

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Senator Rodriguez, Chair
Senator Ingoglia, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, March 31, 2025
TIME: 4:00—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: *Toni Jennings Committee Room*, 110 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Rodriguez, Chair; Senator Ingoglia, Vice Chair; Senators Arrington, Avila, Brodeur, DiCeglie, Harrell, Polsky, and Smith

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 appointments to the offices indicated.			
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission			
1	Barreto, Rodney L. (Coral Gables)	01/05/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 1
Florida Inland Navigation District			
2	Chapman, Cathy (Fernandina Beach)	01/09/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
3	Kennedy, Michael (Stuart)	01/09/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
Other Related Meeting Documents			

**The Florida Senate
Committee Notice Of Hearing**

IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of

Rodney L. Barreto

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

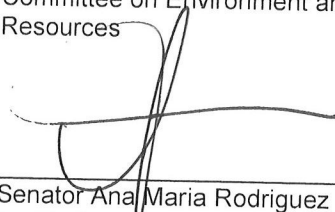
NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Mr. Rodney L. Barreto

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Monday, March 31, 2025, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 4:00 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.
DATED this the 25th day of March, 2025

Committee on Environment and Natural
Resources



Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Office of the Sergeant at Arms

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Elections

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

Rodney Barreto

is duly appointed a member of the

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

for a term beginning on the Eighth day of March, A.D., 2024,
until the Fifth day of January, A.D., 2029 and is subject to be
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the
Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
the Twenty-Eighth day of June, A.D., 2024.



Secretary of State



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RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

March 8, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 379.102, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Rodney Barreto
235 Catalonia Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

as a member of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective March 8, 2024, for a term ending January 5, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ron DeSantis", written over a horizontal line.

Ron DeSantis
Governor

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OATH OF OFFICE

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STATE OF FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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County of MIAMI DADE

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

COMMISSIONER - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

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

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

Signature

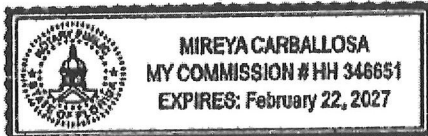
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Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of ☒ physical presence
Or ☐ online notarization this 17 day of June, 2024.

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

MIREYA CARBALLOSA

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



Personally Known ☒ or Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced _____

ACCEPTANCE

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

Mailing Address: Home ☐

Office ☒

235 CATALONIA AVENUE

Street or Post Office Box

CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

City, State, Zip Code

RODNEY BARRETO

Print Name

Signature

THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

WITNESS'S NAME: Rodney Barreto

ANSWER: I Do
Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Environment and Natural Resources

DATE: March 31, 2025

THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

WITNESS'S NAME: Emily Douglas

ANSWER: I DO

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Environment and Natural Resources

DATE: 3.31.2025

THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

WITNESS'S NAME: Katrina Shadix

ANSWER: I DO

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Environment and Natural Resources

DATE: 3.31.2025

THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

WITNESS'S NAME: Lesley Blackchur

ANSWER: I DO

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Environment and Natural Resources

DATE: 3.31.2025

THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

WITNESS'S NAME: Robyn Blevins

ANSWER: I DO

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Environment and Natural Resources

DATE: 3.31.2025

The Florida Senate

APPEARANCE RECORD

Meeting Date

Deliver both copies of this form to
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Bill Number or Topic

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

RODNEY BARRETT

Phone

305-796-3010

Address

235 CATALONIA Ave

Email

RODNEY.BARRETT@GROUP.COM

Street

CORAL GABLES FL 33134

City

State

Zip

Speaking:

☐

For

☐

Against

☐

Information

OR

Waive Speaking:

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In Support

☐

Against

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐

I am appearing without
compensation or sponsorship.

☐

I am a registered lobbyist,
representing:

☐

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

While it is a tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this hearing. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard. If you have questions about registering to lobby please see Fla. Stat. §11.045 and Joint Rule 1. [2020-2022 Joint Rules.pdf \(flsenate.gov\)](#)

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APPEARANCE RECORD

March 31, 2025

Meeting Date

FWC Barretto
appointment

Bill Number or Topic

Dept of Natural Resources

Committee

Deliver both copies of this form to
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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

Lesley Blackner

Phone

561-518-6621

Address

300 South Duval St

Email

lesleyblackner

Street

Tallahassee FL 32230

City

State

Zip

@gmail.com

Speaking:

☐ For☒ Against☐ Information**OR**

Waive Speaking:

☐ In Support☐ Against**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**I am appearing without
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The Florida Senate
APPEARANCE RECORD

Barretto
Appointment
Bill Number or Topic

march 31 2025

Meeting Date

Natural Resources

Committee

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name

Katrina Shadix

Phone

407 702 3576

Address

1011 Seneca Oak Tr

Email

Bear Warriors
United

Street

Geneva FL 32732

City

State

Zip

Speaking:

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Barreto Appointment
Bill Number or Topic

03/31/25

Meeting Date

DNR

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Robyn Blevins

Phone 717-779-5594

Address 2553 Rumba Ct.

Email robbyn.blevins@outlook.com

Street

Tallahassee

City

FL

State

32304

Zip

Speaking: ☐ For ☒ Against ☐ Information

OR

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against

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CONFIRMATION — RODNEY BARRETO

Bill Number or Topic

3/31/2025

Meeting Date

ENR

Committee

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Jessica Melkun

Phone 850-363-9072

Address 620 S. Meridian Street
Street

Email jessica.melkun@myfwc.com
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Tallahassee

City

FL

State

32309

Zip

Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

OR

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Appointment of
Rodney Barreto,

Bill Number or Topic

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Meeting Date

Committee

Name

Emily Douglas

Phone

Address

Email

Street

City

State

Zip

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OR

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections**

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

Cathy Chapman

is duly appointed a member of the
Florida Inland Navigation District

for a term beginning on the Twenty-First day of February, A.D.,
2025, until the Ninth day of January, A.D., 2029 and is subject
to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of
the Legislature.

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



Secretary of State

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

February 21, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 374.983, Florida Statutes:

Ms. Cathy Chapman
1317 North Pike Lane
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

as a member of the Florida Inland Navigation District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective February 21, 2025, for a term ending January 9, 2029.

Sincerely,

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

Ron DeSantis
Governor

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OATH OF OFFICE

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of NASSAU

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

FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

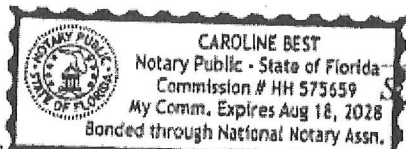
on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

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

Cathy Chapman
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of ☒ physical presence
Or ☐ online notarization this 14th day of March, 2025.



Caroline Best
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public
Caroline Best
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known ☒ or Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced _____

ACCEPTANCE

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

Mailing Address: Home ☒ Office ☐

1317 NORTH PIKE LANE
Street or Post Office Box

CATHY CHAPMAN
Print Name

FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034
City, State, Zip Code

Cathy Chapman
Signature

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections**

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

Michael John Kennedy

is duly appointed a member of the

Florida Inland Navigation District

for a term beginning on the Twenty-First day of February, A.D.,
2025, until the Ninth day of January, A.D., 2029 and is subject
to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of
the Legislature.

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



Secretary of State



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

February 21, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 374.983, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Michael Kennedy
2600 South Kanner Highway
Apartment B6
Stuart, Florida 34994

as a member of the Florida Inland Navigation District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective February 21, 2025, for a term ending January 9, 2029.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis
Governor

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Martin

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Commissioner Florida Inland Navigation District

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

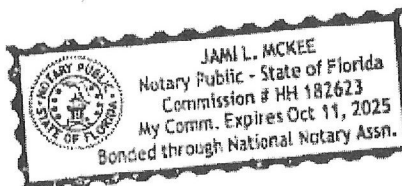
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[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Signature]
Signature

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of ☒ physical presence
Or ☐ online notarization this 6th day of March, 2025.



Jami L. McKee
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Jami L. McKee
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known ☒ or Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced _____

ACCEPTANCE

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

Mailing Address: Home ☒ Office ☐

2600 South Kanner Highway, B-6

Street or Post Office Box

Stuart, FL 34994

City, State, Zip Code

Michael J. Kennedy

Print Name

[Signature]
Signature

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4:01:27 PM	Chair Rodriguez calls meeting to order
4:01:36 PM	Roll Call
4:01:45 PM	Pledge of Allegiance
4:02:09 PM	Chair Rodriguez makes opening remarks
4:02:23 PM	Tab 1, Appointment of Rodney Barreto to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
4:02:37 PM	Chair Rodriguez swears in Rodney Barreto
4:02:52 PM	Chair Rodriguez recognizes Rodney Barreto for testimony
4:03:09 PM	Rodney Barreto
4:03:45 PM	Questions:
4:03:47 PM	Senator Polsky
4:04:19 PM	Rodney Barreto
4:05:14 PM	Senator Polsky
4:05:25 PM	Rodney Barreto
4:05:43 PM	Senator Polsky
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4:15:40 PM	Rodney Barreto
4:15:42 PM	Senator Smith
4:15:57 PM	Rodney Barreto
4:16:01 PM	Senator Smith
4:16:41 PM	Chair Rodriguez swears in public testimony:
4:16:55 PM	Lesley Blackchur
4:20:55 PM	Katrina Shadix
4:24:49 PM	Robyn Blevins
4:27:49 PM	Emily Douglas
4:30:44 PM	Debate:
4:30:46 PM	Senator Avila
4:35:07 PM	Senator Brodner moves to recommend confirmation
4:35:15 PM	Roll Call
4:35:36 PM	Tab 2,3 Confirmation of Cathy Chapman and Michael Kennedy to the Florida Inland Navigation District
4:36:01 PM	Questions:
4:36:04 PM	Senator Harrell
4:36:12 PM	Senator Harrell moves to recommend confirmation
4:36:23 PM	Roll Call
4:36:47 PM	Senator Ingoglia moves to adjourn
4:37:02 PM	Meeting adjourned