county or municipality may enforce the
193 commission's findings and recommendations.
194 (b) Upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging that a
195 lobbyist or principal has failed to register with a special
196 district or has knowingly submitted false information in a
197 report or registration required under this section, the
198 commission shall investigate the lobbyist or principal pursuant
199 to the procedures established under s. 112.324. The commission
200 shall provide the governing body of the special district with a
201 report of its findings and recommendations arising out of any
202 investigation conducted under this subsection. The governing
203 body of the special district may enforce the commission's

204 findings and recommendations.
205 (9) Counties and municipalities may adopt ordinances, and
206 special districts may adopt rules, to establish procedures to
207 govern the registration of lobbyists, including the adoption of
208 forms and the establishment of a lobbyist registration fee.
209 (10) This section does not preempt or supersede any
210 ordinance or charter provision establishing a lobbyist
211 registration program adopted before July 1, 2024, but this
212 section shall prevail to the extent of any conflict. In
213 accordance with s. 112.326, any ordinance or rule adopted
214 pursuant to this section may include additional or more
215 stringent disclosure requirements so long as the requirements do
216 not otherwise conflict with this section.
217 Section 3. Subsection (5) is added to section 125.73,
218 Florida Statutes, to read:
219 125.73 County administrator; appointment, qualifications,
220 compensation.—
221 (5) The governing body of a county may not renew or extend
222 the employment contract of a county administrator during the 8
223 months immediately preceding a general election for county
224 mayor, if applicable, or for members of the governing body of
225 the county unless the governing body approves such renewal or
226 extension by a unanimous vote.
227 Section 4. Section 125.75, Florida Statutes, is created to
228 read:
229 125.75 Contract for the county attorney.—The governing body
230 of a county may not renew or extend the contract of the county
231 attorney during the 8 months immediately preceding a general
232 election for county mayor, if applicable, or for members of the

233 governing body of the county unless the governing body approves
234 such renewal or extension by a unanimous vote.
235 Section 5. Present subsection (9) of section 166.021,
236 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (10), and a new
237 subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:
238 166.021 Powers.—
239 (9)(a) The governing body of a municipality may not renew
240 or extend the employment contract of a chief executive officer
241 of the municipality during the 8 months immediately preceding a
242 general election for the municipal mayor or for members of the
243 governing body of the municipality unless the governing body
244 approves such renewal or extension by a unanimous vote.
245 (b) The governing body of a municipality may not renew or
246 extend the employment contract of the city attorney during the 8
247 months immediately preceding a general election for the
248 municipal mayor or for members of the governing body of the
249 municipality unless the governing body approves such renewal or
250 extension by a unanimous vote.
251 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 1001.50, Florida
252 Statutes, is amended to read:
253 1001.50 Superintendents employed under Art. IX of the State
254 Constitution.—
255 (2) Each district school board shall enter into an
256 employment contract with the district school superintendent and
257 shall adopt rules relating to his or her appointment; however,
258 if the employment contract contains a provision for severance
259 pay, it must include the provisions required by s. 215.425. The
260 district school board may not renew or extend the employment
261 contract of a superintendent during the 8 months immediately

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262 preceding a general election for district school board members
263 unless the district school board approves such renewal or
264 extension by a unanimous vote.
265 Section 7. Section 1012.336, Florida Statutes, is created
266 to read:
267 1012.336 Contracts with general counsels of district school
268 boards.—A district school board may not renew or extend the
269 employment contract of the general counsel of the district
270 school board during the 8 months immediately preceding a general
271 election for district school board members unless the district
272 school board approves such renewal or extension by a unanimous
273 vote.
274 Section 8. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (14) of
275 section 112.061, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
276 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,
277 employees, and authorized persons; statewide travel management
278 system.—
279 (14) APPLICABILITY TO COUNTIES, COUNTY OFFICERS, DISTRICT
280 SCHOOL BOARDS, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING
281 ORGANIZATIONS.—
282 (a) The following entities may establish rates that vary
283 from the per diem rate provided in paragraph (6)(a), the
284 subsistence rates provided in paragraph (6)(b), or the mileage
285 rate provided in paragraph (7)(d) if those rates are not less
286 than the statutorily established rates that are in effect for
287 the 2005-2006 fiscal year:
288 1. The governing body of a county by the enactment of an
289 ordinance or resolution;
290 2. A county constitutional officer, pursuant to s. 1(d),

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Art. VIII of the State Constitution, by the establishment of written policy;

3. The governing body of a district school board by the adoption of rules;

4. The governing body of a special district, as defined in s. 189.012, except those special districts that are subject to s. 166.021(10) ~~s. 166.021(9)~~, by the enactment of a resolution; or

5. Any metropolitan planning organization created pursuant to s. 339.175 or any other separate legal or administrative entity created pursuant to s. 339.175 of which a metropolitan planning organization is a member, by the enactment of a resolution.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, counties, county constitutional officers and entities governed by those officers, district school boards, special districts, and metropolitan planning organizations, other than those subject to s. 166.021(10) ~~s. 166.021(9)~~, remain subject to the requirements of this section.

Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 28.35, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

28.35 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.—

(1)

(b)1. The executive council shall be composed of eight clerks of the court elected by the clerks of the courts for a term of 2 years, with two clerks from counties with a population of fewer than 100,000, two clerks from counties with a

population of at least 100,000 but fewer than 500,000, two clerks from counties with a population of at least 500,000 but fewer than 1 million, and two clerks from counties with a population of 1 million or more. The executive council shall also include, as ex officio members, a designee of the President of the Senate and a designee of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall designate one additional member to represent the state courts system.

2. Members of the executive council of the corporation are subject to ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135; and 112.3143(2). For purposes of applying ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135; and 112.3143(2) to activities of executive council members, members shall be considered public officers and the corporation shall be considered the members' agency.

Section 10. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, subsection (1) of section 112.3136, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

112.3136 Standards of conduct for officers and employees of entities serving as chief administrative officer of political subdivisions.—The officers, directors, and chief executive officer of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity that is serving as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision, and any business entity employee who is acting as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of the political subdivision, for the purposes of the following sections, are public officers and

349 employees who are subject to the following standards of conduct
350 of this part:
351 (1) Section 112.313, and their "agency" is the political
352 subdivision that they serve; however, the contract under which
353 the business entity serves as chief executive or administrative
354 officer of the political subdivision is not deemed to violate s.
355 112.313(3) or (7).
356 Section 11. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
357 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in
358 references thereto, section 112.3251, Florida Statutes, is
359 reenacted to read:
360 112.3251 Citizen support and direct-support organizations;
361 standards of conduct.—A citizen support or direct-support
362 organization created or authorized pursuant to law must adopt
363 its own ethics code. The ethics code must contain the standards
364 of conduct and disclosures required under ss. 112.313 and
365 112.3143(2), respectively. However, an ethics code adopted
366 pursuant to this section is not required to contain the
367 standards of conduct specified in s. 112.313(3) or (7). The
368 citizen support or direct-support organization may adopt
369 additional or more stringent standards of conduct and disclosure
370 requirements if those standards of conduct and disclosure
371 requirements do not otherwise conflict with this part. The
372 ethics code must be conspicuously posted on the citizen support
373 or direct-support organization's website.
374 Section 12. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
375 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in
376 references thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section
377 288.012, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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378 288.012 State of Florida international offices; direct-
379 support organization.—The Legislature finds that the expansion
380 of international trade and tourism is vital to the overall
381 health and growth of the economy of this state. This expansion
382 is hampered by the lack of technical and business assistance,
383 financial assistance, and information services for businesses in
384 this state. The Legislature finds that these businesses could be
385 assisted by providing these services at State of Florida
386 international offices. The Legislature further finds that the
387 accessibility and provision of services at these offices can be
388 enhanced through cooperative agreements or strategic alliances
389 between private businesses and state, local, and international
390 governmental entities.
391 (6)
392 (d) The senior managers and members of the board of
393 directors of the organization are subject to ss. 112.313(1)-(8),
394 (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135; and 112.3143(2). For purposes of
395 applying ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135; and
396 112.3143(2) to activities of the president and staff, those
397 persons shall be considered public officers or employees and the
398 corporation shall be considered their agency. The exemption set
399 forth in s. 112.313(12) for advisory boards applies to the
400 members of board of directors. Further, each member of the board
401 of directors who is not otherwise required to file financial
402 disclosures pursuant to s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution
403 or s. 112.3144, shall file disclosure of financial interests
404 pursuant to s. 112.3145.
405 Section 13. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
406 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in

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407 references thereto, subsection (4) of section 288.8014, Florida
408 Statutes, is reenacted to read:
409 288.8014 Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; organization; board of
410 directors.—
411 (4) The Legislature determines that it is in the public
412 interest for the members of the board of directors to be subject
413 to the requirements of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143,
414 notwithstanding the fact that the board members are not public
415 officers or employees. For purposes of those sections, the board
416 members shall be considered to be public officers or employees.
417 In addition to the postemployment restrictions of s. 112.313(9),
418 a person appointed to the board of directors must agree to
419 refrain from having any direct interest in any contract,
420 franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit arising
421 from an award by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., during the term of
422 his or her appointment and for 6 years after the termination of
423 such appointment. It is a misdemeanor of the first degree,
424 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for a person
425 to accept appointment to the board of directors in violation of
426 this subsection or to accept a direct interest in any contract,
427 franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit granted
428 by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., to an awardee within 6 years after
429 the termination of his or her service on the board. Further,
430 each member of the board of directors who is not otherwise
431 required to file financial disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the
432 State Constitution or s. 112.3144 shall file disclosure of
433 financial interests under s. 112.3145.
434 Section 14. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
435 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in

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436 references thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
437 288.9604, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
438 288.9604 Creation of the corporation.—
439 (3)(a)1. A director may not receive compensation for his or
440 her services, but is entitled to necessary expenses, including
441 travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of his or her duties.
442 Each appointed director shall hold office until his or her
443 successor has been appointed.
444 2. Directors are subject to ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10), (12),
445 and (15); 112.3135; and 112.3143(2). For purposes of applying
446 ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135; and
447 112.3143(2) to activities of directors, directors are considered
448 public officers and the corporation is considered their agency.
449 Section 15. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
450 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in
451 references thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
452 295.21, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
453 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—
454 (4) GOVERNANCE.—
455 (d) The Legislature finds that it is in the public interest
456 for the members of the board of directors to be subject to the
457 requirements of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143.
458 Notwithstanding the fact that they are not public officers or
459 employees, for purposes of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143,
460 the board members shall be considered to be public officers or
461 employees. In addition to the postemployment restrictions of s.
462 112.313(9), a person appointed to the board of directors may not
463 have direct interest in a contract, franchise, privilege,
464 project, program, or other benefit arising from an award by the

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465 corporation during the appointment term and for 2 years after
466 the termination of such appointment. A person who accepts
467 appointment to the board of directors in violation of this
468 subsection, or accepts a direct interest in a contract,
469 franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit granted
470 by the corporation to an awardee within 2 years after the
471 termination of his or her service on the board, commits a
472 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
473 775.082 or s. 775.083. Further, each member of the board of
474 directors who is not otherwise required to file financial
475 disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s.
476 112.3144 shall file a statement of financial interests under s.
477 112.3145.
478 Section 16. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
479 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in a
480 reference thereto, subsection (5) of section 406.06, Florida
481 Statutes, is reenacted to read:
482 406.06 District medical examiners; associates; suspension
483 of medical examiners.—
484 (5) District medical examiners and associate medical
485 examiners are public officers for purposes of s. 112.313 and the
486 standards of conduct prescribed thereunder.
487 Section 17. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
488 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in
489 references thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
490 447.509, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
491 447.509 Other unlawful acts.—
492 (1) Employee organizations, their members, agents, or
493 representatives, or any persons acting on their behalf are

494 hereby prohibited from:
495 (d) Offering anything of value to a public officer as
496 defined in s. 112.313(1) which the public officer is prohibited
497 from accepting under s. 112.313(2).
498 Section 18. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
499 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in
500 references thereto, paragraph (m) of subsection (5) of section
501 627.311, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
502 627.311 Joint underwriters and joint reinsurers; public
503 records and public meetings exemptions.—
504 (5)
505 (m) Senior managers and officers, as defined in the plan of
506 operation, and members of the board of governors are subject to
507 the provisions of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, 112.3143, 112.3145,
508 112.316, and 112.317. Senior managers, officers, and board
509 members are also required to file such disclosures with the
510 Commission on Ethics and the Office of Insurance Regulation. The
511 executive director of the plan or his or her designee shall
512 notify each newly appointed and existing appointed member of the
513 board of governors, senior manager, and officer of his or her
514 duty to comply with the reporting requirements of s. 112.3145.
515 At least quarterly, the executive director of the plan or his or
516 her designee shall submit to the Commission on Ethics a list of
517 names of the senior managers, officers, and members of the board
518 of governors who are subject to the public disclosure
519 requirements under s. 112.3145. Notwithstanding s. 112.313, an
520 employee, officer, owner, or director of an insurance agency,
521 insurance company, or other insurance entity may be a member of
522 the board of governors unless such employee, officer, owner, or

523 director of an insurance agency, insurance company, other
524 insurance entity, or an affiliate provides policy issuance,
525 policy administration, underwriting, claims handling, or payroll
526 audit services. Notwithstanding s. 112.3143, such board member
527 may not participate in or vote on a matter if the insurance
528 agency, insurance company, or other insurance entity would
529 obtain a special or unique benefit that would not apply to other
530 similarly situated insurance entities.
531 Section 19. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
532 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in a
533 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (26) of section
534 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
535 1002.33 Charter schools.—
536 (26) STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.—
537 (a) A member of a governing board of a charter school,
538 including a charter school operated by a private entity, is
539 subject to ss. 112.313(2), (3), (7), and (12) and 112.3143(3).
540 Section 20. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
541 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in a
542 reference thereto, paragraph (f) of subsection (6) of section
543 1002.333, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
544 1002.333 Persistently low-performing schools.—
545 (6) STATUTORY AUTHORITY.—
546 (f) Schools of hope operated by a hope operator shall be
547 exempt from chapters 1000-1013 and all school board policies.
548 However, a hope operator shall be in compliance with the laws in
549 chapters 1000-1013 relating to:
550 1. The student assessment program and school grading
551 system.

552 2. Student progression and graduation.
553 3. The provision of services to students with disabilities.
554 4. Civil rights, including s. 1000.05, relating to
555 discrimination.
556 5. Student health, safety, and welfare.
557 6. Public meetings and records, public inspection, and
558 criminal and civil penalties pursuant to s. 286.011. The
559 governing board of a school of hope must hold at least two
560 public meetings per school year in the school district in which
561 the school of hope is located. Any other meetings of the
562 governing board may be held in accordance with s. 120.54(5)(b)2.
563 7. Public records pursuant to chapter 119.
564 8. The code of ethics for public officers and employees
565 pursuant to ss. 112.313(2), (3), (7), and (12) and 112.3143(3).
566 Section 21. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments
567 made by this act to section 112.313, Florida Statutes, in a
568 reference thereto, subsection (9) of section 1002.83, Florida
569 Statutes, is reenacted to read:
570 1002.83 Early learning coalitions.—
571 (9) Each member of an early learning coalition is subject
572 to ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143. For purposes of s.
573 112.3143(3)(a), each voting member is a local public officer who
574 must abstain from voting when a voting conflict exists.
575 Section 22. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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 Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

BILL: SB 1256

INTRODUCER: Senator Martin

SUBJECT: Voter Registration Applications

DATE: February 2, 2024 REVISED:

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Biehl	Roberts	EE	**Pre-meeting**
2.			ATD	
3.			FP	

I. Summary:

SB 1256 revises voter-registration duties of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) by:

- Prohibiting the DHSMV from changing the party affiliation of an applicant who is updating his or her voter registration record unless the applicant designates and consents in writing to change his or her party affiliation.
- Requiring the DHSMV to, after verifying voter registration information and receiving the applicant's electronic signature, provide the applicant with a printed receipt that includes the submitted voter registration information and document any changes in party affiliation.
- Requiring driver license examiners providing voter registration services to ask certain questions, and prohibiting certain questions, regarding voter registration; and requiring the DHSMV to record when a person chooses not to disclose his or her voter registration status and forward such information to the Department of State.
- Requiring the DHSMV to ensure that technology processes and updates do not alter an applicant's party affiliation without the written consent of the applicant.
- Requiring the DHSMV to be in full compliance with the bill's requirements within 3 months after the bill becomes law.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.

II. Present Situation:

National Voter Registration Act of 1993

Congress passed the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) in 1993[1] "to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal

[1] National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31.

office," while also ensuring "that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained."[2] The NVRA requires, among other things, that each a state allow a driver's license application, or a renewal application, submitted to a state motor vehicle authority to also serve as a voter registration application with respect to elections for Federal office, unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration application.[3] The voter registration application portion of a driver's license application is prohibited by the NVRA from requiring any information that duplicates information[4] required in the driver's license portion of the form.[5] The NVRA requires a voter registration application to include the following:

- A statement of each voter eligibility requirement (including citizenship).
- An attestation that the applicant meets each eligibility requirement.
- A signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury.[6]

A voter registration application submitted to a state motor vehicle authority by a person who has already registered to vote is considered as updating the person's voter registration.[7]

Voter Registration and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

The Florida Election Code[8] implements the NVRA by requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV)[9] to provide an applicant "the opportunity to register to vote or to update a voter registration record" when he or she does any of the following actions:

- Applies for or renews a driver license.
- Applies for or renews an identification card (I.D. card).[10]
- Changes an address on an existing driver license or I.D. card.[11]

The DHSMV must notify each applicant, orally or in writing, that:[12]

- Information gathered for a driver license or I.D. card application, renewal, or change of address can be automatically transferred to a voter registration application.
- If he or she submits additional information and provides his or her signature, the voter registration application will be completed and thereafter sent to the proper election authority.
- Any information provided by him or her may also be used to update an existing voter registration record.

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[2] 52 U.S.C. § 20501.
[3] 52 U.S.C. § 20504(a)(1). This provision of the NVRA has given the act the colloquial designation by which the bill is most commonly known: the "Motor-Voter" law.
[4] Additionally, the NVRA requires that a voter registration application issued in conjunction with an application for a driver's license only contain the minimum amount of information necessary to prevent duplicate voter registration and to enable state election officials to assess applicant eligibility and administer voter registration and other parts of the election process. 52 U.S.C. §20504(c)(2)(B).
[5] 52 U.S.C. §20504(c)(2)(A).
[6] 52 U.S.C. §20504(c)(2)(C).
[7] 52 U.S.C. §20504(a)(2).
[8] Chapters 97-106, F.S., are known as the Florida Election Code. Section 97.011, F.S.
[9] The DHSMV and certain county tax collectors have entered into statutorily authorized contracts, whereby tax collectors may deliver full or limited driver license services on behalf of the department. *See* s. 322.02, F.S.
[10] *See* s. 322.051, F.S.
[11] Section 97.057(1), F.S.
[12] Section 97.057(2)(a), F.S.

- If he or she declines to register to vote, such declination will remain confidential and may be used only for voter registration purposes.[13]
- The driver license office in which he or she applies to register to vote or updates a voter registration record will remain confidential and may be used only for voter registration purposes.[14]

During the process of completing a driver license or I.D. card application, renewal, or change of address, each driver license examiner[15] must ask orally, or in writing if the person is hearing impaired, whether he or she wants to register to vote or update their voter registration record.[16] If the person responds in the affirmative, all applicable information used by the DHSMV to fill out the application, renewal, or change of address will be transferred to the voter registration application.[17] The voter registration application is required to be the same in content, format, and size as the uniform statewide voter registration application.[18] After the applicable information has been transferred, the person will be asked to provide any additional information necessary for the voter registration application to be complete.[19] The completed voter registration application must be presented to the person for him or her to review and verify.[20] Once the person reviews and verifies the information, he or she must provide an electronic signature affirming the accuracy of the information.[21] The DHSMV is required to electronically transmit completed voter registration applications within 24 hours to the statewide voter registration system,[22] which is administered by the Department of State (DOS).[23]

If an applicant declines to register to vote, update their voter registration record, or change their address by either orally declining or by failing to sign the completed voter registration application, the DHSMV must note the declination and forward the information to the statewide voter registration system.[24]

A driver license examiner providing voter registration services is prohibited from:

- Seeking to influence an applicant's political preference or party registration;

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[13] The NVRA requires that declinations to register to vote be kept confidential. 52 U.S.C. § 20504(c)(2)(D)(ii); *see also* s. 97.0585(1)(a), F.S., providing a public record exemption for such declinations.
[14] The NVRA requires that the office at which an applicant submits a voter registration application be kept confidential. 52 U.S.C. § 20504(c)(2)(D)(iii); *see also* s. 97.0585(1)(b), F.S., providing a public record exemption for information relating to the place where a person registered to vote or where he or she updated a registration record.
[15] The DHSMV is required to designate persons as "driver license examiners," who are tasked with conducting examinations, making factual reports of findings and recommendations as the DHSMV may require, and enforcing the following: all driver license laws; suspension, revocation, and cancellation orders; and laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. Section 322.13, F.S.
[16] Section 97.057(2)(b), F.S.
[17] Section 97.057(2)(b)1., F.S.
[18] Section 97.057(3)(a), F.S.; *see* s. 97.052, F.S.
[19] However, the additional information may not duplicate information already obtained by the driver license examiner. Section 97.057(2)(b)1.b., F.S.
[20] Section 97.057(2)(b)1.c., F.S.
[21] *Id*.
[22] *See* ss. 97.012(11) and 98.035, F.S.
[23] If the voter registration application was completed via a physical paper document, the DHSMV must forward the document within five days to the supervisor of elections of the applicable county. Section 97.057(4), F.S.
[24] Section 97.057(2)(b)2., F.S. This voter registration information transmittal is in addition to other types of information required to be submitted weekly by the DHSMV to the DOS. *See* s. 98.093(8), F.S.

- Displaying any political preference or party allegiance;
- Making any statement to an applicant or taking any action the purpose or effect of which is to discourage the person from registering to vote; or
- Disclosing any applicant's voter registration information except as needed for the administration of voter registration.[25]

The Florida Election Code provides an adjudicatory mechanism for a person who has suffered an alleged violation of the NVRA.[26] Such person may file with the DOS a written complaint that states the alleged violation.[27] Once received, the parties to the complaint must be given an opportunity to resolve the issue through an informal dispute resolution process.[28] If the informal dispute resolution process fails to resolve the issue, the complainant may bring an action in the respective circuit court for declaratory or injunctive relief if he or she gave proper written notice to the Secretary of State and an agreement was not reached or the alleged violation was not corrected within 90 days after the notice — or within 20 days of the notice if the alleged violation occurred within 120 days before the date of the election.[29]

Statewide Voter Registration Application

The DOS is required to create a uniform statewide voter registration application (VR application) by rule.[30] The VR application is required to elicit the following information:

- Name.
- Date of Birth.
- Address of legal residence.[31]
- Mailing address (if different from address of legal residence).
- E-mail address and whether the applicant wishes to receive sample ballots by e-mail.
- County of legal residence.
- Race or ethnicity.
- State or country of birth.
- Sex.
- Party Affiliation.
- Whether the applicant needs assistance in voting.
- Name and address where last registered.
- Last four digits of the applicant's social security number.

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[25] Section 97.057(6), F.S.
[26] Section 97.023, F.S.; *see also* r. 1S-2.036, F.A.C.
[27] Section 97.023(1)(a) and (b), F.S.
[28] Section 97.023(2), F.S. If the alleged violation occurred within 30 days before a state or federal election and the alleged violation will affect the registrant's right to vote in such election, the registrant may immediately bring an action in the circuit court in the county where the alleged violation occurred. Section 97.023(3), F.S.
[29] Section 97.023(3), F.S.
[30] Section 97.052(1), F.S.; *see* r. 1S-2.040, F.A.C., incorporating the uniform statewide voter registration application by reference. Uniform Statewide Voter Registration Application, DS-DE 39, *available at* https://www.flrules.org/gateway/readRefFile.asp?refId=3171&filename=Voter%20Reg%20App%20-%20DS-DE%2039%20-%20adoption.doc (last visited February 2, 2024).
[31] "Address of legal residence" means the legal residential address of the elector and includes all information necessary to differentiate one residence from another, including, but not limited to, a distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room number or other identifier. Section 97.021(3), F.S.

- Florida driver license number or the identification number from a Florida I.D. card.
- An indication, if applicable, that the applicant has not been issued a Florida driver license, a Florida I.D. card, or a social security number.
- Telephone number (optional).
- Signature of the applicant under penalty for false swearing.[32]
- Whether the application is being used for initial registration, to update a voter registration record, or to request a replacement voter information card.
- Whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States by asking the question "Are you a citizen of the United States of America?"
- Whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony and, if convicted, has had his or her voting rights restored.
- Whether the applicant has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or, if so adjudicated, has had his or her right to vote restored.[33]

The VR application must also contain the following constitutionally required oath:[34]

> I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, and that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida.[35]

Voter Registration and Party Affiliation

If a person fails to designate a party when he or she initially registers to vote, the supervisor of elections (supervisor) must designate that person as registered without party affiliation, also known as No Party Affiliated (NPA).[36] The supervisor must notify the voter of such designation and how he or she may change party affiliation.[37] Once registered, a voter's currently recorded political party affiliation may not be changed unless the voter indicates otherwise.[38] If a voter does wish to update the party affiliation on his or her voter registration record, he or she must notify the supervisor by submitting a VR application indicating such.[39] After a voter's party affiliation is changed, the supervisor will issue that person a new voter information card.[40]

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[32] *See* s. 104.011, F.S., for penalties for false swearing.
[33] Section 97.052(2), F.S.
[34] Section 97.052(3)(a), F.S.
[35] Article VI, s. 3, FLA. CONST.; *see also* s. 97.051, F.S.
[36] Section 97.053(5)(b), F.S.
[37] *Id*; See s. 97.1031(2), F.S., to see how a voter's party affiliation may be changed.
[38] Rule 1S-2.039(6)(b), F.A.C.
[39] Section 97.1031(2), F.S.
[40] Section 97.1031(3), F.S. Supervisors must provide registered voters with a voter information card, which constitutes notice of approval of registration. The card must contain the voter's registration number, date of registration, full name, party affiliation, date of birth, address of legal residence, precinct number, polling place address, name and contact information of the supervisor, and other information deemed necessary by the supervisor. Voters may request a replacement card in writing and supervisors must issue a new card if the voter's name, address of legal residence, polling place address, or party affiliation changes. Section 97.071, F.S.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill requires the VR application to allow an applicant who is completing an application for the purpose of updating a voter registration record without changing their party affiliation to indicate that he or she is choosing not to disclose his or her party affiliation.

The bill prohibits the party affiliation of an applicant who is updating his or her voter registration record from being changed unless the applicant designates and consents in writing to change his or her party affiliation.

The bill prohibits the DHSMV from:

- Using a voter registration application to change the party affiliation of an applicant, unless the applicant designates a change in party affiliation and provides a separate original signature consenting to the party affiliation change.
- Updating a voter's registration record to change party affiliation, unless the individual designates the change and separately consent to such change in writing.

The bill requires the DHSMV to, after verifying the voter registration information and receiving the applicant's electronic signature, provide the applicant with a printed receipt that includes the submitted voter registration information and document any change in party affiliation.

The bill requires driver license examiners providing voter registration services to ask the following new questions:

- Whether the applicant is registered to vote;
- Whether the applicant is not registered to vote;
- Whether the applicant does not know if he or she is registered to vote; or
- Whether the applicant does not wish to disclose whether he or she is registered to vote.

If the applicant is not registered to vote or does not know whether he or she is registered to vote, the bill requires the driver license examiner to ask whether the applicant wishes to register to vote and, if the applicant is registered to vote, whether he or she wishes to update a voter registration record.

The bill provides that the DHSMV must also record when a person chooses to not disclose his or her voter registration status and forward such information to the DOS.

The bill prohibits driver license examiners from making any change to applicant's party affiliation, unless the applicant provides a separate original signature consenting to the party affiliation change or discussing an applicant's political preference or party registration.

The bill requires the DHSMV to ensure that information technology processes and updates do not alter an applicant's party affiliation without the written consent of the applicant. Lastly, the DHSMV must be in full compliance with the bill within three months after the bill becomes law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditures of funds, reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenues in the aggregate, or reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities. In addition, bills that affect state or local elections are exempt from the requirements of Art. VII, s. 18 of the Florida Constitution.

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 may have an indeterminate, but likely substantial, fiscal impact on state expenditures as the DHSMV will have to make changes to the program used to register voters. The DHSMV has estimated that reprogramming the program could cost $9,675.[41] Additionally, if the bill is interpreted as requiring a separate "wet" (i.e. physical signature on paper) then the DHSMV will have to alter their largely electronic processes to account for the signature and may no longer be able offer driver license renewal or replacement transactions online.[42] Lastly, the DHSMV might incur costs related to the production of

[41] DHSMV Agency Bill Analysis of HB 135, on file with the Committee on Ethics and Elections. House Bill 135 is identical to this bill.
[42] *Id.*

the registration receipt required under the bill, as well as training staff on the new requirements in the bill.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 97.052, 97.053, and 97.057.

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.

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

By Senator Martin

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to voter registration applications; amending s. 97.052, F.S.; revising the information that the uniform statewide voter registration application must be designed to elicit; amending s. 97.053, F.S.; providing an exception to a requirement that certain voter registration applicants must be registered without party affiliation; amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to notify certain individuals of certain information; requiring a driver license examiner to make specified inquiries; prohibiting the department from changing the party affiliation of an applicant except in certain circumstances; requiring the department to provide an applicant with a certain receipt; revising the methods by which an applicant may decline to register to vote or update certain voter registration information; prohibiting a person providing voter registration services for a driver license office from taking certain actions; requiring the department to ensure that information technology processes and updates do not alter certain information without written consent; requiring the department to be in full compliance with the act within a certain period; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section 97.052, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

(2) The uniform statewide voter registration application must be designed to elicit the following information from the applicant:

(j) Party affiliation or, for an applicant who is completing the application to update a voter registration record without changing his or her party affiliation, an indication that the applicant is choosing not to disclose his or her party affiliation.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 97.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

(5)

(b) An applicant who fails to designate party affiliation must be registered without party affiliation, except that the party affiliation of an applicant who is updating a voter registration record may not be changed unless the applicant designates and consents in writing to a change in party affiliation. The supervisor must notify the voter by mail that the voter has been registered without party affiliation and that the voter may change party affiliation as provided in s. 97.1031.

Section 3. Subsection (2) and subsection (6) of section 97.057, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (14) is added to that section, to read:

97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

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(2) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall:

(a) Notify each individual, orally or in writing, that:

1. Information gathered for the completion of a driver license or identification card application, renewal, or change of address can be automatically transferred to a voter registration application;

2. If additional information and a signature are provided, the voter registration application will be completed and sent to the proper election authority;

3. Information provided can also be used to update a voter registration record, except that party affiliation will not be changed unless the individual designates a change in party affiliation and separately consents to such change in writing;

4. All declinations will remain confidential and may be used only for voter registration purposes; and

5. The particular driver license office in which the person applies to register to vote or updates a voter registration record will remain confidential and may be used only for voter registration purposes.

(b) Require a driver license examiner to inquire orally or, if the applicant is hearing impaired, inquire in writing whether the applicant is registered to vote, is not registered to vote, does not know if he or she is registered to vote, or does not wish to disclose whether he or she is registered to vote. If the applicant is not or does not know whether he or she is registered to vote, the driver license examiner shall inquire whether the applicant wishes to register to vote and, if the applicant is registered to vote, the driver license examiner

shall inquire whether the applicant wishes to ~~register to vote or~~ update a voter registration record during the completion of a driver license or identification card application, renewal, or change of address.

1. If the applicant chooses to register to vote or to update a voter registration record:

a. All applicable information received by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in the course of filling out the forms necessary under subsection (1) must be transferred to a voter registration application.

b. The additional necessary information must be obtained by the driver license examiner and must not duplicate any information already obtained while completing the forms required under subsection (1).

c. A voter registration application with all of the applicant's voter registration information required to establish the applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041 must be presented to the applicant to review and verify the voter registration information received and provide an electronic signature affirming the accuracy of the information provided.

d. The voter registration application may not be used to change the party affiliation of the applicant unless the applicant designates a change in party affiliation and provides a separate original signature consenting to the party affiliation change.

e. After verifying the voter registration information and providing his or her electronic signature, the applicant must be provided with a printed receipt that includes such information and documents any change in party affiliation.

117 2. If the applicant declines to register to vote, update
118 the applicant's voter registration record, or change the
119 applicant's address by either orally declining or choosing not
120 to disclose the applicant's voter registration status or by
121 failing to sign the voter registration application, the
122 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must note such
123 declination on its records and shall forward the declination to
124 the statewide voter registration system.
125 (6) A person providing voter registration services for a
126 driver license office may not:
127 (a) Make any change to an applicant's party affiliation
128 unless the applicant provides a separate original signature
129 consenting to the party affiliation change or discuss or seek to
130 influence an applicant's political preference or party
131 registration;
132 (b) Display any political preference or party allegiance;
133 (c) Make any statement to an applicant or take any action
134 the purpose or effect of which is to discourage the applicant
135 from registering to vote; or
136 (d) Disclose any applicant's voter registration information
137 except as needed for the administration of voter registration.
138 (14) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
139 shall ensure that information technology processes and updates
140 do not alter an applicant's party affiliation without the
141 written consent of the applicant.
142 Section 4. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor
143 Vehicles must be in full compliance with this act within 3
144 months after this act becomes a law.
145 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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