



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Kathleen Passidomo
SUBJECT: Executive Order of Suspension 23-160, State Attorney Monique Worrell
DATE: August 9, 2023

The Senate has received official notification of the executive suspension announced today by Governor DeSantis – Executive Order 23-160, State Attorney Monique Worrell of the 9th Judicial Circuit.

As you are aware, in addressing executive suspensions, the Senate follows 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.

Alternatively, should Ms. Worrell chose to challenge the suspension order in court, the Senate process will be held in abeyance and the matter will not be considered by the Senate until final determination of a court challenge and the exhaustion of all appellate remedies, as required by Senate Rule 12.9

As I have mentioned previously, since we are tasked by Florida's Constitution to sit in judgment of the merits of a suspension, in my view, 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. I will keep you posted on any developments.