

SENATOR BENACQUISTO PRESIDING

For Term
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO
EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Honorable Joe Negron
President, The Florida Senate
Suite 409, The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
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March 9, 2018

Dear President Negron:

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability, and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

For Term
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Secretary of Management Services
Appointee: Rock, Erin Marie-Geraghty

Pleasure of
Governor

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries, and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

For Term
Ending

Secretary of the Department of the Lottery
Appointee: Poppell, James "Jim" W.

Pleasure of
Governor

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources, the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation, and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

For Term
Ending

Executive Director of South Florida Water Management District
Appointee: Marks, Ernie, III

Pleasure of
the Board

Executive Director of Suwannee River Water Management District
Appointee: Thomas, Hugh L.

Pleasure of
the Board

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Transportation, and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

For Term
Ending

Secretary of Transportation
Appointee: Dew, Michael J.

Pleasure of
Governor

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

Secretary of Environmental Protection
Appointee: Valenstein, Noah

Pleasure of
Governor
and Cabinet

Executive Director, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Appointee: Sutton, Phillip Eric

Pleasure of
Commission

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

For Term
Ending

Executive Director, Agency for State Technology
Appointee: Larson, Eric

Pleasure of
Governor

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

For Term
Ending

Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation
Appointee: Zachem, Jonathan

Pleasure of
Governor

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities, the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections, and the Senate Rules Committee for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

For Term
Ending

Florida Public Service Commission
Appointees: Clark, Gary F.
Fay, Andrew
Graham, Art

01/01/2019
01/01/2022
01/01/2022

As required by Rule 12.7, the committees caused to be conducted an inquiry into the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the above-named appointees for appointment to the office indicated. In aid of such inquiry, the committees held public hearings at which members of the public were invited to attend and offer evidence concerning the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the appointees. After due consideration of the findings of such inquiry and the evidence adduced at the public hearings, the Committee on Ethics and Elections and other referenced committees respectfully advise and recommend that in accordance with s. 114.05(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

(1) the executive appointments of the above-named appointees, to the office and for the term indicated, be confirmed by the Senate;

(2) Senate action on said appointments be taken prior to the adjournment of the 2018 Regular Session; and

(3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointments to be held in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Perry, Chair

On motion by Senator Perry, the report was adopted and the Senate confirmed the appointments identified in the foregoing report of the committees to the offices and for the terms indicated in accordance with the recommendations of the committees.

The vote was:

Yeas—35

Baxley	Galvano	Rodriguez
Bean	Garcia	Rouson
Benacquisto	Gibson	Simmons
Book	Grimsley	Simpson
Bracy	Hukill	Stargel
Bradley	Lee	Steube
Brandes	Mayfield	Stewart
Broxson	Montford	Taddeo
Campbell	Passidomo	Thurston
Farmer	Perry	Torres
Flores	Powell	Young
Gainer	Rader	

Nays—None

THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SENATOR GRIMSLEY

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A video tribute was played honoring Senator Grimsley.

REMARKS

On motion by Senator Braynon, by two-thirds vote, the following remarks were ordered spread upon the Journal:

Senator Mayfield: Thank you, Mr. President. Denise and I were just sharing earlier some fond memories of her in the House. You know, when I decided I was going to run for the House, one of the things my late husband, Stan Mayfield, said to me was, “When you get to the House, make sure you follow the lead of Representative Grimsley. She is a lady; she is very respectful, and she loves the process. You can never go wrong if you just follow her lead.” Denise, thank you for being such a great friend to my husband at the time, especially during his last two years up here. You have truly been a friend, you truly are a lady, and you truly love this process. I really wish you a lot of luck in your next endeavor in life. Thank you very much.

Senator Stargel: Thank you, Mr. President. I wasn’t as close to Denise when we were serving in the House. I don’t know why; we’ve been in the same delegation for a while. When we came over to the Senate and watching her in the House, and the way she always handled everything, I guess, in a way, intimidated me. She always had such grace, but yet such power. Seeing that personality about you is something I’ve admired, because, as I’ve told some of the people, I tend to be emotional, freaking out, and yelling, and you were always calm, cool, and collected. Yet, you got what you needed to get done. You did it effectively, efficiently, and I’m looking to be more like you in the future, maybe someday soon. But, anyhow, you do a good job.

Also having her in the delegation, I always used to rely on Denise for everything health care, and she would always come to me on everything education. Every time there was a health care issue, I’d talk to her, and this year, we had this flip-flop where I’m working in health care and she is working in education. So, we had a lot more conversations over these last couple of years. I compare everything I do in health care to education, and I think she might have been comparing the things she was learning in education based on her knowledge of health care.

It has been nice to have a friend like you, someone who I can share things with at home and up here; someone who’s been through this process and has done it very efficiently. Like I said, to be the Appropriations Chair in the House and to watch how you maneuvered and how you negotiated with a very powerful partner on the side, and how you handled that back home, was something to be admired. I’m looking forward to working with you in the future.

Senator Gibson: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Grimsley and I have been very good friends from the very beginning. She’s a true consensus builder and that’s something that’s sometimes missing in this process. I’ve never seen her vehemently upset about anything. When you saw her kneeling in those pictures, I think about the fact that she’s kneeling because she’s trying to get to a certain place in what she’s trying to do.

I think that our bond really came together because she’s a nurse. Nurses are very caring people. I know, because I was raised by one. So when that happens, it transfers into what she tries to do for her district, or what she has done for her district, and for the people of the State of Florida. Even if we couldn’t necessarily fully agree about something—as you saw the kneeling—she’s working it out. She’s always been that way.

I’m extremely appreciative of our friendship that had nothing to do with legislation; it had nothing to do with whether we supported certain issues; it had everything to do with who she is and wanting to have friendship, over anything else, to get things done both in the House and the Senate. You know darn well I’m going to miss you very, very much. I wish you much success.

Senator Galvano: Thank you, Mr. President. I first met Senator Grimsley when she was a candidate for the Florida House. I met her and I felt like she had everything it took to be a good member of the House. When she exceeded what I had perceived, I decided to help her. Through my campaign, I had gone to great lengths to have these massive sign frames built. We had carpenters all up and down the street, and my neighbors were calling the homeowners’ association and all this stuff. I said, “Denise, I have a way I can help you. I have all of these sign frames, would you like them?” She said, “Sure.” I got a whole crew to bring them up but I said, “I want them back. We put a lot of work into them, and we want them back eventually.” No sooner had I delivered them and she got them up and, what was it, Hurricane Andrew, came through? She calls me and she is like, “Hey, I don’t think you are getting your sign frames back. I think they are still strewn all over the heartland at this point.”

But when she came to the Senate, and I became Majority Leader, President Gardiner asked me, “Who do you want to have as your Deputy Majority Leader?” It was so easy for me to say, “I would like Denise Grimsley to fulfill that job.” Just as it was described, her demeanor and her focus, you see her going quietly but forcefully around the chamber and doing what she needs to do to make sure that not just her goals get achieved, but everybody gets their voices heard with her help. That meant a lot to me and she excelled in that position.

I really got to know her when we got redistricting, or right before redistricting when the first redistricting of—I think of 2008—but the one where I picked up a big chunk of her old district. You get to know how someone is loved when you start interacting with the people they represent. I still remember going into a town hall meeting in Moore Haven, and I walked in and they are all looking at me and I am like, “Hey I’m Bill, your Senator.” One guy is like, “Where is Denise?” That happened in Hardee County, in Highlands County, and in DeSoto County. Everywhere I went, it was like, “That is good, we hear you, but what does Denise think about this?” I was like, “Look, she doesn’t represent you anymore, okay?” It is so evident how much you are loved back home and continue to be loved in this chamber. I know, personally, I am going to miss you very, very much.

Senator Rouson: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senator Grimsley, I recall building a relationship with you just prior to you being Appropriations Chair in the House. I remember feeling really fortunate when you became Appropriations Chair. You helped me along the process, you made me feel welcome in the suite, and I really learned to walk the suite while you were Chair.

The good news was that we shared ideas; we shared passions. With your medical background, you helped with mental health and substance abuse issues. You fought as hard for some of them as I did when I brought them to you. I want to thank you for that. You taught me calmness; you taught me demeanor. People don’t know the reason I wear these boots is because I feel like kicking doors in when the doors are closed. You showed me there’s a way that you can walk in and get more when the door opens than by kicking in the door. I want to thank you for the lessons, thank you for the shared passion, and thank you for serving.

(2)(a) The tax imposed by this section shall be an amount equal to 5 1/2 percent of the taxpayer's net income for the taxable year, *except as provided in paragraph (b)*.

(b) *The tax rate imposed in paragraph (a) shall be adjusted as provided in s. 220.1105.*

Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 220.63, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.63 Franchise tax imposed on banks and savings associations.—

(2)(a) The tax imposed by this section shall be an amount equal to 5 1/2 percent of the franchise tax base of the bank or savings association for the taxable year, *except as provided in paragraph (b)*.

(b) *The tax rate imposed in paragraph (a) shall be adjusted as provided in s. 220.1105.*

Section 7. (1) *The Department of Revenue is authorized, and all conditions are deemed to be met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing this act.*

(2) *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, emergency rules adopted pursuant to subsection (1) are effective for 6 months after adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency rules.*

(3) *This section expires January 1, 2021.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Remove line 162 of the amendment and insert: Conference in developing required reports; requiring the 2019 Legislature to consider the report concerning the automatic tax rate adjustment mechanism; creating s. 220.1105, F.S.; providing definitions; providing for the adjustment of the corporate tax rate based on net collections exceeding adjusted forecasted collections for fiscal years 2018-2019 through 2020-2021; specifying the treatment of net collections amounts that exceed adjusted forecasted net collections for fiscal years 2018-2019 through 2020-2021; amending s. 220.11, F.S.; revising the adjustment of the tax rate imposed; amending s. 220.63, F.S.; revising the adjustment of the franchise tax rate imposed on banking and savings associations; providing emergency rulemaking authority; providing

On motion by Senator Stargel, the Senate concurred in **House Amendment 1 (334833)** to **Senate Amendment 1 (903866)**.

HB 7093 passed, as amended, and the action of the Senate was certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—25

Mr. President	Galvano	Perry
Baxley	Garcia	Rouson
Bean	Gibson	Simmons
Benacquisto	Grimsley	Simpson
Bradley	Hukill	Stargel
Brandes	Hutson	Steube
Broxson	Lee	Young
Flores	Mayfield	
Gainer	Passidomo	

Nays—11

Bracy	Montford	Taddeo
Braynon	Powell	Thurston
Campbell	Rader	Torres
Farmer	Stewart	

Vote after roll call:

Nay—Book, Rodriguez

By direction of the President, the rules were waived and the Senate reverted to—

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 March 9, 2018

Dear President Negron:

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections conducted an inquiry concerning the qualifications of the appointees; however, the Committee on Ethics and Elections did not hold a public hearing for the following appointees during the 2018 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Architecture and Interior Design Appointee: Dennis, Holly L.	10/31/2021
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority Appointee: Sanchez, Domingo	04/16/2020
Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board Appointees: Jones, Peter W. Raines, Andrew J.	10/31/2021 10/31/2021
Florida Building Commission Appointees: Hamberger, Robert F. Langille, Brian	01/09/2021 06/30/2021
Florida Commission on Community Service Appointees: Barber, Chucha S. O'Connell, Cynthia F. Seevers, Sarah E. Towler, Susan Villamil, Christina Bonarrigo Walker, Kelli L.	09/14/2018 09/14/2020 09/14/2020 09/14/2019 09/14/2018 09/14/2018
Board of Trustees of Broward College Appointee: Fernandez, Gloria M.	05/31/2021
Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Appointees: Bailey, Edward Wyatt, Robert A.	05/31/2021 05/31/2021
Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College Appointees: Cancio-Johnson, Mariana "Marili" Fuentes, Jose K. Navarro, Bernardo	05/31/2019 05/31/2019 05/31/2021
Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College Appointee: Barker, Craig H.	05/31/2021
Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando State College Appointee: Musunuru, Rao	05/31/2021
Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College Appointees: Carlan, Carol H. Dawson, Patrick R. Moore, Harold Edward, Jr. Moore, Marjorie T.	05/31/2021 05/31/2021 05/31/2019 05/31/2019
Board of Trustees of Polk State College Appointee: Ross, Cynthia Hartley	05/31/2021

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College Appointee: Keith, Brian E.	05/31/2021
Board of Trustees of South Florida State College Appointees: Backer, Timothy D. Kirschner, Louis H.	05/31/2021 05/31/2021
Construction Industry Licensing Board Appointees: Donovan, Brian T. Maphis, Robert Lewis, III	10/31/2021 10/31/2021
State of Florida Correctional Medical Authority Appointee: Cuddy, Leigh-Ann	07/01/2020
Board of Trustees for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Appointee: McCaul, Owen B.	12/10/2020
Board of Dentistry Appointee: Tejera, Tinerfe J.	10/31/2021
Commission on Ethics Appointee: Rezanka, Kimberly Bonder	06/30/2019
Board of Hearing Aid Specialists Appointees: Fischer, John E. Polhill, Leanne E.	10/31/2018 10/31/2020
Board of Medicine Appointee: Lopez, Jorge	10/31/2021
Board of Pharmacy Appointee: Mikhael, Mark W.	10/31/2020
Board of Pilot Commissioners Appointee: Kurtz, Carolyn J.	10/31/2021
Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board Appointee: Warren, Dawn	10/31/2020
South Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 11 Appointees: Asseff, Patricia T. Bailey, Mario J. Walters, Sandra	10/01/2019 10/01/2019 10/01/2018
Board of Veterinary Medicine Appointee: Inzina, Suzanne	10/31/2020

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Education did not hold a public hearing for the following appointee. The Senate Committee on Ethics and Election conducted an inquiry concerning the qualifications of the appointee; however, the Committee on Ethics and Elections did not hold a public hearing for the following appointee during the 2018 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University Appointee: Lawson, Kelvin L.	01/06/2021

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism did not hold a public hearing for the following appointee. The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections conducted an inquiry concerning the qualifications of the appointee; however, the Committee on Ethics and Elections did not hold a public hearing for the following appointee during the 2018 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Directors, Enterprise Florida, Inc. Appointee: Beyrouti, Jay J.	09/30/2021

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Transportation did not hold a public hearing for the following appointee. The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections conducted an inquiry concerning the qualifications of the appointee; however, the Committee on Ethics and Elections did not hold a public hearing for the following appointee during the 2018 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Florida Transportation Commission Appointee: Howse, Ronald S.	09/30/2021

As required by Rule 12.7, the committee caused to be conducted an inquiry into the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the above-named appointees for appointment to the office indicated. The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections respectfully presents the balance of these appointments, without recommendation, for consideration by the full Senate. There is no necessity known to the Committee for the deliberations on any of these appointments to be held in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Perry, Chair

On motion by Senator Perry, the report was adopted and the Senate confirmed the appointments identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the offices for the terms indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

The vote was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	Gainer	Rader
Baxley	Galvano	Rodriguez
Bean	Garcia	Rouson
Benacquisto	Gibson	Simmons
Book	Grimsley	Simpson
Bracy	Hukill	Stargel
Bradley	Hutson	Steube
Brandes	Lee	Stewart
Braynon	Mayfield	Taddeo
Broxson	Montford	Thurston
Campbell	Passidomo	Torres
Farmer	Perry	Young
Flores	Powell	

Nays—None

By direction of the President, pursuant to Rule 4.3(3), the Senate proceeded to—

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Joe Negron, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has amended Senate Amendment (872398), concurred in the same as amended, and passed CS/CS/HB 21 as further amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Portia Palmer, Clerk