



**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
**SENATOR BILL GALVANO**  
*President*

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Senators  
**FROM:** Bill Galvano  
**SUBJECT:** Executive Suspensions  
**DATE:** January 11, 2019

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In the coming days, the Secretary of the Senate will receive official notification of the executive suspensions announced today by Governor DeSantis.

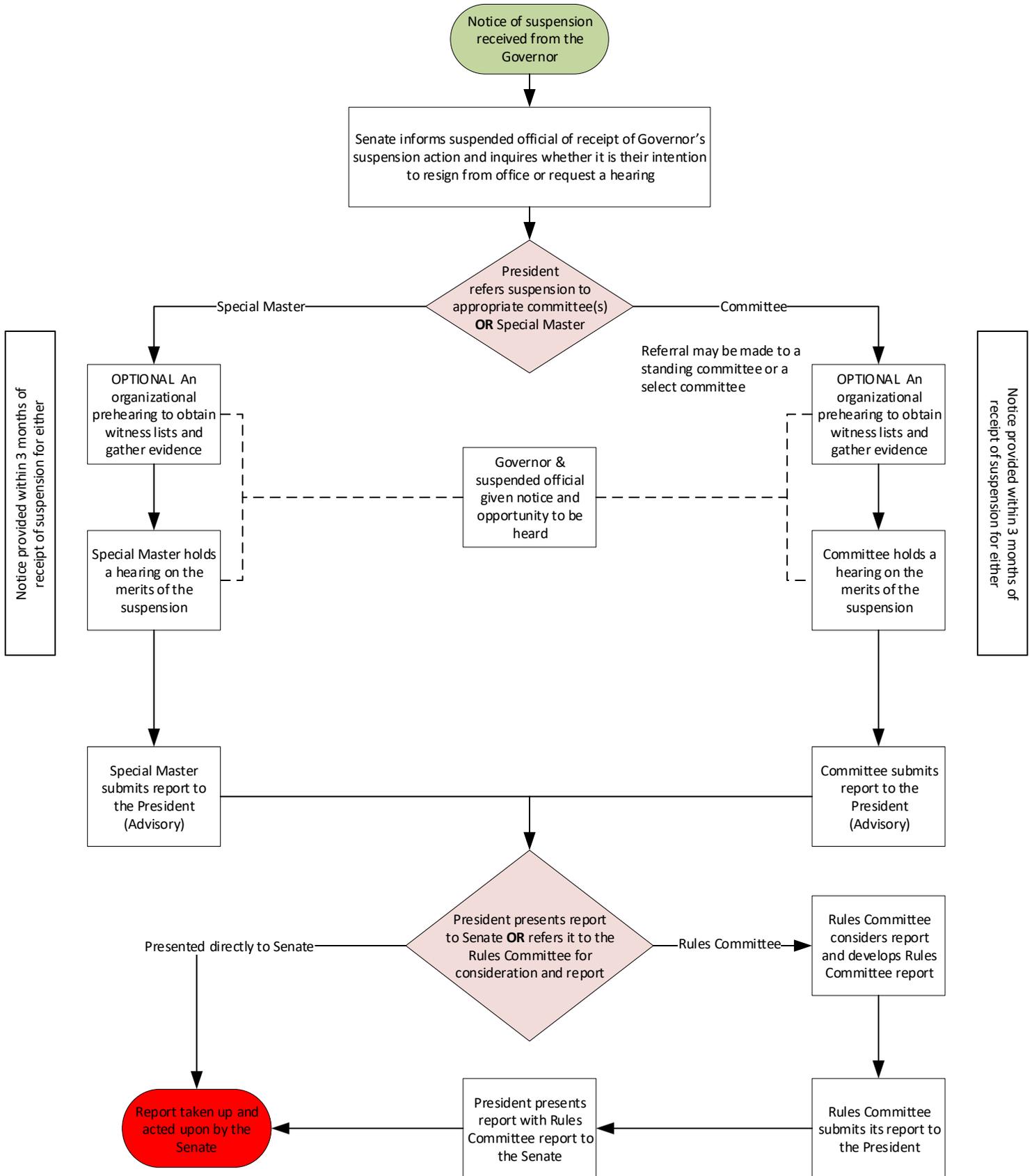
In addressing these matters, the Senate will follow the procedures outlined in Senate Rule 12. The first step in addressing a suspension is to inform the suspended official of the Senate's receipt of the Governor's suspension action and to inquire whether it is the intention of the suspended official to resign from office or request a hearing. Once a response is received, the suspension will be referred to an appropriate committee or to a special master.

Rules Chair Benacquisto has prepared a visual aid that outlines the Senate Executive Suspension Review Procedure, which I have attached for your reference. I also encourage you to review Senate Rule 12.

In my view, since we are tasked by Florida's Constitution to sit in judgment of the merits of a suspension, Senators should refrain from speaking publicly about the merits or substance of any executive suspension.

Thank you for your attention to this important responsibility of the Senate.

# Senate Executive Suspension Review Procedure



This chart is not an official statement of the Florida Senate. It is for demonstrative purposes only. Procedures for Executive Suspension are found in Senate Rule 12. The Senate may proceed as due process requires in unusual circumstances. See Senate Rule 12.9(2)