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The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION
Senator Massullo, Chair
Senator Avila, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

TIME: 12:00 noon—2:30 p.m.

PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Massullo, Chair; Senator Avila, Vice Chair; Senators Arrington, Davis, Jones, Martin, McClain, Truenow, and Wright

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 828 Leek (Similar H 581)	Sovereign Immunity for Public Transit Contractors; Providing that contractors operating public transit services and their employees, agents, or subcontractors are deemed agents of the state, agency, or subdivision for which they provide public transit services for purposes of sovereign immunity, etc. TR 02/10/2026 Fav/CS JU RC	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 2
2	SB 1274 DiCeglie (Compare CS/H 543, H 937, S 488, CS/S 1080)	Transportation; Requiring the Department of Transportation to increase the minimum perception reaction time of all steady yellow signals in this state by a specified amount of time; requiring licensing, rather than registration, of motor carriers; revising reporting periods and due dates for motor fuel use tax returns; revising requirements for calculation of interest due for delinquent tax; revising the definition of the term "off-highway vehicle"; authorizing a private entity to install an automated license plate recognition system for use on certain property for a specified purpose and providing requirements therefor; providing that certain golf carts may be titled and registered for operation on certain roads without an inspection by the department and providing requirements therefor, etc. TR 02/10/2026 Fav/CS ATD AP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
3	SB 1310 Rodriguez	Railroad Safety; Requiring certain governmental entities to install and maintain specified detection and monitoring systems at public railroad-highway grade crossings by a specified date; authorizing installation and maintenance of such systems to be funded through certain sources; requiring the Department of Transportation to compile such reports and submit a summary report to the Legislature by a specified date and biennially thereafter, etc. TR 02/10/2026 Fav/CS ATD FP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0

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4	SB 1378 Martin	Traffic Enforcement; Defining the term “abandoned vehicle”; revising the circumstances under which law enforcement officers and traffic accident investigation officers may provide for the removal of an abandoned vehicle to the nearest garage or place of safety; prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle that the person knows bears a registration license plate or validation sticker that was not issued and assigned or lawfully transferred to the motor vehicle; specifying that using a motor vehicle to flee or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer is a circumstance under which a seizure of the motor vehicle may occur under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, etc. TR 02/10/2026 Favorable CJ RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

5	SB 1562 Trumbull (Similar CS/H 989)	Motor Vehicle Dealers; Prohibiting applicants and licensees from selling more than a specified number of motor vehicles at wholesale to motor vehicle dealers in a certain period under certain circumstances, etc. TR 02/10/2026 Favorable CM RC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
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TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
6	Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.		
	Jacksonville Aviation Authority		
	Acosta-Rua, Fernando (Jacksonville)	09/30/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
	Barnett, Michelle (Jacksonville)	09/30/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
	Greater Miami Expressway Agency		
	Blanco, Richard, Jr. (Miami)	07/03/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
	Perez, Fatima (Miami-Dade)	07/03/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
	Tampa Port Authority		
	Carrere, Christopher M. (Tampa)	11/15/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
	Florida Transportation Commission		
	Good, John (Winter Park)	09/30/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

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TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Roberts, Russell (Longwood)	09/30/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
	Nash, Thomas C. II (Clearwater)	09/30/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
	Howse, Ronald S. (Cocoa)	09/30/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

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Other Related Meeting Documents

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 Transportation

BILL: CS/SB 828

INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Leek

SUBJECT: Sovereign Immunity for Public Transit Contractors

DATE: February 10, 2026 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Johnson	Vickers	TR	Fav/CS
2.			JU	
3.			RC	

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 828 provides sovereign immunity protections to contractors providing public transit services under a contract with a state agency or subdivision. These protections apply when the contractor is acting within the scope of and pursuant to the contract’s guidelines or by rule. These protections apply to any employee or agent of such contractor.

This bill may reduce insurance costs for contractors operating public transit services. See Section V., Fiscal Analysis Section for details.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

II. Present Situation:

Civil Tort Actions

One of the goals of the civil justice system is to redress tortious conduct, or “torts.” A tort is a wrong for which the law provides a remedy. Torts are generally divided into two categories, as follows:

- An intentional tort, examples of which include an assault, battery, or false imprisonment.
- Negligence, which is a tort that is unintentionally committed. To prevail in a negligence lawsuit, the party seeking the remedy, the “plaintiff,” must demonstrate that the:

- Defendant had a legal duty of care requiring the defendant to conform to a certain standard of conduct for the protection of others, including the plaintiff, against unreasonable risks;
- Defendant breached his or her duty of care by failing to conform to the required standard;
- Defendant’s breach caused the plaintiff to suffer an injury; and
- Plaintiff suffered actual damage or loss resulting from such injury.¹

Sovereign Immunity

Sovereign immunity is a principle under which a government cannot be sued without its consent.² Article X, section 13 of the Florida Constitution allows the Legislature to waive this immunity. In accordance with art. X, s. 13 of the Florida Constitution, Florida law allows for suits in tort against the state and its agencies and subdivisions for damages resulting from the negligence of government employees acting in the scope of employment.³ This liability exists only where a private person would be liable for the same conduct. The waiver of sovereign immunity provided under s. 768.28, F.S., applies only to “injury or loss of property, personal injury, or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the agency or subdivision while acting within the scope of the employee’s office or employment.”⁴

Individual government employees, officers, or agents are immune from suit or liability for damages caused by any action taken in the scope of employment, unless the damages result from the employee’s acting in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard for human rights, safety, or property.⁵ A government entity is not liable for any damages resulting from actions by an employee outside the scope of his or her employment, and is not liable for damages resulting from actions committed by the employee in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard for human rights, safety, or property.⁶

Section 768.28(5), F.S., caps damages recoverable in a tort action against a governmental entity at \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per incident.⁷ Although a court may enter an excess judgment, absent a claim bill passed by the Legislature, a claimant may not actually collect more than the caps provide.⁸

For purposes of s. 768.28, F.S., the term “state agencies or subdivisions” includes the executive departments, the Legislature, the judicial branch (including public defenders), and the independent establishments of the state, including state university boards of trustees; counties

¹ *Florida Practice Series* s. 1.1; see *Barnett v. Dept. of Fin. Serv.*, 303 So. 3d 508 (Fla. 2020).

² *Sovereign immunity*, Legal Information Institute, https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/sovereign_immunity (last visited February 5, 2026).

³ Section 768.28(1), F.S.

⁴ *City of Pembroke Pines v. Corrections Corp. of America, Inc.*, 274 So. 3d 1105, 1112 (Fla. 4th DCA 2019) (quoting s. 768.28(1), F.S.) (internal punctuation omitted).

⁵ Section 768.28(9)(a), F.S.

⁶ Section 768.28, F.S.

⁷ Section 768.28(5), F.S.

⁸ *Breaux v. City of Miami Beach*, 899 So. 2d 1059 (Fla. 2005).

and municipalities; and corporations primarily acting as instrumentalities or agencies of the state, counties, or municipalities, including the Florida Space Authority.⁹

Private Parties as Agents of the State

Sections 768.28(10)-(12), F.S., provides instances where specified private parties are considered agents of the state for sovereign immunity purposes, two of which are related to transportation.

The first is for operators, dispatchers, and providers of security for rail services and rail facility maintenance providers in the South Florida Rail Corridor (Tri-Rail), or any of their employees or agents, performing such services under contract with and on behalf of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority or the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) while acting within the scope of guidelines established in the contract or by rule.¹⁰

The second instance is for a professional firm, or an employee of the firm, to provide monitoring and inspection services of the work required for construction projects on transportation facilities, as an agent of FDOT while acting within the scope of the firm's contract. This provision specifies certain requirements for the contract and provides that it does not apply to workers compensation or motor vehicle accidents.¹¹ These protections do not apply to firms engaged by FDOT to design or construct transportation facilities or their employees, agents, or subcontractors.¹²

In determining whether or not a private contractor for a public entity is entitled to sovereign immunity protections, courts have looked at the level of control that the public entity has over the private contractor, including control over employees and operations.¹³

Public Transit

Florida law defines the term “public transit” to mean the transporting of people by conveyances, or systems of conveyances, traveling on land or water, local or regional in nature, and available for use by the public. Public transit systems may be either governmentally owned or privately owned. Public transit specifically includes those forms of transportation commonly known as “paratransit.”¹⁴

Florida’s public transit system consists of 40 urban and rural transit systems, two commuter rail systems, one heavy-rail commuter system, and two people mover systems.¹⁵

⁹ Section 768.28(2), F.S.

¹⁰ Section 768.28(10)(d), F.S.

¹¹ Section 768.28(10)(e), F.S.

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *See Lovelace v. G4S Secure Solutions*, 320 So.3d 178 (2021).

¹⁴ Section 341.031(6), F.S. The term “paratransit” to mean those elements of public transit which provide service between specific origins and destinations selected by the individual user with such service being provided at a time that is agreed upon by the user and the provider of the service. *See s. 341.031(5), F.S.*

¹⁵ Florida Public Transportation Association, *About FPTA*, <https://floridatransit.org/about-us> (last visited February 5, 2026).

Sovereign Immunity - Transportation Disadvantaged Program

In 1999, the Attorney General opined that nongovernmental community transportation coordinators within the transportation disadvantaged system¹⁶ are instrumentalities of the state based on legislatively-mandated constraints regarding their day-to-day operations; and therefore, are able to claim sovereign immunity protections.¹⁷

In 2003, the Attorney General opined that subcontractors of community transportation coordinator are not entitled to the same level of sovereign immunity since, based on the statute alone, the statute does not provide extensive governmental control over the subcontractor's day-to-day operations for it to constitute an instrumentality of the state.¹⁸

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 amends s. 768.28, F.S., to provide that a contractor or any of its employees or agents providing public transit services under a contract with a state agency or subdivision is considered an agent of the state while acting within to scope of such contract or by rule.

As a result, the payment of any damages recoverable in a tort action against such contractors will be capped at \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per incident. For a claimant to collect any judgement in excess of those amounts, the Legislature must pass a claim bill.

For this purpose, the term "public transit" has the same meaning as in s. 341.031(6), F.S., discussed above.

Section 2 amends s. 766.1115, F.S., to conform a cross-reference.

Section 3 provides that this bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

¹⁶ The Transportation Disadvantaged System is codified part I of ch. 427, F.S.

¹⁷ Fla. AGO 99-05 (Fla. A.G.), 1999 WL 68735

¹⁸ Fla. AGO 2023-11, 2003 WL 21130219 (Fla. AG).

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:

Sovereign immunity protections may result in lower insurance costs for contractors providing public transit services. However, any reduction in costs is indeterminate.

To the extent sovereign immunity applies to public transit contractors, there may be additional litigation costs and costs associated with the claims bill process. However, this amount is indeterminate.

The bill may have a negative economic impact on persons injured by the negligence of such public transit contractors, as their recovery would likewise be limited by the statutory recovery limits placed in s. 768.28, F.S., absent passage of a claim bill.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Governmental entities that contract for public transit services may incur litigation costs associated with claims against their public transit contractors. However, this amount is indeterminate.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

To the extent that the sovereign immunity protections created in the bill impact rail transit, such protections may have a negative impact on the rights of railroad employees under the Federal Employers Liability Act¹⁹ and the Federal Rail Safety Act.²⁰

¹⁹ 45 USC § 51.

²⁰ 49 U.S.C. § 20109.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 768.28 and 766.1115.

IX. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

Committee Substitute by Transportation on February 10, 2026:

The committee substitute:

- Clarifies that the sovereign immunity protections apply to a contractor providing public transit services.
- Removes references to subcontractors from the bill.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.



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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Transportation (Leek) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 41 - 48

and insert:

(f) For purposes of this section, a contractor or any of its employees or agents providing public transit services under a contract with a state agency or subdivision is considered an agent of the state while acting within the scope of and pursuant to guidelines established in such contract or by rule. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "public transit" has the



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11 same meaning as in s. 341.031(6).

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13 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

14 And the title is amended as follows:

15 Delete lines 2 - 8

16 and insert:

17 An act relating to sovereign immunity for public
18 transit contractors; amending s. 768.28, F.S.;
19 providing that contractors providing public transit
20 services and their employees or agents are deemed
21 agents of the state for purposes of sovereign
22 immunity; defining

By Senator Leek

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act related to sovereign immunity for public
 3 transit contractors; amending s. 768.28, F.S.;
 4 providing that contractors operating public transit
 5 services and their employees, agents, or
 6 subcontractors are deemed agents of the state, agency,
 7 or subdivision for which they provide public transit
 8 services for purposes of sovereign immunity; defining
 9 the term "public transit"; amending s. 766.1115, F.S.;
 10 conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective
 11 date.
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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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 15 Section 1. Present paragraphs (f) through (l) of subsection
 16 (10) of section 768.28, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 17 paragraphs (g) through (m), respectively, a new paragraph (f) is
 18 added to that subsection, and paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of
 19 that section is amended, to read:
 20 768.28 Waiver of sovereign immunity in tort actions;
 21 recovery limits; civil liability for damages caused during a
 22 riot; limitation on attorney fees; statute of limitations;
 23 exclusions; indemnification; risk management programs.—
 24 (9)
 25 (b) As used in this subsection, the term:
 26 1. "Employee" includes any volunteer firefighter.
 27 2. "Officer, employee, or agent" includes, but is not
 28 limited to, any health care provider when providing services
 29 pursuant to s. 766.1115; any nonprofit independent college or

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30 university located and chartered in this state which owns or
 31 operates an accredited medical school, and its employees or
 32 agents, when providing patient services pursuant to paragraph
 33 (10) (g) ~~(10) (f)~~; any public defender or her or his employee or
 34 agent, including an assistant public defender or an
 35 investigator; and any member of a Child Protection Team, as
 36 defined in s. 39.01, or any member of a threat management team,
 37 as described in s. 1006.07(7), when carrying out her or his
 38 duties as a team member under the control, direction, and
 39 supervision of the state or any of its agencies or subdivisions.
 40 (10)
 41 (f) For purposes of this section, a contractor operating
 42 public transit services under a contract with the state or any
 43 of its agencies or subdivisions, or any employee, agent, or
 44 subcontractor of a contractor providing such services, is deemed
 45 an agent of the state, agency, or subdivision while acting
 46 within the scope of and pursuant to guidelines established in
 47 such contract or by rule. For purposes of this paragraph, the
 48 term "public transit" has the same meaning as in s. 341.031(6).
 49 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (12) of section
 50 766.1115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 51 766.1115 Health care providers; creation of agency
 52 relationship with governmental contractors.—
 53 (12) APPLICABILITY.—This section applies to incidents
 54 occurring on or after April 17, 1992. This section does not:
 55 (b) Apply to any affiliation agreement or other contract
 56 that is subject to s. 768.28(10) (g) ~~s. 768.28(10) (f)~~.
 57 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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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 Transportation

BILL: CS/SB 1274

INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator DiCeglie

SUBJECT: Transportation

DATE: February 11, 2026 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Johnson	Vickers	TR	Fav/CS
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Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 1274 addresses a range of issues related to transportation. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to increase the minimum perception reaction time for each steady yellow signal located at an intersection with a traffic infraction detector by 0.4 seconds.
- Requires seaports located near spaceports using facilities to support space-related activities to annually submit a report on space-related activities to the chair of the Space Florida’s board of directors.
- Requires certain conditions to be met prior to seaports converting infrastructure used for space-related purposes to other purposes.
- Revises the definition of “micromobility device.”
- Authorizes automated license plate recognition systems to be used by private entities on private property and authorizes such entities to access motor vehicle registration data for specified purposes and provides penalties for unlawful access to such information.
- Authorizes counties and municipalities to set speed limits of less than 25 miles per hour on residential streets.
- Clarifies that a license plate is not obscured if a frame does not cover the license plate number or validation sticker.
- Authorizes FDOT to fund 100 percent of the cost of certain airport projects in rural communities.

- Requires FDOT to adopt rules establishing circumstances under which it may make direct payments to a first-tier subcontractor.
- Requires a takeover agreement between FDOT and a surety to require the replacement contractor to meet certain requirements.
- Establishes a Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant program and annually appropriates \$20 million for the program.

This bill may have a fiscal impact on the private and government sectors. See Section V., Fiscal Analysis Section for details.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

II. Present Situation:

For ease of organization and readability, the present situation is discussed below with the effect of proposed changes.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Steady Yellow Traffic Signals (Section 1)

Present Situation

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is required to adopt a uniform system of traffic control devices for use on the state's streets and highways.¹ To meet this requirement, FDOT has adopted the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).²

The MUTCD provides that the duration of yellow change intervals should be determined using engineering practices, with a minimum duration of three seconds and a maximum duration of six seconds.³ FDOT uses an engineering formula to determine the appropriate yellow change intervals for a particular traffic signal. This formula is based on various inputs, including perception reaction time,⁴ approach speed (speed limit), and the grade (slope) of the road.⁵

¹ Section 316.0745(1), F.S.

² Rule 14-15.010, F.A.C. (adopting the Dec. 2023 version of the MUTCD); *see also* U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), *Manual on Uniform Control Devices (MUTCD)* 11th ed. (Dec. 2023), available at https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno_11th_Edition.htm (last visited February 3, 2026).

³ Federal Highway Administration, *MUTCD*, section 4F.17, "Yellow Change and Red Clearance Intervals," 11th ed. (Dec. 2026), available at https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/11th_Edition/part4.pdf (February 3, 2026).

⁴ *See, e.g.*, Marc Green, Ph.D., *Let's Get Real About Perception-Response Time*, available at <https://www.visualexpert.com/Resources/realprt.html> (last visited February 3, 2026).

⁵ Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), *Traffic Engineering Manual*, section 3.6.2. https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/traffic/trafficservices/studies/tem/tem-2026/2026-tem--chapter-3--signals.pdf?sfvrsn=38939043_2 (last visited February 3, 2026).

Perception-Reaction Time

The term “perception-reaction time” (PRT), is defined to mean the total time it takes a driver to begin an appropriate response to an impending obstacle or hazard.⁶ Historically, FDOT calculated its yellow light intervals using a PRT of 1.0 seconds in accordance with accepted industry standards. In 2013, FDOT increased the PRT in its calculation to 1.4 seconds, based on research showing that the 85th percentile PRT value in the driver population was 1.33 seconds.⁷

Traffic Infraction Detectors

Traffic infraction detectors, commonly known as red light cameras, are vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal and a camera or cameras synchronized to automatically record two or more sequenced photographic or electronic images or streaming video of only the rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop behind the stop bar or clearly marked stop line when facing a traffic control signal steady red light.⁸

As of June 30, 2025, 42 counties and municipalities had 496 active traffic infraction detectors deployed at 302 intersections.⁹

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill requires FDOT to increase the minimum perception reaction time by 0.4 seconds for each yellow signal located at an intersection equipped with a traffic infraction detector.

Seaport – Cargo Facilities (Section 2)

Present Situation

Florida’s seaports include Jacksonville, Port Canaveral, Port Citrus, Fort Pierce, Palm Beach, Port Everglades, Miami, Port Manatee, St. Petersburg, Putnam County, Tampa, Port St. Joe, Panama City, Pensacola, Key West, and Fernandina.¹⁰

Spaceport Territory

Florida law defines the term “spaceport” to mean any area of land or water developed by Space Florida and intended for public use or for the launching, takeoff, and landing of spacecraft and

⁶ Marc Green, Ph.D., *Let’s Get Real About Perception-Response Time*, available at <https://www.visualexpert.com/Resources/realprt.html> (last visited February 3, 2026).

⁷ FDOT, Traffic Operations Bulletin 02-13, Standardization of Yellow Change Intervals for Signalized Intersections, May 31, 2013, available at https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/content/traffic/doc_library/pdf/traffic-operations-bulletin-02-13.pdf?sfvrsn=ba1d34f0_0 (last visited February 3, 2026).

⁸ Section 316.003(101), F.S.

⁹ Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *Red Light Camera Programs, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Summary Report*, December 2025, p. 2. <https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/cabinetreports/redlightcameraanalysis2025.pdf> (last visited February 9, 2026).

¹⁰ Section 311.09(1), F.S.

aircraft, and includes any appurtenant areas which are used or intended for public use, for spaceport buildings, or for other spaceport facilities, spaceport projects, or rights-of-way.¹¹

Florida law designates certain real property within the state as spaceport territory, including Cape Canaveral Spaceport in Brevard County, Cecil Spaceport in Duval County, Eglin Air Force Base in Okaloosa County, Cape San Blas in Gulf County, Space Coast Regional Airport and Spaceport in Brevard County, Homestead Air Reserve Base in Miami-Dade County, and Tyndall Air Force Base in Bay County.¹²

Space Florida

Space Florida was established as an independent special district to foster the growth and development of a sustainable and world-leading aerospace industry in this state. Space Florida is tasked with promoting aerospace business development by facilitating business financing, spaceport operations, research and development, workforce development, and innovative education programs.¹³

Seaport Support for Spaceports

Section 311.10(4), F.S., provides that as a condition of receiving a project grant under any state seaport program and as a condition of receiving state funds, a seaport located in a county which contains spaceport territory that uses land, facilities, or infrastructure to support spacecraft launch and recovery operations must, in any agreement with FDOT, agree that the seaport may not convert any planned or existing land, facility, or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes¹⁴ to any alternative purpose unless the conversion is approved by the seaport's governing board. This approval must take place at a publicly noticed meeting as a separate line on the agenda and with a reasonable opportunity for public comment. The Legislature must expressly approve the use of state funds for a project that includes such a conversion, whether by an amendment to FDOT's a work program or through the General Appropriations Act.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 311.15, F.S., to provide requirements for seaports that are located in counties with designated spaceport territory and that use land, facilities, or infrastructure for the purpose of supporting spacecraft launch and recovery operations. Each applicable seaport:

- Beginning February 1, 2027, and each February 1 thereafter, must submit to the chair of Space Florida's board of directors and post on its website a report describing all measures the seaport has taken to support the commercial space launch industry.¹⁵

¹¹ Section 331.303(17), F.S.

¹² Section 331.304, F.S.

¹³ Section 331.302(1), F.S.

¹⁴ As used in s. 311.10(4), F.S., the term "cargo purposes" includes, but is not limited to, any facility, activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that supports spaceport activities.

¹⁵ The bill defines the term "commercial space launch industry" to mean "any company substantially engaged in the transport, operation, and recovery of space launch or landing services with active maritime operations."

- May not convert any planned or existing land, facility, or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes¹⁶ to any alternative purpose unless all of the following conditions are met:
 - The governing board of the seaport provides public notice¹⁷ at least 30 days before holding a public meeting on the proposed conversion.
 - The governing board of the seaport must, at least 30 days before holding a public meeting on the proposed conversion, prominently post on the seaport’s website a report estimating the impact of the conversion on the seaport’s cargo operations.
 - The conversion is approved by a two-thirds vote of the governing board of the seaport at a publicly noticed meeting. This must be done as a separate item on the meeting agenda and with a reasonable opportunity for public comment.

The bill requires the Legislature to expressly approve the use of state funds for any seaport projects that includes the conversion of any planned or existing land, facility, or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to an alternative purpose. This approval may be done through an amendment to FDOT’s work program or through the General Appropriations Act.

Micromobility Devices (Section 3)

Present Situation

Florida law defines the term “micromobility device” to mean a motorized transportation device designed for individual use which is typically 20 to 36 inches in width and 50 pounds or less in weight and which operates at a speed of typically less than 15 miles per hour but no more than 28 miles per hour. This term includes both a human-powered and a nonhuman-powered device such as a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or any other device that is owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet.¹⁸

Operators of micromobility devices have all of the rights and duties applicable to riders of a bicycles¹⁹ except those duties, which by their nature do not apply. However, this does not prevent a local government from adopting an ordinance governing the operation of micromobility devices on streets, highways, sidewalks, and sidewalk areas under its jurisdiction.²⁰

A micromobility device is not required to be licensed, registered, or insured.²¹ Similarly, the operator of a micromobility device is not required to possess a driver’s license.²²

¹⁶ The bill amends the definition of the term “cargo purposes” to mean “any facility, activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that is not intended to facilitate the transport of passengers and includes, but is not limited to, such facilities, activities, properties, energy sources, or infrastructure assets that support spaceport activities.”

¹⁷ The public notice required by the bill must conform to the requirements of s. 50.011, F.S., regarding publication of civil legal notices.

¹⁸ Section 316.003(41), F.S.

¹⁹ This is pursuant to s. 316.2065, F.S.

²⁰ Section 316.2128(1), F.S.

²¹ Section 316.2128(2), F.S.

²² Section 316.2128(3), F.S.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 316.003, F.S., to amend the definition of “micromobility device” to provide that the term includes devices such as electric bicycles and motorized scooters. The bill also removes the provision that a micromobility device may be any other device owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet.

Automated License Plate Recognition Systems (Section 4)

Present Situation

An automatic license plate recognition system (ALPRS) uses one or more mobile or fixed high-speed cameras combined with computer algorithms to convert images of license plates into computer-readable data.²³ ALPRS scan and capture optical license plate information, and can store the digital image of the license plate, the time, date, location of the image capture, and the capturing camera information.²⁴ Stored ALPR data does not include any personal identifying information of individuals associated with the license plate.²⁵ Obtaining personal information associated with license plate information requires a separate, legally authorized, inquiry to another restricted-access database.²⁶

Historically, law enforcement has used ALPRS to compare and identify vehicles for law enforcement purposes such as detection, identification, and recovery of stolen vehicles, wanted persons, missing or endangered persons, and persons wanted for crimes.²⁷

Florida law authorizes ALPRS to be installed within FDOT’s right-of-way at the request of a law enforcement agency and for the purpose of collecting active criminal intelligence information or active criminal investigative information.²⁸ However, an ALPR cannot be used to issue a notice of violation for a traffic infraction or a uniform traffic citation.²⁹

Some private ALPRS companies compile data into a private database, sometimes in combination with AI-powered recognition technology, and partner with local governments and law enforcement agencies to install and gain access to their private database.³⁰

Florida law provides that records gathered by law enforcement agencies that contains images and data generated through the use of an ALPRS is subject to the retention schedule established by

²³ Section 316.0777, F.S.

²⁴ Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information System, *Guidelines for the Use of Automated License Plate Readers*, Nov. 13, 2024, at page 1, available at <https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/getContentAsset/dcdfae6a-0ec7-45e8-9112-b21f0d3415bb/73aabf56-e6e5-4330-95a3-5f2a270a1d2b/CJJIS-Council-ALPR-Guidelines-Revised-Approved-on-11-13-2024.pdf?language=en> (last visited February 2, 2026).

²⁵ *Id.*

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ Section 316.0777(2)(b), F.S. FDOT’s must consent to the installation of a reader on the State Highway System.

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ Jeff Burlow, *TPD confirms use of controversial Flock cameras amid commission concerns*, Tallahassee Democrat, (Dec. 12, 2025), <https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/local/2025/12/12/tallahassee-police-department-confirms-use-of-flock-cameras-license-plate-readers/87721042007/> (last visited February 3, 2026).

the Department of State.³¹ The retention period for such information is prescribed by rule and requires license plate recognition records to be retained until obsolete, superseded, or their administrative value is lost, but for no longer than three years unless retention is otherwise required.³²

Motor Vehicle Registration Data

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) maintains the Driver and Vehicle Information Database (DAVID), a multifaceted database that affords immediate retrieval of driver and motor vehicle information.³³ Personal information stored in DAVID is protected by the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act (DPPA),³⁴ which restricts access to such records with specified exceptions, such as a law enforcement agency acting in its official capacity to carry out its duties.³⁵ Other authorized uses of such data are:

- In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft.
- In the normal course of business by a legitimate business to verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by the individual or to obtain the correct information, but only for certain purposes.
- In connection with any civil, criminal, administrative, or arbitral proceeding in any court or agency or before any self-regulatory body.
- in research activities, and for use in producing statistical reports.
- For certain insurance-related purposes.
- In providing notice to the owners of towed or impounded vehicles.
- By any licensed private investigative agency or licensed security service.
- By an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify information relating to a commercial driver's license.
- In connection with the operation of private toll transportation facilities.
- With the consent of the person to whom such personal information pertains.
- For any other use specifically authorized under a state law, if such use is related to the operation of a motor vehicle or public safety.³⁶

Parking on Private Property

Section 705.075, F.S., authorizes the owner or operator of a private property used for motor vehicle parking to establish rules and rates governing private persons parking motor vehicles on such private property, including changes for violating the owner or operators rules. This statute provides notice and invoice requirements and a method to dispute and appeal the invoice.³⁷

³¹ Section 316.0778(2), F.S. The Department of State must establish a retention schedule for records containing images and data generated through the use of an automated license plate recognition system.

³² Rule 1B-24.003, F.A.C.

³³ DHSMV, *Driver and Vehicle Information Database (DAVID)*, <https://www.flhsmv.gov/courts-enforcement/david/> (last visited February 3, 2026).

³⁴ 18 U.S.C. § 2721.

³⁵ DHSMV, *Driver Privacy Protection Act*, <https://www.flhsmv.gov/privacy-statement/driver-privacy-protection-act/> (last visited January 3, 2026).

³⁶ 18 USC 2721(b)

³⁷ Certain portions of this s. 705.075 do not apply to theme parks or entertainment complexes. If certain conditions are met, s. 705.075 does not apply to lodging parks, mobile home parks, or recreational vehicle parks.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 316.0777, F.S., to authorize a private entity to install an automated license plate recognition system solely for use on and within the property it owns or controls for a public safety-related purpose or in connection with controlling access to or enforcement of access to public or private property. A private entity that installs such a system:

- May not access vehicle registration data generated by the system, except to the extent permitted by the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, s. 715.075, F.S., relating to parking on private property, or for the limited purpose of providing notice to vehicle owners that they failed to pay for parking and that such failure has resulted in a fine.
- May not share or sell images or data generated by the system, except to the extent required to respond to a lawful request from a law enforcement agency or to the extent sharing is required for public safety or access control purposes.
- Must contractually obligate any third party that installs, maintains, or operates the system to protect the images or data generated by the systems from disclosure, including a prohibition on sharing or selling such images or data, except to the extent authorized above.
- May not offer or provide as payment or other consideration any portion of the proceeds derived from a fine or charge imposed based on images or data generated by the system to any third party that installs, operates, or maintains the system, except to the extent the system is used in connection with controlling access to or enforcement of access to public or private property.

The bill also provides that an individual who uses or releases such information for a purpose that is not specifically authorized commits a noncriminal infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

Residential Speed Limits (Sections 5 and 6)

Present Situation

Florida law also prescribes maximum speed limits for all streets and highways and provides that the maximum speed limit for all vehicles in residence districts must be 30 miles per hour in counties and municipalities.³⁸ However, for vehicles in residence districts, counties and municipalities may set a lower maximum speed limit of 20 or 25 miles per hour after an investigation determines that a lower speed limit is reasonable.³⁹

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends ss. 316.183 and 316.189, F.S., to authorize counties and municipalities to set lower speed limits at any level below the maximum speed limit prescribed by law for local streets and highways in a residence district. The county or municipality must conduct an investigation to determine that the lower speed limit is reasonable.

³⁸ Sections 316.183(2) and 316.189(1), F.S.

³⁹ *Id.*

License Plate Frames (Section 7)

Present Situation

Florida law requires license plates to be displayed in such a way that certain identifying information is plainly visible and legible.⁴⁰ Florida law also prohibits a person from applying or attaching something onto or around a license plate which interferes with the legibility, angular visibility, or detectability, or interferes with the ability to record, any feature or detail on the license plate.⁴¹

As of October 1, 2025, Florida law provides that it is a criminal offense to purchase, possess, manufacture, sell, distribute, or use to assist in committing a crime a license plate obscuring device.⁴² For purchasing or possessing such a device it is a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable of a term of imprisonment not exceeding 60 days⁴³ or a fine not to exceed \$500.⁴⁴

For this purpose, the term “license plate obscuring device” is defined to mean a device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle for the purpose of:

- Switching between two or more license plates to permit a motor vehicle operator to change the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle;
- Hiding a license plate from view by flipping the license plate so that the license plate number is not visible;
- Covering, obscuring, or otherwise interfering with the legibility, angular visibility, or detectability of the primary features or details, including the license plate number or validation sticker, on the license plate; or
- Interfering with the ability to record the primary features or details, including the license plate number or validation sticker, on the license plate.⁴⁵

After the 2025 law went into effect, there was some confusion regarding the legality of certain license plate frames.⁴⁶ In December 2025, DHSMV issued guidance regarding license plate frames. That guidance indicated that it does not prohibit such license plate frame as long as the frame does not obscure visibility of the following:

- The alpha numeric plate identifier;
- The decal in the top right hand corner of the license plate.⁴⁷

⁴⁰ Section 316.605(1), F.S.

⁴¹ Section 320.061, F.S.

⁴² Section 320.262, F.S.

⁴³ Section 775.082(4)(b), F.S.

⁴⁴ Section 775.083(1)(e), F.S.

⁴⁵ Section 320.262(1), F.S.

⁴⁶ See e.g., Tim Wronka, *Is your license plate frame illegal? Florida clarifies new plate law.*

<https://baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2025/12/22/is-your-license-plate-frame-illegal--florida-clarifies-new-plate-law-> (last visited February 9, 2026).

⁴⁷ Memorandum from Dave Kerner, Executive Director, DHSMV, to all Florida Law Enforcement Agencies, Obscured License Plates, December 12, 2026. (On file with Senate Committee on Transportation).

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 320.262, F.S., to provide that the use of a license plate frame or decorative border device is not a criminal offense, provided the device does not obscure the visibility of the following:

- The alphanumeric designation or license plate number.
- The registration decal or validation sticker in the upper right corner of the plate.

FDOT Funding for Rural Airports (Section 8)***Present Situation***

FDOT Aviation Funding

Florida law authorizes FDOT to, subject to appropriation, to fund up to 100 percent of eligible project costs of all of the following at a public-use airport⁴⁸ located in a rural community which does not have any scheduled commercial service:

- The capital cost of runway and taxiway projects that add capacity. Such projects must be prioritized based on the amount of available nonstate matching funds.
- Economic development transportation projects.⁴⁹

FDOT must allocate any remaining funds for projects specified in s. 332.007(6), F.S., relating to aviation development projects.⁵⁰

Rural Communities

Florida law defines the term “rural community” to mean:

- A county with a population of 75,000 or fewer.
- A county with a population of 125,000 or fewer which is contiguous to a county with a population of 75,000 or fewer.
- A municipality within a county described above.
- An unincorporated federal enterprise community or an incorporated rural city with a population of 25,000 or fewer and an employment base focused on traditional agricultural or resource-based industries, located in a county not defined as rural, which has at least three or more of the economic distress factors and verified by the Florida Department of Commerce.⁵¹

Florida law defines the term “rural area of opportunity” (RAO) to mean a rural community, or a region composed of rural communities, designated by the Governor, which has been adversely affected by an extraordinary economic event, severe or chronic distress, or a natural disaster or

⁴⁸ Section 332.004(14), F.S., defines the term “public-use airport” to mean any publicly owned airport which is used or to be used for public purposes.

⁴⁹ Economic development transportation projects are administered pursuant to s. 339.2821, F.S.

⁵⁰ Section 332.007(10), F.S.

⁵¹ Section 288.0656(2)(e), F.S. Population is determine based on the state’s official population estimate pursuant to s. 186.901, F.S.

that presents a unique economic development opportunity of regional impact.⁵² Florida has three RAOs, the Northwest RAO, the North Central RAO, and the South Central RAO.⁵³

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 332.007, F.S., to authorize FDOT to fund up to 100 percent of eligible project costs of projects at public-use airports located in a rural community which does not have any scheduled commercial service. The bill prohibits FDOT from requiring matching funds for any eligible project at such airports located in RAOs. These funds may be provided as matching funds for eligible projects funded by the Federal Government or any state agency.

FDOT Contracting Authority (Section 9)

Present Situation

Florida Prompt Payment Act

Florida law has several “Prompt Payment Acts” regulating various aspects of payments connected to construction projects and services. Part VII of ch. 218, F.S., addresses payment for local government construction projects. Chapter 255, F.S., governs payments connected to state agency construction projects, and payments for private construction projects are regulated in chs. 713 and 715, F.S.

Prompt Payment Act for State Construction Projects

Sections 255.0705 - 255.078, F.S., known as the Florida Prompt Payment Act, governs the timely payment for construction services by the state or any agency thereof (public entity).⁵⁴ This act also governs payments made by contractors to subcontractors and suppliers when the construction services are in connection with a public entity construction project.

Payment Deadline for Public Entity to Contractor

For public entities contracting with a prime contractor, the public entity must submit the contractor’s request to the Chief Financial Officer within 14 days of receiving the payment application.⁵⁵ If a public entity disputes a portion of a payment request, the undisputed portion must be paid by the date required under the contract or by 20 business days after receipt of the request, whichever is earlier.⁵⁶

When a contractor receives payment from a public entity for labor, services, or materials furnished by subcontractors and suppliers hired by the contractor, the contractor is required to remit payment due to those subcontractors and suppliers within 10 days after the contractor’s receipt of payment.⁵⁷ When a subcontractor receives payment from a contractor for labor,

⁵² Section 288.0656(2)(d), F.S.

⁵³ Florida Department of Commerce, Office of Rural Initiatives, <https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/office-of-rural-initiatives> (last visited February 9, 2026).

⁵⁴ Section 255.072, F.S., defines the term “public entity” to mean the state, or any office, board, bureau, commission, department, branch, division, or institution thereof, but does not include a local governmental entity as defined in s. 218.72, F.S.

⁵⁵ Section 255.074, F.S.

⁵⁶ Section 255.073(2), F.S.

⁵⁷ Section 255.073(3), F.S.

services, or materials furnished by subcontractors and suppliers hired by the subcontractor, the subcontractor is required to remit payment due to those subcontractors and suppliers within 7 days after the subcontractor's receipt of payment.⁵⁸

Penalties for Late Payment

All payments due for the purchase of construction services under the Florida Prompt Payment Act and wrongfully withheld by a public entity or prime contractor bear statutorily imposed interest at the rate of 2 percent per month.⁵⁹

FDOT Contracting Authority

Section 337.11, F.S., authorizes FDOT to enter into contracts for the construction and maintenance of roads and related facilities under its jurisdiction.⁶⁰

Every contract let by FDOT for the performance of work must require the prime contractor, before receiving any progress payment under such contract, to certify that the prime contractor has disbursed to all of its subcontractors and suppliers their pro rata shares of the payment out of previous progress payments received by the prime contractor for all work completed and materials furnished in the previous period,⁶¹ as FDOT approved payment. FDOT may not make any such progress payment before receiving such certification, unless the contractor demonstrates good cause for not making any such required payment and furnishes written notification of any such good cause to both FDOT and the affected subcontractors and suppliers.⁶²

Every contract let by FDOT for the performance of work must require the prime contractor, within 30 days of receipt of the final progress payment or any other payments received thereafter except the final payment, to pay all of its subcontractors and suppliers their pro rata shares of the payment for all work completed and materials furnished, unless the contractor demonstrates good cause for not making any such required payment and furnishes written notification of any such good cause to both FDOT and the affected subcontractors or suppliers within such 30-day period.⁶³

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 337.11, F.S., to require FDOT to adopt rules establishing circumstances under which it may make direct payments to first-tier subcontractors. Such circumstances must include all of the following:

- The contractor has not requested payment from FDOT for the past six months.

⁵⁸ *Id.* A contractor or subcontractor is still permitted to dispute, pursuant to the terms of the relevant contract, all or any portion of a payment alleged to be due to another party if the contractor or subcontractor notifies the party whose payment is disputed, in writing, of the amount in dispute and the actions required to cure the dispute. The contractor or subcontractor must pay all undisputed amounts due within the time limits imposed by this subsection.

⁵⁹ Section 255.073(4), F.S.

⁶⁰ Section 337.11(1), F.S.

⁶¹ This is less any retainage withheld by the prime contractor pursuant to an agreement with a subcontractor.

⁶² Section 337.11(11)(a), F.S.

⁶³ Section 337.11(11)(b), F.S.

- There is a binding, written subcontract between the contractor and the subcontractor, and FDOT is in possession of a complete copy of the subcontract.
- The subcontractor has performed work that is unpaid by the subcontractor, and FDOT has sufficient documentation of such unpaid work.
- There is no bona fide, documented dispute between the contractor and the subcontractor.

The amounts FDOT pays to the subcontractor must be deducted from amounts otherwise due to the contractor.

Surety Bonds for FDOT Construction and Contracts (Section 10)

Present Situation

Section 337.18, F.S., requires a surety bond of the successful bidder in an amount equal to the awarded contract price for a FDOT contract. However, in limited circumstances, FDOT has the discretion to authorize phased bonding or waive all or a portion of the bond requirement.⁶⁴

FDOT's contracts must provide for the determination of default on the part of any contractor for cause attributable to such contractor. FDOT is not liable for anticipated profits for unfinished work on a contract which it has determined to be in default.⁶⁵

Section 337.14, F.S., requires FDOT to prequalify any contractor wishing to bid on a contract in excess of \$250,000. Rule 14-22, F.A.C., provides FDOT's rules regarding obtaining a certificate of qualification.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 337.18(6), F.S., to provide that if, due to a default by the contractor, FDOT and the surety enter into a takeover agreement, such agreement must require the surety's completion contractor to meet the certification of qualification requirements in the original contract's bid solicitation. The bill also requires the surety to follow the contract's procedures regarding the certification of disbursement of payment to the subcontractors.

Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program (Section 11)

Present Situation

In 2025, the Legislature created the Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Program. The program's purpose is to increase traffic signal interconnectivity and provide real-time traffic optimization to improve traffic flow and enhance safety. The program must:

- Provide for retrofitting existing traffic signals and controllers and providing a communication backbone for remote and automated operations and management of such signals on the State Highway System and the nonstate highway system.
- Prioritize signal upgrades based on average annual daily traffic and the impact of adding to an existing interconnected system.

⁶⁴ Section 337.18(1)(a), F.S.

⁶⁵ Section 337.18(2), F.S.

- Use at least one advanced traffic management platform that uses state-of-the-art technology and that complies with leading cybersecurity standards, such as SOC 2 and ISO 27001, ensuring robust data protection.⁶⁶

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill substantially rewrites s. 339.85, F.S., to create a Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program, replacing the existing program.

The bill requires FDOT to implement a Next-generation Traffic Signalization Modernization Grant Program to assist counties and municipalities in upgrading eligible signalized intersections with artificial intelligence-and machine learning-enabled detection, controllers, communications, and software that prioritizes modernization in key corridors across the state.

The bill requires FDOT to implement a state-local partnership through a cost-sharing arrangement to authorizes FDOT to fund:

- Up to 80 percent of eligible costs for first-year pilot corridors, with a minimum 20 percent contribution.
- Fifty percent of ensuing year research, development, and installation.

The bill provides that after signal modernization, the local government and the vendor are responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the signal.

The bill authorizes FDOT to waive any local match requirement for state-owned or state-operated intersections.

The bill requires FDOT to prioritize grant applications for intersections at which a signal modernization will measurably:

- Reduce average control delay and corridor travel times.
- Improve surrogate safety measures⁶⁷ and support emergency vehicle preemption.
- Provide transit signal priority and multimodal benefits to pedestrians and cyclists.

The bill requires FDOT to use competitive procurement⁶⁸ to find a vendor or vendors that use state-of-the-art technology that complies with leading cybersecurity standards⁶⁹ ensuring robust data protection. The program must also:

- Require open, interoperable, and secure systems that avoid vendor lock in and protect cybersecurity.
- Ensure data transparency through standardized performance dashboards and annual public reports demonstrating benefits relative to cost.
- Coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations, regional traffic management centers, law enforcement, fire rescue, and transit agencies to maximize systemwide benefits.

⁶⁶ See ch. 2025-149, Laws of Fla., codified at s. 338.95, F.S.

⁶⁷ Surrogate safety measures include failures to stop at red lights and hard-braking events.

⁶⁸ This is as provided in ch. 287, F.S.

⁶⁹ These security standards include SOC 2 and ISO 27001.

- Encourage use of state-based pilots, sandboxes, and independent evaluations to validate performance before large-scale rollout.
- Support workforce development and local operations staff training so upgrades remain effective over the life of the equipment.

Beginning in fiscal year 2026-2027, the bill annually appropriates \$20 million from the State Transportation Trust Fund to FDOT to fund the Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program.

Effective Date (Section 12)

This bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

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:

Authorizing private entities to install automated license plate recognition systems on their property may have a positive indeterminate fiscal impact on vendors of such systems.
(Section 4)

Authorizing FDOT to directly pay subcontractors if specified conditions are met may have a positive fiscal impact on such subcontractors. However, the amount is indeterminate. (Section 12)

C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT will incur costs associated with adjusting the length of yellow lights at each intersection with a traffic infraction detector. However, this cost is indeterminate. (Section 1)

Eligible public use airports may find it easier to fund projects due to the changes in FDOT's funding authority regarding those airports. (Section 8)

Beginning in fiscal year 2026-2027, the bill annually appropriates \$20 million from the State Transportation Trust Fund to FDOT to fund the Next Generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program. (Section 12)

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 311.10, 316.003, 316.0777, 316.183, 316.189, 320.262, 332.007, 337.11, 337.18, and 339.85.

This bill creates the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 311.15.

This bill creates one undesignated section of the Florida Statutes.

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 Transportation on February 10, 2026:

The committee substitute:

- Removes from the bill provisions relating to the International Fuel Tax Agreement, off-highway vehicles, motor vehicle noise prohibitions, golf cart conversions, and digital driver licenses and identification cards.
- Limits the increase to yellow light times to intersections with traffic infraction detectors.
- Revises the authorized use of automated license plate recognition systems by private entities on private property to control or enforce access to such property and

authorizes such entities to access motor vehicle registration information for specified purposes.

- Authorizes counties and municipalities to set speed limits of less than 25 miles per hour on residential streets.
- Clarifies that a license plate is not obscured if a frame does not cover the license plate number or validation sticker.
- Authorizes FDOT to fund 100 percent of the cost of certain airport projects in rural communities.
- Revises provisions relating to FDOT making direct payments to first-tier subcontractors and requirements governing a takeover agreement between FDOT and a surety.
- Removes legislative findings from the traffic signal modernization grant program.

B. Amendments:

None.



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The Committee on Transportation (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. The Department of Transportation shall increase the minimum perception-reaction time for each steady yellow signal located at an intersection equipped with a traffic infraction detector by 0.4 seconds.

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 311.10, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 311.15, Florida



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11 Statutes, and amended to read:

12 311.15 ~~311.10~~ Seaports; cargo facilities; reporting
13 requirements Strategic Port Investment Initiative.-

14 (1) As used in this section, the term:

15 (a) "Cargo purposes" means any facility, activity,
16 property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that is not
17 intended to facilitate the transport of passengers and includes,
18 but is not limited to, such facilities, activities, properties,
19 energy sources, or infrastructure assets that support spaceport
20 activities.

21 (b) "Commercial space launch industry" means any company
22 substantially engaged in the transport, operation, and recovery
23 of space launch or landing services with active maritime
24 operations.

25 (2) Beginning February 1, 2027, and each February 1
26 thereafter, each seaport located in a county in which real
27 property is designated as spaceport territory under s. 331.304
28 and which uses land, facilities, or infrastructure for the
29 purpose of supporting spacecraft launch and recovery operations
30 must submit a report to the chair of the Space Florida board of
31 directors which describes all measures the seaport has taken to
32 support the commercial space launch industry. The seaport must
33 post a copy of the report on its website once the report has
34 been submitted to the chair of the board.

35 ~~(3)-(4) As a condition of receiving a project grant under~~
36 ~~any program established in this chapter and as a condition of~~
37 ~~receiving state funds as described in s. 215.31, A seaport that~~
38 ~~is located in a county in which real property is designated as~~
39 ~~spaceport territory under s. 331.304 and that uses land,~~



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40 facilities, or infrastructure for the purpose of supporting
41 spacecraft launch and recovery operations ~~must, in any agreement~~
42 ~~with the Department of Transportation, agree that the seaport~~
43 may not convert any planned or existing land, facility, or
44 infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative
45 purpose unless all of the following conditions are met:

46 (a) The governing board of the seaport must provide public
47 notice as provided in s. 50.011 at least 30 days before holding
48 a public meeting on the proposed conversion.

49 (b) Before approving the proposed conversion, the governing
50 board of the seaport must prepare or cause to be prepared a
51 report estimating the impact of the conversion on the cargo
52 operations of the seaport. The report must be prominently posted
53 on the seaport's website at least 30 days before holding a
54 public meeting on the proposed conversion.

55 (c) The conversion must be ~~is~~ approved by a two-thirds vote
56 of ~~by the seaport's~~ governing board of the seaport at a publicly
57 noticed meeting as a separate line on the agenda and with a
58 reasonable opportunity for public comment. ~~, and, if approved,~~

59 (4) The Legislature must expressly approve ~~approves~~ the use
60 of state funds for any a project that includes the such a
61 conversion of any planned or existing land, facility, or
62 infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative
63 purpose, whether by a work program amendment or through the
64 General Appropriations Act. ~~As used in this subsection, the term~~
65 "cargo purposes" includes, but is not limited to, any facility,
66 activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that
67 supports spaceport activities.

68 Section 3. Subsection (41) of section 316.003, Florida



69 Statutes, is amended to read:

70 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when
71 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively
72 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
73 otherwise requires:

74 (41) MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.—A motorized transportation
75 device designed for individual use which is typically 20 to 36
76 inches in width and 50 pounds or less in weight and which
77 operates at a speed of typically less than 15 miles per hour but
78 no more than 28 miles per hour. This term includes devices both
79 ~~a human-powered and a nonhuman-powered device~~ such as an a
80 ~~bicycle,~~ electric bicycle and a, motorized scooter, ~~or any other~~
81 ~~device that is owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet.~~

82 Section 4. Present subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section
83 316.0777, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4),
84 (5), and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (3) and
85 subsection (7) are added to that section, to read:

86 316.0777 Automated license plate recognition systems;
87 installation within rights-of-way of State Highway System and on
88 and within property owned or controlled by private entity;
89 public records exemption.—

90 (3) A private entity may install an automated license plate
91 recognition system solely for use on and within the property
92 owned or controlled by the entity and for a public safety-
93 related purpose or in connection with controlling access to or
94 enforcement of access to public or private property. A private
95 entity that installs such a system:

96 (a) May not access vehicle registration data for vehicles
97 identified by the system, except to the extent permitted by the



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98 Driver's Protection Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. ss. 2721-2725, or s.
99 715.075 or for the limited purpose of providing notice to
100 vehicle owners that they failed to pay for parking and that such
101 failure has resulted in a fine.

102 (b) May not share or sell images or data generated by the
103 system, except to the extent required to respond to a lawful
104 request from a law enforcement agency or to the extent sharing
105 is required for public safety or access control purposes.

106 (c) Must contractually obligate any third party that
107 installs, maintains, or operates the system to protect the
108 images or data generated by the system from disclosure,
109 including a prohibition on sharing or selling such images or
110 data, except to the extent authorized under paragraph (b).

111 (d) May not offer or provide as payment or other
112 consideration any portion of the proceeds derived from a fine or
113 charge imposed based on images or data generated by the system
114 to any third party that installs, maintains, or operates the
115 system, except to the extent the system is used in connection
116 with controlling access to or enforcement of access to public or
117 private property.

118 (7) An individual who uses or releases such information for
119 a purpose not specifically authorized by law commits a
120 noncriminal infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding
121 \$2,000.

122 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 316.183, Florida
123 Statutes, is amended to read:

124 316.183 Unlawful speed.—

125 (2) On all streets or highways, the maximum speed limits
126 for all vehicles must be 30 miles per hour in business or



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127 residence districts, and 55 miles per hour at any time at all
128 other locations. However, with respect to a residence district,
129 a county or municipality may set a lower maximum speed limit ~~of~~
130 ~~20 or 25 miles per hour~~ on local streets and highways after an
131 investigation determines that such a limit is reasonable. It is
132 not necessary to conduct a separate investigation for each
133 residence district. The minimum speed limit on all highways that
134 comprise a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense
135 Highways and have not fewer than four lanes is 40 miles per
136 hour, except that when the posted speed limit is 70 miles per
137 hour, the minimum speed limit is 50 miles per hour.

138 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
139 316.189, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

140 316.189 Establishment of municipal and county speed zones.—

141 (2) SPEED ON COUNTY ROADS.—The maximum speed on any county-
142 maintained road is:

143 (a) In any business or residence district, 30 miles per
144 hour in the daytime or nighttime; provided that with respect to
145 residence districts a county may set a lower maximum speed limit
146 ~~of 25 miles per hour~~ after an investigation determines that such
147 a limit is reasonable; and it shall not be necessary to conduct
148 a separate investigation in each residence district.

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150 However, the board of county commissioners may set speed zones
151 altering such speeds, both as to maximum and minimum, after
152 investigation determines such a change is reasonable and in
153 conformity to criteria promulgated by the Department of
154 Transportation, except that no such speed zone shall permit a
155 speed of more than 60 miles per hour.



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156 Section 7. Subsection (5) is added to section 320.262,
157 Florida Statutes, to read:

158 320.262 License plate obscuring device prohibited;
159 penalties.—

160 (5) The use of a license plate frame or decorative border
161 device is not an offense under this section, provided that the
162 device does not obscure the visibility of the following:

163 (a) The alphanumeric designation or license plate number.

164 (b) The registration decal or validation sticker located in
165 the upper right corner.

166 Section 8. Subsection (10) of section 332.007, Florida
167 Statutes, is amended to read:

168 332.007 Administration and financing of aviation and
169 airport programs and projects; state plan.—

170 ~~(10) Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and~~
171 ~~unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act or~~
172 ~~the substantive bill implementing the General Appropriations~~
173 ~~Act,~~ The department may fund up to 100 percent of eligible

174 project costs of projects under this section ~~all of the~~
175 ~~following~~ at a public-use airport located in a rural community
176 as defined in s. 288.0656 which does not have any scheduled
177 commercial service. The department may not require matching

178 funds for any eligible project at such airports located in rural
179 areas of opportunity designated under s. 288.0656. Funds
180 provided pursuant to this section may be provided as matching
181 funds for eligible projects funded by the Federal Government or
182 any state agency.

183 ~~(a) The capital cost of runway and taxiway projects that~~
184 ~~add capacity. Such projects must be prioritized based on the~~



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185 ~~amount of available nonstate matching funds.~~

186 ~~(b) Economic development transportation projects pursuant~~
187 ~~to s. 339.2821.~~

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189 ~~Any remaining funds must be allocated for projects specified in~~
190 ~~subsection (6).~~

191 Section 9. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (11) of
192 section 337.11, Florida Statutes, to read:

193 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency
194 repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined
195 design and construction contracts; progress payments; records;
196 requirements of vehicle registration.-

197 (11)

198 (d)1. The department shall adopt rules establishing
199 circumstances under which it may make direct payments to a
200 first-tier subcontractor. Such circumstances must include all of
201 the following:

202 a. The contractor has not requested payment from the
203 department in the past 6 months.

204 b. There is a binding, written subcontract between the
205 contractor and the subcontractor, and the department is in
206 possession of a complete copy of the subcontract.

207 c. The subcontractor has performed work that is unpaid by
208 the contractor, and the department has sufficient documentation
209 of such unpaid work.

210 d. There is no bona fide, documented dispute between the
211 contractor and the subcontractor.

212 2. Amounts paid by the department pursuant to rules adopted
213 under this paragraph must be deducted from amounts otherwise due



214 the contractor.

215 Section 10. Present subsection (6) of section 337.18,
216 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new
217 subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

218 337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance
219 contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond
220 requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—

221 (6) If, due to a default by the contractor, the department
222 and the surety enter into a takeover agreement, such agreement
223 must require the surety's completion contractor to meet the
224 certification of qualification requirements of the original
225 contract bid solicitation and follow the contract's procedures
226 regarding certification of disbursement of payment to
227 subcontractors.

228 Section 11. Section 339.85, Florida Statutes, is amended to
229 read:

230 (Substantial rewording of section. See
231 s. 339.85, F.S., for present text.)

232 339.85 Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant
233 Program.—

234 (1) The department shall implement a Next-generation
235 Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program. The purpose of the
236 program is to assist counties and municipalities in upgrading
237 eligible signalized intersections with artificial intelligence-
238 and machine learning-enabled detection, controllers,
239 communications, and software that prioritize modernization in
240 key corridors across this state.

241 (2) (a) The department shall implement a state-local
242 partnership through a cost-sharing arrangement as follows:



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243 1. Authorize the department to fund first-year pilot
244 corridors at up to 80 percent of eligible costs, with a minimum
245 20 percent local contribution.

246 2. Authorize the department to fund 50 percent of ensuing
247 year research and development and installation.

248 (b) Ongoing maintenance after signal modernization shall be
249 the responsibility of the local government and the vendor.

250 (3) The department may waive any local match requirement
251 for state-owned or state-operated intersections.

252 (4) The department shall prioritize grant applications for
253 intersections at which a signal modernization will measurably:

254 (a) Reduce average control delay and corridor travel times.

255 (b) Improve surrogate safety measures, such as failures to
256 stop at red lights and hard-braking events, and support
257 emergency vehicle preemption.

258 (c) Provide transit signal priority and multimodal benefits
259 to pedestrians and cyclists.

260 (5) The department shall use competitive procurement as
261 provided in chapter 287 to find a vendor or vendors that use
262 state-of-the-art technology that complies with leading
263 cybersecurity standards, such as SOC 2 and ISO 27001, ensuring
264 robust data protection. Additionally, the program shall:

265 (a) Require open, interoperable, and secure systems that
266 avoid vendor lock-in and protect cybersecurity.

267 (b) Ensure data transparency through standardized
268 performance dashboards and annual public reports demonstrating
269 benefits relative to cost.

270 (c) Coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations,
271 regional traffic management centers, and law enforcement, fire



272 rescue, and transit agencies to maximize systemwide benefits.

273 (d) Encourage use of state-based pilots, sandboxes, and
274 independent evaluations to validate performance before large-
275 scale rollout.

276 (e) Support workforce development and local operations
277 staff training so upgrades remain effective over the life of the
278 equipment.

279 (6) Beginning in fiscal year 2026-2027, \$20 million is
280 appropriated annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund
281 to the department to fund the Next-generation Traffic Signal
282 Modernization Grant Program as described in this section.

283 Section 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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285 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

286 And the title is amended as follows:

287 Delete everything before the enacting clause
288 and insert:

289 A bill to be entitled
290 An act relating to transportation; requiring the
291 Department of Transportation to increase the minimum
292 perception-reaction time of certain steady yellow
293 signals by a specified amount of time; transferring,
294 renumbering, and amending s. 311.10(4), F.S.; defining
295 the terms "cargo purposes" and "commercial space
296 launch industry"; requiring certain seaports to submit
297 an annual report describing measures taken to support
298 the commercial space launch industry to the chair of
299 the Space Florida board of directors beginning on a
300 specified date; requiring a seaport to post such



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301 report on its website; prohibiting certain seaports
302 from converting planned or existing land, facilities,
303 or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to an
304 alternative purpose unless specified conditions are
305 met; requiring legislative approval for the use of
306 state funds for specified projects; amending s.
307 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
308 "micromobility device"; amending s. 316.0777, F.S.;
309 authorizing a private entity to install an automated
310 license plate recognition system for use on certain
311 property for a specified purpose or in connection with
312 controlling or enforcement of access to property;
313 prohibiting an entity that installs such a system from
314 accessing certain data or sharing or selling certain
315 images and data; providing exceptions; requiring such
316 entities to contractually obligate certain third
317 parties to protect certain images and data from
318 disclosure; prohibiting such entities from offering or
319 providing as payment or other consideration certain
320 proceeds to a third party; providing an exception;
321 providing noncriminal penalties for the unauthorized
322 use or release of certain information; amending ss.
323 316.183 and 316.189, F.S.; authorizing counties and
324 municipalities to set lower maximum speed limits in
325 residence districts under certain circumstances;
326 amending s. 320.262, F.S.; providing that the use of a
327 license plate frame or decorative border device that
328 does not obscure the visibility of certain features is
329 not prohibited; amending s. 332.007, F.S.; authorizing



330 the department to fund certain project costs at
331 certain airports; prohibiting the department from
332 requiring certain matching funds; authorizing the
333 provision of certain funds as matching funds for
334 certain eligible projects; amending s. 337.11, F.S.;
335 requiring the department to adopt rules establishing
336 circumstances under which it may make direct payments
337 to a first-tier subcontractor; requiring that amounts
338 paid to such subcontractor be deducted from amounts
339 otherwise due the contractor; amending s. 337.18,
340 F.S.; requiring that a takeover agreement between the
341 department and a surety require the surety's
342 completion contractor to meet certain requirements and
343 follow certain contract procedures; amending s.
344 339.85, F.S.; requiring the department to implement a
345 Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant
346 Program; providing the program's purpose; requiring
347 the department to implement a state-local partnership
348 through a cost-sharing arrangement; specifying
349 requirements for such arrangement; authorizing the
350 department to waive local match requirements for
351 certain intersections; requiring the department to
352 prioritize grant applications for certain
353 intersections and use competitive procurement to find
354 certain vendors; specifying program requirements;
355 providing for an annual appropriation; providing an
356 effective date.

By Senator DiCeglie

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to transportation; requiring the
 3 Department of Transportation to increase the minimum
 4 perception reaction time of all steady yellow signals
 5 in this state by a specified amount of time; amending
 6 s. 207.001, F.S.; revising a short title; reordering
 7 and amending s. 207.002, F.S.; revising definitions
 8 and defining terms; amending s. 207.004, F.S.;
 9 requiring licensing, rather than registration, of
 10 motor carriers; requiring fuel tax decals, rather than
 11 identifying devices, for motor carriers; requiring
 12 that a copy of the license be carried in each
 13 qualified motor vehicle or made available
 14 electronically; specifying how fuel tax decals are to
 15 be displayed on qualified motor vehicles; requiring
 16 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or
 17 its authorized agent to issue licenses and fuel tax
 18 decals; requiring that fuel tax decal renewal orders
 19 be submitted electronically beginning on a specified
 20 date; revising required contents of temporary fuel-use
 21 permits; deleting provisions relating to driveaway
 22 permits; amending s. 207.005, F.S.; revising reporting
 23 periods and due dates for motor fuel use tax returns;
 24 requiring that such tax returns be submitted
 25 electronically beginning on a specified date; amending
 26 s. 207.007, F.S.; revising requirements for
 27 calculation of interest due for delinquent tax;
 28 providing penalties for any person who counterfeits,
 29 alters, manufactures, or sells fuel tax licenses, fuel

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30 tax decals, or temporary fuel-use permits except under
 31 certain circumstances; amending s. 207.019, F.S.;
 32 requiring motor carriers to destroy fuel tax decals
 33 under certain circumstances and notify the department;
 34 amending s. 261.03, F.S.; revising the definition of
 35 the term "off-highway vehicle"; amending s. 261.11,
 36 F.S.; revising penalties; transferring, renumbering,
 37 and amending s. 311.10(4), F.S.; defining the terms
 38 "cargo purposes" and "commercial space launch
 39 industry"; requiring certain seaports to submit an
 40 annual report describing measures taken to support the
 41 commercial space launch industry to the chair of the
 42 Space Florida board of directors beginning on a
 43 specified date; requiring a seaport to post such
 44 report on its website; prohibiting certain seaports
 45 from converting planned or existing land, facilities,
 46 or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes unless
 47 specified conditions are met; requiring legislative
 48 approval for the use of state funds for specified
 49 projects; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the
 50 definition of the term "micromobility device";
 51 amending s. 316.0777, F.S.; authorizing a private
 52 entity to install an automated license plate
 53 recognition system for use on certain property for a
 54 specified purpose and providing requirements therefor;
 55 amending s. 316.20655, F.S.; clarifying a provision;
 56 repealing ss. 316.272 and 316.293, F.S., relating to
 57 the prevention of noise from exhaust systems and motor
 58 vehicle noise, respectively; amending s. 316.3045,

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59 F.S.; requiring that a motor vehicle be equipped with
 60 an exhaust system to prevent excessive or unusual
 61 noise; providing that such system may not allow noise
 62 that is audible at a specified distance from the
 63 vehicle; creating s. 319.1401, F.S.; providing that
 64 certain golf carts may be titled and registered for
 65 operation on certain roads without an inspection by
 66 the department and providing requirements therefor;
 67 amending s. 322.032, F.S.; defining terms; providing
 68 requirements for an electronic credentialing system;
 69 providing exceptions to certain prohibitions;
 70 providing for enforcement and penalties; amending s.
 71 337.11, F.S.; authorizing the Department of
 72 Transportation to make direct payments to certain
 73 subcontractors under specified conditions; amending s.
 74 337.18, F.S.; requiring the department and a surety to
 75 enter into a takeover agreement under certain
 76 conditions; providing requirements for such agreement;
 77 amending s. 339.85, F.S.; providing legislative
 78 findings; requiring the department to implement a
 79 Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant
 80 Program; providing the program's purpose; requiring
 81 the department to implement a state-local partnership
 82 through a cost-sharing arrangement; providing
 83 requirements for such arrangement; authorizing the
 84 department to waive local match requirements for
 85 certain intersections; requiring the department to
 86 prioritize grant applications for certain
 87 intersections and use competitive procurement to find

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88 certain vendors; providing program requirements;
 89 providing for an annual appropriation; amending ss.
 90 207.003, 207.008, 207.011, 207.013, 207.014, 207.023,
 91 207.0281, 212.08, 316.455, 316.545, 318.18, 324.171,
 92 403.061, 403.415, and 627.7415, F.S.; conforming
 93 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an
 94 effective date.
 95

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

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 98 Section 1. The Department of Transportation shall increase
 99 the minimum perception reaction time of all steady yellow
 100 signals in this state by 0.4 seconds.

101 Section 2. Section 207.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 102 read:

103 207.001 Short title.—This chapter shall be known as the
 104 “Florida ~~Diesel Fuel and Motor Fuel Use Tax Act of 1981,~~” and
 105 the taxes levied under this chapter shall be in addition to all
 106 other taxes imposed by law.

107 Section 3. Section 207.002, Florida Statutes, is reordered
 108 and amended to read:

109 207.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
 110 (1)(2) “Department” means the Department of Highway Safety
 111 and Motor Vehicles.

112 (2) “International Fuel Tax Agreement” means the reciprocal
 113 agreement among certain states of the United States, provinces
 114 of Canada, and other member jurisdictions which provides for the
 115 administration, collection, and enforcement of taxes on the
 116 basis of fuel consumed or distance accrued, or both, in member

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117 jurisdictions.

118 ~~(3) "Diesel fuel" means any liquid product or gas product~~
 119 ~~or combination thereof, including, but not limited to, all forms~~
 120 ~~of fuel known or sold as diesel fuel, kerosene, butane gas, or~~
 121 ~~propane gas and all other forms of liquefied petroleum gases,~~
 122 ~~except those defined as "motor fuel," used to propel a motor~~
 123 ~~vehicle.~~

124 ~~(4) "International Registration Plan" means a registration~~
 125 ~~reciprocity agreement among states of the United States and~~
 126 ~~provinces of Canada providing for payment of license fees or~~
 127 ~~license taxes on the basis of fleet miles operated in various~~
 128 ~~jurisdictions.~~

129 ~~(3)(5) "Interstate" means vehicle movement between or~~
 130 ~~through two or more member jurisdictions states.~~

131 ~~(4)(6) "Intrastate" means vehicle movement from one point~~
 132 ~~within a member jurisdiction state to another point within the~~
 133 ~~same member jurisdiction state.~~

134 ~~(5) "Member jurisdiction" means a member of the~~
 135 ~~International Fuel Tax Agreement.~~

136 ~~(6)(7) "Motor carrier" means any person owning,~~
 137 ~~controlling, operating, or managing any motor vehicle used to~~
 138 ~~transport persons or property over any public highway.~~

139 ~~(7)(8) "Motor fuel" means any fuel placed in the fuel~~
 140 ~~supply storage unit of a qualified motor vehicle, including an~~
 141 ~~alternative fuel such as pure methanol, ethanol, or other~~
 142 ~~alcohol; a blend of 85 percent or more alcohol with gasoline;~~
 143 ~~natural gas and liquid fuel produced from natural gas; propane;~~
 144 ~~coal-derived liquified fuel; hydrogen; electricity; pure~~
 145 ~~biodiesel (B100) fuel, other than alcohol, derived from~~

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146 biological materials; P-series fuel; or any other type of fuel
 147 or energy used to propel a qualified motor vehicle what is
 148 commonly known and sold as gasoline and fuels containing a
 149 mixture of gasoline and other products.

150 ~~(8)(9) "Operate," "operated," "operation," or "operating"~~
 151 ~~means and includes the use utilization in any form of any~~
 152 ~~qualified commercial motor vehicle, whether loaded or empty,~~
 153 ~~whether used utilized for compensation or not for compensation,~~
 154 ~~and whether owned by or leased to the motor carrier who uses it~~
 155 ~~or causes it to be used.~~

156 ~~(9)(10) "Person" means and includes natural persons,~~
 157 ~~corporations, copartnerships, firms, companies, agencies, or~~
 158 ~~associations, singular or plural.~~

159 ~~(10)(11) "Public highway" means any public street, road, or~~
 160 ~~highway in this state.~~

161 ~~(11)(1) "Qualified commercial motor vehicle" means any~~
 162 ~~vehicle not owned or operated by a governmental entity which~~
 163 ~~uses diesel fuel or motor fuel on the public highways, and which~~
 164 ~~has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross~~
 165 ~~vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds, or has three or more~~
 166 ~~axles regardless of weight, or is used in combination when the~~
 167 ~~weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds gross vehicle~~
 168 ~~weight or registered gross vehicle weight. The term excludes any~~
 169 ~~recreational vehicle or vehicle owned or operated by a community~~
 170 ~~transportation coordinator as defined in s. 427.011 or by a~~
 171 ~~private operator that provides public transit services under~~
 172 ~~contract with such a provider.~~

173 ~~(12) "Registrant" means a person in whose name or names a~~
 174 ~~vehicle is properly registered.~~

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175 ~~(12)(13)~~ "Use," "uses," or "used" means the consumption of
 176 ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel in a qualified commercial motor
 177 vehicle for the propulsion thereof.

178 Section 4. Section 207.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 179 read:

180 207.004 Licensing registration of motor carriers; fuel tax
 181 decals identifying devices; fees; renewals; temporary fuel-use
 182 permits and driveaway permits.-

183 (1) (a) ~~A~~ no motor carrier may not ~~shall~~ operate or cause to
 184 be operated in this state any qualified commercial motor
 185 vehicle, other than a Florida-based qualified commercial motor
 186 vehicle that travels Florida intrastate mileage only, which that
 187 uses diesel fuel or motor fuel until such carrier is licensed
 188 has registered with the department or has registered under the
 189 International Fuel Tax Agreement a cooperative reciprocal
 190 agreement as described in s. 207.0201, after such time as this
 191 state enters into such agreement, and has been issued fuel tax
 192 decals an identifying device or such carrier has been issued a
 193 temporary fuel-use permit as authorized under subsection
 194 subsections (4) and (5) for each vehicle operated. The fee for
 195 each set of fuel tax decals is ~~There shall be a fee of \$4 per~~
 196 year or any fraction thereof. A copy of the license must be
 197 carried in each vehicle or made available electronically. The
 198 fuel tax decal for each such identifying device issued. The
 199 identifying device shall be provided by the department and must
 200 be conspicuously displayed on the qualified commercial motor
 201 vehicle as prescribed by the instructions on the reverse side of
 202 the decal department while the vehicle it is being operated on
 203 the public highways of this state. The transfer of a fuel tax

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204 ~~decal an identifying device~~ from one vehicle to another vehicle
 205 or from one motor carrier to another motor carrier is
 206 prohibited. The department or its authorized agent shall issue
 207 the licenses and fuel tax decals.

208 (b) The motor carrier to whom fuel tax decals have an
 209 identifying device has been issued is ~~shall be~~ solely
 210 responsible for the proper use of the fuel tax decals
 211 identifying device by its employees, consignees, or lessees.

212 (2) Fuel tax decals identifying devices shall be issued
 213 each year for the period January 1 through December 31, or any
 214 portion thereof, if tax returns and tax payments, when
 215 applicable, have been submitted to the department for all prior
 216 reporting periods. Fuel tax decals identifying devices may be
 217 displayed for the next succeeding indicia period beginning
 218 December 1 of each year. Beginning October 1, 2026, except as
 219 otherwise authorized by the department, all fuel tax decal
 220 renewal orders must be submitted electronically through an
 221 online system prescribed by the department.

222 (3) If a motor carrier licensed in this state no longer
 223 operates or causes to be operated in this state any qualified a
 224 commercial motor vehicle, the fuel tax decal for each qualified
 225 motor vehicle that is no longer operated or caused to be
 226 operated by the motor carrier must identifying device shall be
 227 destroyed and the motor carrier to whom the fuel tax decal
 228 device was issued must shall notify the department immediately
 229 by letter of such removal and of the number of the fuel tax
 230 decal identifying device that was has been destroyed.

231 (4) A motor carrier, before operating a qualified
 232 commercial motor vehicle on the public highways of this state,

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233 must require each qualified motor vehicle to display a fuel tax
 234 decal an identifying device as required under subsections (1)
 235 and (2) or must obtain a temporary fuel-use permit for that
 236 vehicle as provided in subsection (5). ~~A temporary fuel-use~~
 237 ~~permit shall expire within 10 days after date of issuance. The~~
 238 ~~cost of a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45, and the permit~~
 239 ~~exempts the vehicle from the payment of the motor fuel or diesel~~
 240 ~~fuel tax imposed under this chapter during the term for which~~
 241 ~~the permit is valid. However, the vehicle is not exempt from~~
 242 ~~paying the fuel tax at the pump.~~

243 (5) (a) A registered motor carrier holding a valid license
 244 may certificate of registration may, upon payment of the \$45 fee
 245 per permit, secure from the department, or any wire service
 246 authorized by the department, a temporary fuel-use permit.

247 (b) The fee for a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45. A
 248 temporary fuel-use permit expires 10 days after the date of
 249 issuance and exempts the vehicle from payment of the motor fuel
 250 tax imposed under this chapter during the period for which the
 251 permit is valid. However, this paragraph does not exempt the
 252 vehicle from payment at the pump of the fuel tax imposed under
 253 chapter 206.

254 (c) ~~A blank temporary fuel-use permit, before its use, must~~
 255 ~~be executed by the motor carrier, in ink or type, so as to~~
 256 ~~identify the carrier, the vehicle to which the permit is~~
 257 ~~assigned, and the permit's effective date and expiration date~~
 258 ~~that the vehicle is placed in and removed from service. The~~
 259 ~~temporary fuel use permit shall also show a complete~~
 260 ~~identification of the vehicle on which the permit is to be used,~~
 261 ~~together with the name and address of the owner or lessee of the~~

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262 ~~vehicle. The endorsed temporary fuel-use permit must ~~shall then~~~~
 263 ~~be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and must ~~shall~~ be~~
 264 ~~exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Temporary fuel-~~
 265 ~~use permits may be transmitted to the motor carrier by~~
 266 ~~electronic means and ~~shall be completed as outlined by~~~~
 267 ~~department personnel prior to transmittal.~~

268 (d) The motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit
 269 is issued is ~~shall be~~ solely responsible for the proper use of
 270 the permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any
 271 erasure, alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use
 272 permit renders ~~shall render~~ it invalid and of no effect. A motor
 273 carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not
 274 knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person ~~or~~
 275 organization.

276 (b) ~~An unregistered motor carrier may, upon payment of the~~
 277 ~~\$45 fee, secure from any wire service authorized by the~~
 278 ~~department, by electronic means, a temporary fuel-use permit~~
 279 ~~that shall be valid for a period of 10 days. Such permit must~~
 280 ~~show the name and address of the unregistered motor carrier to~~
 281 ~~whom it is issued, the date the vehicle is placed in and removed~~
 282 ~~from service, a complete identification of the vehicle on which~~
 283 ~~the permit is to be used, and the name and address of the owner~~
 284 ~~or lessee of the vehicle. The temporary fuel-use permit shall~~
 285 ~~then be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and shall be~~
 286 ~~exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. The~~
 287 ~~unregistered motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit~~
 288 ~~is issued shall be solely responsible for the proper use of the~~
 289 ~~permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any erasure,~~
 290 ~~alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use permit~~

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291 shall render it invalid and of no effect. The unregistered motor
 292 carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not
 293 knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person or
 294 organization.

295 (c) A registered motor carrier engaged in driveaway
 296 transportation, in which the cargo is the vehicle itself and is
 297 in transit to stock inventory and the ownership of the vehicle
 298 is not vested in the motor carrier, may, upon payment of the \$4
 299 fee, secure from the department a driveaway permit. The
 300 driveaway permits shall be issued for the period January 1
 301 through December 31. An original permit must be in the
 302 possession of the operator of each vehicle and shall be
 303 exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Vehicle mileage
 304 reports must be submitted by the motor carrier, and the road
 305 privilege tax must be paid on all miles operated within this
 306 state during the reporting period. All other provisions of this
 307 chapter shall apply to the holder of a driveaway permit.

308 Section 5. Section 207.005, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 309 read:

310 207.005 Returns and payment of tax; delinquencies;
 311 calculation of fuel used during operations in this the state;
 312 credit; bond.—

313 (1) The taxes levied under this chapter are ~~shall be~~ due
 314 and payable on the first day of the month following the last
 315 month of the reporting period. The department may adopt
 316 ~~promulgate~~ rules for requiring and establishing procedures for
 317 annual, semiannual, or quarterly filing. The reporting period is
 318 ~~shall be~~ the 12 months beginning January ~~July~~ 1 and ending
 319 December 31 ~~June 30~~. ~~It shall be the duty of~~ Each motor carrier

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320 licensed registered or required to be licensed registered under
 321 the provisions of this chapter ~~must~~ to submit a return by the
 322 following due dates, except that if the last day of the month
 323 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is
 324 extended until the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or
 325 legal holiday within 30 days after the due date. The due date
 326 shall be as follows:

327 (a) If annual filing, the due date is January 31 ~~shall be~~
 328 July 1;

329 (b) If semiannual filing, the due dates are ~~shall be~~
 330 January 31 ~~1~~ and July 31 ~~1~~; or

331 (c) If quarterly filing, the due dates are ~~shall be~~ January
 332 31 ~~1~~, April 30 ~~1~~, July 31 ~~1~~, and October 31 ~~1~~.

333 (2) The amount of fuel used in the propulsion of any
 334 qualified commercial motor vehicle within this state may be
 335 calculated, if the motor carrier maintains adequate records, by
 336 applying total interstate vehicular consumption of all ~~diesel~~
 337 ~~fuel and~~ motor fuel used as related to total miles traveled and
 338 applying such rate to total miles traveled within this state. In
 339 the absence of adequate documentation by the motor carrier, the
 340 department may adopt ~~is authorized to promulgate~~ rules
 341 converting miles driven to gallons used.

342 (3) For the purpose of computing the carrier's liability
 343 for the ~~fuel road privilege~~ tax, the total gallons of fuel used
 344 in the propulsion of any qualified commercial motor vehicle in
 345 this state shall be multiplied by the rates provided in parts I-
 346 III of chapter 206. From the sum determined by this calculation,
 347 there shall be allowed a credit equal to the amount of the tax
 348 per gallon under parts I-III of chapter 206 for each gallon of

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349 fuel purchased in this state during the reporting period when
 350 the ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel tax was paid at the time of
 351 purchase. If the tax paid under parts I-III of chapter 206
 352 exceeds the total tax due under this chapter, the excess may be
 353 allowed as a credit against future tax payments, until the
 354 credit is fully offset or until eight calendar quarters shall
 355 have passed since the end of the calendar quarter in which the
 356 credit accrued, whichever occurs first. A refund may be made for
 357 this credit provided it exceeds \$10.

358 (4) The department may adopt ~~is authorized to promulgate~~
 359 the necessary rules to provide for an adequate bond from each
 360 motor carrier to ensure payment of taxes required under this
 361 chapter.

362 (5) Beginning October 1, 2026, except as otherwise
 363 authorized by the department, all returns must be submitted
 364 electronically through an online system prescribed by the
 365 department.

366 Section 6. Section 207.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 367 read:

368 207.007 Offenses; penalties and interest.-

369 (1) If any motor carrier licensed ~~registered~~ under this
 370 chapter fails to file a return or ~~and~~ pay any tax liability
 371 under this chapter within the time required ~~hereunder~~, the
 372 department may impose a delinquency penalty of \$50 or 10 percent
 373 of the delinquent taxes due, whichever is greater, if the
 374 failure is for not more than 30 days, with an additional 10
 375 percent penalty for each additional 30 days, or fraction
 376 thereof, during the time which the failure continues, not to
 377 exceed a total penalty of 100 percent in the aggregate. However,

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378 the penalty may not be less than \$50.

379 (2) In addition to any other penalties, any delinquent tax
 380 shall bear interest in accordance with the International Fuel
 381 Tax Agreement at the rate of 1 percent per month, or fraction
 382 thereof, calculated from the date the tax was due. ~~If the~~
 383 ~~department enters into a cooperative reciprocal agreement under~~
 384 ~~the provisions of s. 207.0281, the department shall collect and~~
 385 ~~distribute all interest due to other jurisdictions at the same~~
 386 ~~rate as if such interest were due to the state.~~

387 (3) Any person who:

388 (a) Willfully refuses or neglects to make any statement,
 389 report, or return required by ~~the provisions of this chapter;~~

390 (b) Knowingly makes, or assists any other person in making,
 391 a false statement in a return or report ~~or~~ in connection with an
 392 application for licensure ~~registration~~ under this chapter or in
 393 connection with an audit; ~~or~~

394 (c) Counterfeits, alters, manufactures, or sells fuel tax
 395 licenses, fuel tax decals, or temporary fuel-use permits without
 396 first having obtained the department's permission in writing; or

397 (d)(e) Violates any provision of the provisions of this
 398 chapter, a penalty for which is not otherwise provided,

399 commits ~~is guilty of~~ a felony of the third degree, punishable as
 400 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. In addition,
 401 the department may revoke or suspend the licensure and
 402 registration privileges under ss. 207.004 and 320.02,
 403 respectively, of the violator. Each day or part thereof during
 404 which a person operates or causes to be operated a qualified
 405 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle without being the holder of fuel tax

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407 ~~decals an identifying device~~ or having a valid temporary fuel-
 408 use ~~or driveway~~ permit as required by this chapter constitutes
 409 a separate offense within the meaning of this section. In
 410 addition to the penalty imposed by this section, the defendant
 411 ~~is shall be~~ required to pay all taxes, interest, and penalties
 412 due to the state.

413 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 207.019, Florida
 414 Statutes, is amended to read:

415 207.019 Discontinuance or transfer of business; change of
 416 address.—

417 (1) Whenever a person ceases to engage in business as a
 418 motor carrier within this the state by reason of the
 419 discontinuance, sale, or transfer of the business of such
 420 person, the person he or she shall notify the department in
 421 writing at least 10 days before prior to the time the
 422 discontinuance, sale, or transfer takes effect. Such notice must
 423 ~~shall~~ give the date of discontinuance and, in the event of a
 424 sale or transfer of the business, the date thereof and the name
 425 and address of the purchaser or transferee. All ~~diesel fuel or~~
 426 motor fuel use taxes are shall become due and payable
 427 concurrently with such discontinuance, sale, or transfer; ~~and~~
 428 any such person shall, concurrently with such discontinuance,
 429 sale, or transfer, make a report and, pay all such taxes,
 430 interest, and penalties; and the fuel tax decals must be
 431 destroyed and the motor carrier to whom the decals were issued
 432 must notify the department by letter of their destruction and of
 433 the number of fuel tax decals that were destroyed, and surrender
 434 to the department the registration issued to such person.

435 Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 261.03, Florida

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436 Statutes, is amended to read:

437 261.03 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

438 (5) "Off-highway vehicle" means any ATV, two-rider ATV,
 439 ROV, ~~or~~ OHM, or other vehicle with motive power specifically
 440 designed by the manufacturer that is used off the roads or
 441 highways of this state and that is not registered and licensed
 442 for highway use under chapter 320.

443 Section 9. Section 261.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 444 read:

445 261.11 Penalties.—No off-highway vehicle may be operated
 446 upon the public sidewalks, roads, streets, or highways of this
 447 state, except as otherwise permitted by the managing local,
 448 state, or federal agency.

449 (1) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic
 450 infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in
 451 chapter 318.

452 (2) A second or subsequent violation of this section is a
 453 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
 454 775.082 or s. 775.083.

455 Section 10. Subsection (4) of section 311.10, Florida
 456 Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 311.15, Florida
 457 Statutes, and amended to read:

458 311.15 311.10 Seaports; cargo facilities; reporting
 459 requirements Strategic Port Investment Initiative.—

460 (1) As used in this section, the term:

461 (a) "Cargo purposes" means any facility, activity,
 462 property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that is not
 463 intended to facilitate the transport of passengers and includes,
 464 but is not limited to, such facilities, activities, properties,

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465 energy sources, or infrastructure assets that support spaceport
466 activities.

467 (b) "Commercial space launch industry" means any company
468 substantially engaged in the transport, operation, and recovery
469 of space launch or landing services with active maritime
470 operations.

471 (2) Beginning February 1, 2027, and each February 1
472 thereafter, each seaport located in a county in which real
473 property is designated as spaceport territory under s. 331.304
474 and which uses land, facilities, or infrastructure for the
475 purpose of supporting spacecraft launch and recovery operations
476 must submit a report to the chair of the Space Florida board of
477 directors which describes all measures the seaport has taken to
478 support the commercial space launch industry. The seaport must
479 post a copy of the report on its website once the report has
480 been submitted to the chair of the board.

481 (3) (4) As a condition of receiving a project grant under
482 any program established in this chapter and as a condition of
483 receiving state funds as described in s. 215.31, A seaport that
484 is located in a county in which real property is designated as
485 spaceport territory under s. 331.304 and that uses land,
486 facilities, or infrastructure for the purpose of supporting
487 spacecraft launch and recovery operations must, in any agreement
488 with the Department of Transportation, agree that the seaport
489 may not convert any planned or existing land, facility, or
490 infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative
491 purpose unless all of the following conditions are met:

492 (a) The governing board of the seaport must provide public
493 notice as provided in s. 50.011 at least 30 days before holding

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494 a public meeting on the proposed conversion.

495 (b) Before approving the proposed conversion, the governing
496 board of the seaport must prepare or cause to be prepared a
497 report estimating the impact of the conversion on the cargo
498 operations of the seaport. The report must be prominently posted
499 on the seaport's website at least 30 days before holding a
500 public meeting on the proposed conversion.

501 (c) The conversion must be ~~is~~ approved by a two-thirds vote
502 of ~~by the seaport's~~ governing board of the seaport at a publicly
503 noticed meeting as a separate line on the agenda and with a
504 reasonable opportunity for public comment., ~~and, if approved,~~

505 (4) The Legislature must expressly ~~approve~~ approves the use
506 of state funds for any a project that includes the such a
507 conversion of any planned or existing land, facility, or
508 infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative
509 purpose, whether by a work program amendment or through the
510 General Appropriations Act. ~~As used in this subsection, the term~~
511 "cargo purposes" includes, but is not limited to, any facility,
512 activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that
513 supports spaceport activities.

514 Section 11. Subsection (41) of section 316.003, Florida
515 Statutes, is amended to read:

516 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when
517 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively
518 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
519 otherwise requires:

520 (41) MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.—A motorized transportation
521 device designed for individual use which is typically 20 to 36
522 inches in width and 50 pounds or less in weight and which

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523 operates at a speed of typically less than 15 miles per hour but
 524 no more than 28 miles per hour. This term includes devices ~~both~~
 525 ~~a human-powered and a nonhuman-powered device such as an a~~
 526 ~~bicycle, electric bicycle and a, motorized scooter, or any other~~
 527 ~~device that is owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet.~~

528 Section 12. Present subsections (3), (4), and (5) of
 529 section 316.0777, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 530 subsections (4), (5), and (6), respectively, and a new
 531 subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

532 316.0777 Automated license plate recognition systems;
 533 installation within rights-of-way of State Highway System and on
 534 and within property owned or controlled by private entity;
 535 public records exemption.-

536 (3) A private entity may install an automated license plate
 537 recognition system solely for use on and within the property
 538 owned or controlled by the entity and for a public safety-
 539 related purpose. A private entity that installs such a system:

540 (a) May not access vehicle registration data generated by
 541 the system, except to the extent that such data cannot
 542 reasonably be linked to an identified or identifiable
 543 individual.

544 (b) May not share or sell images or data generated by the
 545 system, except to the extent required to respond to a lawful
 546 request from a law enforcement agency.

547 (c) Must contractually obligate any third party that
 548 installs, maintains, or operates the system to protect the
 549 images or data generated by the system from disclosure,
 550 including a prohibition on sharing or selling such images or
 551 data, except to the extent required to respond to a lawful

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552 request from a law enforcement agency.

553 (d) May not offer or provide as payment or other
 554 consideration any portion of the proceeds derived from a fine or
 555 charge imposed based on images or data generated by the system
 556 to any third party that installs, maintains, or operates the
 557 system.

558 Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 316.20655, Florida
 559 Statutes, is amended to read:

560 316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.-

561 (2) An electric bicycle as defined in s. 316.003 or an
 562 operator of an electric bicycle is not subject to the provisions
 563 of law relating to financial responsibility, driver or motor
 564 vehicle licenses, vehicle registration, title certificates, off-
 565 highway motorcycles, or off-highway vehicles.

566 Section 14. Sections 316.272 and 316.293, Florida Statutes,
 567 are repealed.

568 Section 15. Present subsections (2) through (5) of section
 569 316.3045, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3)
 570 through (6), respectively, and a new subsection (2) is added to
 571 that section, to read:

572 316.3045 Operation of radios or other mechanical or
 573 electronic soundmaking devices or instruments in vehicles;
 574 exhaust systems; prevention of noise; exemptions.-

575 (2) Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with
 576 an exhaust system in good working order including muffler,
 577 manifold pipe, and tailpiping to prevent excessive or unusual
 578 noise. In no event shall an exhaust system allow noise at a
 579 level plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the
 580 motor vehicle.

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581 Section 16. Section 319.1401, Florida Statutes, is created
582 to read:

583 319.1401 Titling and registering golf carts converted to
584 low-speed vehicles.—A golf cart converted to a low-speed vehicle
585 may be titled and registered for operation on certain roads
586 without an inspection by the department. The owner of the low-
587 speed vehicle shall affirm in writing that the vehicle complies
588 with the requirements of chapter 316 and shall be assigned an
589 identification number by the department. The identification
590 number shall be unique to the low-speed vehicle and used for the
591 issuance of a title and registration for the vehicle.

592 Section 17. Section 322.032, Florida Statutes, is amended
593 to read:

594 322.032 Digital proof of driver license or identification
595 card; electronic credential autonomy and verification
596 integrity.—

597 (1) As used in this section, the term:

598 (a) “Credentialholder” means a person who is issued a
599 digital proof of driver license or identification card.

600 (b)(a) “Digital proof of driver license” means an
601 electronic credential viewable on an electronic credentialing
602 system.

603 (c)(b) “Digital proof of identification card” means an
604 electronic credential viewable on an electronic credentialing
605 system.

606 (d)(e) “Electronic credentialing system” means a computer
607 system accessed using a computer, a cellular telephone, or any
608 other personal device which queries the department’s driver
609 license and identification card records, displays or transmits

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610 digital proofs of driver licenses and identification cards, and
611 verifies the authenticity of those electronic credentials.

612 (e) “Fair information practice principles” means
613 internationally recognized privacy principles, including data
614 minimization, purpose specification, use limitation,
615 transparency, and strict data retention controls.

616 (f)(d) “Limited profile” means an electronic credential
617 containing some, but not all, of the information displayed on a
618 printed driver license or identification card.

619 (g) “Record integrity” means the capability of ensuring
620 historical continuity and verifiability of electronic
621 credentials by maintaining a tamper-evident, append-only record
622 of digital driver license and identification card issuance,
623 renewal, replacement, or revocation.

624 (h)(e) “Scanning” means obtaining data from a digital proof
625 of driver license or identification card in an electronic
626 format.

627 (2) (a) The department shall establish a secure and uniform
628 system for issuing an optional digital proof of driver license
629 or identification card. The department may contract with one or
630 more private entities to develop an electronic credentialing
631 system.

632 (b) The electronic credentialing system may not retain
633 Internet protocol addresses, geolocation data, or other
634 information that describes the location, computer, computer
635 system, or computer network from which a customer accesses the
636 system.

637 (c) The electronic credentialing system must:

638 1. Require the explicit consent of the credentialholder

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639 before performing any communication.

640 2. Provide offline cryptographic verification mechanisms

641 that:

642 a. Do not require communication with the department.

643 b. Are fully auditable and interoperable with open

644 standards.

645 c. Preserve the anonymity and unlinkability of transactions

646 unless explicitly waived by the credentialholder.

647 3. Adhere to fair information practice principles,

648 including collecting only the minimum data strictly necessary to

649 fulfill the stated purpose of verification.

650 4. Collect data only for a single, clearly defined, and

651 limited purpose that is explicitly communicated to the

652 credentialholder.

653 5. Ensure that data is not reused, repurposed, shared, or

654 transmitted beyond the initial purpose without the explicit

655 consent of the credentialholder.

656 6. Securely delete data or render data irreversibly

657 anonymized immediately upon fulfillment of the stated purpose

658 unless a longer retention period is required by law and narrowly

659 tailored to that legal necessity.

660 7. Implement measures to ensure record integrity. The

661 electronic credentials must be verified based solely on the

662 record integrity and without relying on third parties.

663 8. Implement verifiable receipt mechanisms that ensure any

664 changes made to electronic credentials are independently

665 confirmable and auditable by any relying party.

666 (d) Electronic credential verifiers must:

667 1. Perform full cryptographic validation of electronic

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668 credential authenticity, integrity, and issuer attribution

669 without requiring online access to external systems, the

670 department's systems, or any state system.

671 2. Retain only temporary user-authorized verification data

672 that is strictly necessary for the transaction.

673 3. Create written strict data minimization principles that

674 must be provided to a credentialholder upon request.

675 4. Provide a credentialholder with the ability to audit

676 verification requests and control the sharing of electronic

677 credential attributes.

678 (e) Electronic credentials must:

679 1. Be issued as tamper-evident, cryptographically

680 verifiable statements capable of being selectively disclosed.

681 2. Contain clear metadata specifying cryptographic material

682 necessary for independent verification.

683 3. Be controlled by the credentialholder, who may choose to

684 disclose only the minimum information necessary for a

685 transaction.

686 4. Use a cryptographically derived identifier format that:

687 a. Is capable of secure key rotation, recovery, delegation,

688 and revocation without requiring a centralized registry or

689 continuous third-party oversight.

690 b. Rotates cryptographic keys without requiring reissuance

691 or reregistration with a central authority.

692 c. Is resolvable to metadata that contains authentication

693 and authorization material without dependence on a single

694 service endpoint or central registry.

695 d. Implements delegation, recovery, and secure binding to

696 cryptographic keys without requiring persistent correlatable

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697 identifiers across contexts.

698 (3) (a) The digital proof of driver license or
699 identification card established by the department or by an
700 entity contracted by the department must be in such a format as
701 to allow verification of the authenticity of the digital proof
702 of driver license or identification card. The department may
703 adopt rules to ensure valid authentication of digital driver
704 licenses and identification cards.

705 (b)1. Notwithstanding ss. 322.14-322.142, and any other law
706 prescribing the design for, or information required to be
707 displayed on, a driver license, a digital proof of driver
708 license may comprise a limited profile that includes only
709 information necessary to conduct a specific transaction on the
710 electronic credentialing system.

711 2. Notwithstanding ss. 322.051 and 322.141, and any other
712 law prescribing the design for, or information required to be
713 displayed on, an identification card, a digital proof of
714 identification card may comprise a limited profile that includes
715 only information necessary to conduct a specific transaction on
716 the electronic credentialing system.

717 (4) A person may not be issued a digital proof of driver
718 license or identification card until he or she satisfies all
719 requirements of this chapter for issuance of the respective
720 driver license or identification card and has been issued a
721 printed driver license or identification card. The electronic
722 credentialing system must, upon each presentation of a digital
723 driver license or identification card, display or transmit
724 current records for the driver license or identification card.
725 If a licensee's driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or

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726 disqualified, or if his or her driver license is otherwise
727 canceled or expired, a digital proof of driver license may not
728 be issued; however, a digital proof of identification card may
729 be issued if the licensee is otherwise eligible for an
730 identification card under s. 322.051.

731 (5) The department may use a telephone number submitted by
732 a licensee or cardholder in connection with a digital driver
733 license or identification card only for purposes of
734 communication regarding the digital proof of driver license or
735 identification card or the motor vehicle records, as defined in
736 s. 119.0712(2)(a), of the licensee or cardholder.

737 (6) The department may enter into contracts with one or
738 more private entities which authorize online data calls or
739 offline data verification through the electronic credentialing
740 system that queries the department's driver license and
741 identification card records, displays or transmits digital
742 proofs of driver licenses or identification cards, or verifies
743 the authenticity of such electronic credentials.

744 (7) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a private
745 entity that scans a digital proof of driver license or
746 identification card may not store, sell, or share personal
747 information collected from such scanning of the digital proof of
748 driver license or identification card unless:

749 1. The credentialholder has provided clear, informed, and
750 revocable consent.

751 2. The retention serves a legally justified, narrowly
752 tailored, and time-limited purpose.

753 (b) A credentialholder ~~An individual~~ may consent to allow a
754 private entity to collect and store personal information

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755 obtained by scanning his or her digital proof of driver license
 756 or identification card. However, the credentialholder individual
 757 must be informed what information is collected and the purpose
 758 or purposes for which the information will be used. If the
 759 credentialholder individual does not want the private entity to
 760 scan his or her digital proof of the credentialholder's
 761 individual's driver license or identification card, the private
 762 entity may manually collect personal information from the
 763 credentialholder individual.

764 (c) A private entity that violates this subsection is
 765 subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence,
 766 suspension of eligibility to participate in the electronic
 767 credentialing system, and public disclosure of the private
 768 entity's noncompliance.

769 (d) This subsection does not apply to a financial
 770 institution as defined in s. 655.005(1)(i).

771 (8) Courts shall afford strict scrutiny to any unnecessary
 772 government or commercial surveillance or remote verification
 773 practices that do not comply with this section.

774 (9)(8) A person who:

775 (a) Manufactures a false digital proof of driver license or
 776 identification card commits a felony of the third degree,
 777 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

778 (b) Possesses a false digital proof of driver license or
 779 identification card commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,
 780 punishable as provided in s. 775.082.

781 Section 18. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (11) of
 782 section 337.11, Florida Statutes, to read:
 783 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency

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784 repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined
 785 design and construction contracts; progress payments; records;
 786 requirements of vehicle registration.-

787 (11)

788 (d)1. The department may make direct payments to first-tier
 789 subcontractors if the following conditions are met:

790 a. The contractor has not requested payment from the
 791 department for at least 6 months.

792 b. There is a binding, written subcontract between the
 793 contractor and the subcontractor, and the department is in
 794 possession of a complete copy of the subcontract.

795 c. The subcontractor has performed work that is unpaid by
 796 the contractor, and the department has sufficient documentation
 797 of such unpaid work.

798 d. There is no bona fide, documented dispute between the
 799 contractor and the subcontractor.

800 2. Any amounts paid by the department under this paragraph
 801 shall be deducted from amounts otherwise due the contractor.

802 Section 19. Present subsection (6) of section 337.18,
 803 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new
 804 subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

805 337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance
 806 contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond
 807 requirements; defaults; damage assessments.-

808 (6) If the department declares a default on the part of any
 809 contractor for cause attributable to such contractor, and the
 810 department engages the surety to perform pursuant to the terms
 811 of the bond, the department and the surety must enter into a
 812 takeover agreement requiring the surety's completion contractor

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813 to meet the prequalification requirements of the original
 814 contract bid solicitation and requiring the surety to follow the
 815 contract's procedures regarding the completion contractor
 816 default and certification of disbursement of payment to
 817 subcontractors.

818 Section 20. Section 339.85, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 819 read:

820 (Substantial rewording of section. See
 821 s. 339.85, F.S., for present text.)

822 339.85 Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant
 823 Program.—

824 (1) The Legislature finds that:

825 (a) This state's growing population and economic activity
 826 place increasing demands on public roads, resulting in
 827 congestion, delay, and avoidable crashes at signalized
 828 intersections.

829 (b) Modern signal control systems that incorporate
 830 artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) can
 831 dynamically optimize timing plans in response to real-time
 832 conditions, improving travel time reliability, reducing
 833 secondary crashes, and lowering emissions from idling vehicles.

834 (c) Intersections are often owned or operated by local
 835 governments, yet the benefits of improved operations accrue to
 836 the traveling public statewide; therefore, a coordinated state-
 837 local partnership is in the public interest.

838 (d) Leveraging AI/ML for signal operations complements
 839 existing investments in managed lanes, transit priority,
 840 connected vehicle pilots, emergency preemption, and freight
 841 corridors, and can be deployed at comparatively low cost and

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842 high speed.

843 (e) A voluntary, performance-based grant program with local
 844 matching funds will accelerate deployment of signal
 845 modernizations while protecting taxpayers through measurable
 846 outcomes and transparent reporting.

847 (2) The department shall implement a Next-generation
 848 Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program. The purpose of the
 849 program is to assist counties and municipalities in upgrading
 850 eligible signalized intersections with AI/ML-enabled detection,
 851 controllers, communications, and software that prioritizes
 852 modernization in key corridors across this state.

853 (3) (a) The department shall implement a state-local
 854 partnership through a cost-sharing arrangement as follows:

855 1. Authorize the department to fund first-year pilot
 856 corridors at up to 80 percent of eligible costs, with a minimum
 857 20 percent local contribution.

858 2. Authorize the department to fund 50 percent of ensuing
 859 year research and development and installation.

860 (b) Ongoing maintenance after signal modernization shall be
 861 the responsibility of the local government and the vendor.

862 (4) The department may waive any local match requirement
 863 for state-owned or state-operated intersections.

864 (5) The department shall prioritize grant applications for
 865 intersections at which a signal modernization will measurably:

866 (a) Reduce average control delay and corridor travel times.

867 (b) Improve surrogate safety measures, such as failures to
 868 stop at red lights and hard-braking events, and support
 869 emergency vehicle preemption.

870 (c) Provide transit signal priority and multimodal benefits

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871 to pedestrians and cyclists.

872 (6) The department shall use competitive procurement as
 873 provided in chapter 287 to find a vendor or vendors that use
 874 state-of-the-art technology that complies with leading
 875 cybersecurity standards, such as SOC 2 and ISO 27001, ensuring
 876 robust data protection. The program shall also:

877 (a) Require open, interoperable, and secure systems that
 878 avoid vendor lock-in and protect cybersecurity.

879 (b) Ensure data transparency through standardized
 880 performance dashboards and annual public reports demonstrating
 881 benefits relative to cost.

882 (c) Coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations,
 883 regional traffic management centers, and law enforcement, fire
 884 rescue, and transit agencies to maximize systemwide benefits.

885 (d) Encourage use of state-based pilots, sandboxes, and
 886 independent evaluations to validate performance before large-
 887 scale rollout.

888 (e) Support workforce development and local operations
 889 staff training so upgrades remain effective over the life of the
 890 equipment.

891 (7) Beginning in fiscal year 2026-2027, \$20 million is
 892 appropriated annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund
 893 to the department to fund the Next-generation Traffic Signal
 894 Modernization Grant Program as described in this section.

895 Section 21. Section 207.003, Florida Statutes, is amended
 896 to read:

897 207.003 Privilege tax levied.—A tax for the privilege of
 898 operating any qualified commercial motor vehicle upon the public
 899 highways of this state shall be levied upon every motor carrier

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900 at a rate which includes the minimum rates provided in parts I-
 901 III of chapter 206 on each gallon of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel
 902 used for the propulsion of a qualified commercial motor vehicle
 903 by such motor carrier within ~~this the~~ state.

904 Section 22. Section 207.008, Florida Statutes, is amended
 905 to read:

906 207.008 Retention of records by motor carrier.—Each
 907 licensed registered motor carrier shall maintain and keep
 908 pertinent records and papers as may be required by the
 909 department for the reasonable administration of this chapter and
 910 shall preserve the records upon which each ~~quarterly~~ tax return
 911 is based for 4 years after following the due date or filing date
 912 of the return, whichever is later.

913 Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 207.011, Florida
 914 Statutes, is amended to read:

915 207.011 Inspection of records; hearings; forms; rules.—

916 (3) The department, or any authorized agent thereof, may ~~is~~
 917 ~~authorized to~~ examine the records, books, papers, and equipment
 918 of any motor carrier, any retail dealer of motor diesel fuels,
 919 and any wholesale distributor of ~~diesel fuels or~~ motor fuels
 920 which that are deemed necessary to verify the truth and accuracy
 921 of any statement, ~~or~~ report, or return and ascertain whether the
 922 tax imposed by this chapter has been paid.

923 Section 24. Section 207.013, Florida Statutes, is amended
 924 to read:

925 207.013 Suits for collection of unpaid taxes, penalties,
 926 and interest.—Upon demand of the department, the Department of
 927 Legal Affairs or the state attorney for a judicial circuit shall
 928 bring appropriate actions, in the name of the state or in the

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929 name of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in
 930 the capacity of its office, for the recovery of taxes,
 931 penalties, and interest due under this chapter; and judgment
 932 shall be rendered for the amount so found to be due together
 933 with costs. However, if it ~~is shall be~~ found as a fact that such
 934 claim for, or grant of, an exemption or credit was willful on
 935 the part of any motor carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of
 936 ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel, judgment must shall be rendered for
 937 double the amount of the tax found to be due with costs. The
 938 department may employ an attorney at law to institute and
 939 prosecute proper proceedings to enforce payment of the taxes,
 940 penalties, and interest provided for by this chapter and may fix
 941 the compensation for the services of such attorney at law.

942 Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 207.014, Florida
 943 Statutes, is amended to read:

944 207.014 Departmental warrant for collection of unpaid
 945 taxes.—

946 (3) In the event there is a contest or claim of any kind
 947 with reference to the property levied upon or the amount of
 948 taxes, costs, or penalties due, such contest or claim must shall
 949 be tried in the circuit court in and for the county in which the
 950 warrant was executed, as nearly as may be in the same manner and
 951 means as such contest or claim would have been tried in such
 952 court had the warrant originally issued upon a judgment rendered
 953 by such court. The warrant issued as provided in this section
 954 constitutes shall constitute prima facie evidence of the amount
 955 of taxes, interest, and penalties due to the state by the motor
 956 carrier, ~~and~~ and the burden of proof ~~is shall be~~ upon the motor
 957 carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor

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958 fuel to show that the amounts or penalties were incorrect.
 959 Section 26. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 207.023,
 960 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

961 207.023 Authority to inspect vehicles, make arrests, seize
 962 property, and execute warrants.—

963 (1) As a part of their responsibility when inspecting
 964 qualified motor commercial vehicles, the Department of Highway
 965 Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture and
 966 Consumer Services, and the Department of Transportation shall
 967 ensure that all vehicles are properly qualified under ~~the~~
 968 ~~provisions of~~ this chapter.

969 (3) Qualified commercial motor vehicles owned or operated
 970 by any motor carrier who refuses to comply with this chapter may
 971 be seized by authorized agents or employees of the Department of
 972 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture
 973 and Consumer Services, or the Department of Transportation; or
 974 authorized agents and employees of any of these departments also
 975 may seize property as set out in ss. 206.205, 206.21, and
 976 206.215. Upon such seizure, the property must shall be
 977 surrendered without delay to the sheriff of the county where the
 978 property was seized for further proceedings.

979 Section 27. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 207.0281,
 980 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

981 207.0281 ~~Registration,~~ Cooperative reciprocal agreements
 982 between states.—

983 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may
 984 enter into a cooperative reciprocal agreement, including, but
 985 not limited to, the International Fuel Tax fuel tax Agreement,
 986 with another state or group of states for the administration of

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987 the tax imposed by this chapter. An agreement arrangement,
988 declaration, or amendment is not effective until stated in
989 writing and filed with the Department of Highway Safety and
990 Motor Vehicles.

991 (6) This section and the contents of any reciprocal
992 agreement entered into under this section supersede all other
993 fuel-tax requirements of this chapter for qualified commercial
994 motor vehicles.

995 Section 28. Paragraph (aa) of subsection (7) of section
996 212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

997 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and
998 storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the
999 rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the
1000 storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following
1001 are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this
1002 chapter.

1003 (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.—Exemptions provided to any
1004 entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is
1005 otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a
1006 representative or employee of the entity by any means,
1007 including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even
1008 when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed
1009 by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by
1010 this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is
1011 otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has
1012 obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department
1013 or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as
1014 required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made
1015 with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this

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1016 subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an
1017 exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict
1018 compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and
1019 shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer
1020 this subsection.

1021 (aa) Qualified motor ~~certain commercial~~ vehicles.—Also
1022 exempt is the sale, lease, or rental of a qualified commercial
1023 motor vehicle as defined in s. 207.002, when the following
1024 conditions are met:

- 1025 1. The sale, lease, or rental occurs between two commonly
- 1026 owned and controlled corporations;
- 1027 2. Such vehicle was titled and registered in this state at
- 1028 the time of the sale, lease, or rental; and
- 1029 3. Florida sales tax was paid on the acquisition of such
- 1030 vehicle by the seller, lessor, or renter.

1031 Section 29. Subsection (6) of section 316.455, Florida
1032 Statutes, is amended to read:

1033 316.455 Other equipment.—Every motorcycle and every motor-
1034 driven cycle when operated upon a highway shall comply with the
1035 requirements and limitations of:

1036 ~~(6) Section 316.272 on the requirement for mufflers and~~
1037 ~~prevention of noise.~~

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1039 A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction,
1040 punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

1041 Section 30. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) of
1042 section 316.545, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1043 316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor
1044 fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.—

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1045 (4) (a) A commercial vehicle may not be operated over the
 1046 highways of this state unless it has been properly licensed
 1047 ~~registered~~ under s. 207.004. Whenever any law enforcement
 1048 officer identified in s. 207.023(1), upon inspecting the vehicle
 1049 or combination of vehicles, determines that the vehicle is in
 1050 violation of s. 207.004, a penalty in the amount of \$50 shall be
 1051 assessed, and the vehicle may be detained until payment is
 1052 collected by the law enforcement officer.

1053 (b) In addition to the penalty provided for in paragraph
 1054 (a), the vehicle may be detained until the owner or operator of
 1055 the vehicle furnishes evidence that the vehicle has been
 1056 properly licensed ~~registered~~ pursuant to s. 207.004. Any officer
 1057 of the Florida Highway Patrol or agent of the Department of
 1058 Transportation may issue a temporary fuel-use ~~fuel-use~~ permit
 1059 and collect the appropriate fee as provided for in s. 207.004(5)
 1060 ~~s. 207.004(4)~~. Notwithstanding the ~~provisions of~~ subsection (6),
 1061 all permit fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be
 1062 transferred to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
 1063 Vehicles to be allocated pursuant to s. 207.026.

1064 Section 31. Subsection (24) of section 318.18, Florida
 1065 Statutes, is amended to read:

1066 318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a
 1067 noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal
 1068 offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

1069 ~~(24) In addition to any penalties imposed, a fine of \$200~~
 1070 ~~for a first offense and a fine of \$500 for a second or~~
 1071 ~~subsequent offense for a violation of s. 316.293(5).~~

1072 Section 32. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
 1073 324.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1074 324.171 Self-insurer.—

1075 (1) Any person may qualify as a self-insurer by obtaining a
 1076 certificate of self-insurance from the department which may, in
 1077 its discretion and upon application of such a person, issue said
 1078 certificate of self-insurance when such person has satisfied the
 1079 requirements of this section to qualify as a self-insurer under
 1080 this section:

1081 (c) The owner of a qualified commercial ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, as
 1082 defined in s. 207.002 or a commercial motor vehicle as defined
 1083 in s. 320.01, may qualify as a self-insurer subject to the
 1084 standards provided for in subparagraph (b)2.

1085 Section 33. Subsection (11) of section 403.061, Florida
 1086 Statutes, is amended to read:

1087 403.061 Department; powers and duties.—The department shall
 1088 have the power and the duty to control and prohibit pollution of
 1089 air and water in accordance with the law and rules adopted and
 1090 promulgated by it and, for this purpose, to:

1091 (11) Establish ambient air quality and water quality
 1092 standards for the state as a whole or for any part thereof, and
 1093 also standards for the abatement of excessive and unnecessary
 1094 noise. The department is authorized to establish reasonable
 1095 zones of mixing for discharges into waters. For existing
 1096 installations as defined by rule 62-520.200(10), Florida
 1097 Administrative Code, effective July 12, 2009, zones of discharge
 1098 to groundwater are authorized horizontally to a facility's or
 1099 owner's property boundary and extending vertically to the base
 1100 of a specifically designated aquifer or aquifers. Such zones of
 1101 discharge may be modified in accordance with procedures
 1102 specified in department rules. Exceedance of primary and

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1103 secondary groundwater standards that occur within a zone of
 1104 discharge does not create liability pursuant to this chapter or
 1105 chapter 376 for site cleanup, and the exceedance of soil cleanup
 1106 target levels is not a basis for enforcement or site cleanup.

1107 (a) When a receiving body of water fails to meet a water
 1108 quality standard for pollutants set forth in department rules, a
 1109 steam electric generating plant discharge of pollutants that is
 1110 existing or licensed under this chapter on July 1, 1984, may
 1111 nevertheless be granted a mixing zone, provided that:

1112 1. The standard would not be met in the water body in the
 1113 absence of the discharge;

1114 2. The discharge is in compliance with all applicable
 1115 technology-based effluent limitations;

1116 3. The discharge does not cause a measurable increase in
 1117 the degree of noncompliance with the standard at the boundary of
 1118 the mixing zone; and

1119 4. The discharge otherwise complies with the mixing zone
 1120 provisions specified in department rules.

1121 (b) Mixing zones for point source discharges are not
 1122 permitted in Outstanding Florida Waters except for:

1123 1. Sources that have received permits from the department
 1124 prior to April 1, 1982, or the date of designation, whichever is
 1125 later;

1126 2. Blowdown from new power plants certified pursuant to the
 1127 Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act;

1128 3. Discharges of water necessary for water management
 1129 purposes which have been approved by the governing board of a
 1130 water management district and, if required by law, by the
 1131 secretary; and

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1132 4. The discharge of demineralization concentrate which has
 1133 been determined permittable under s. 403.0882 and which meets
 1134 the specific provisions of s. 403.0882(4)(a) and (b), if the
 1135 proposed discharge is clearly in the public interest.

1136 (c) The department, by rule, shall establish water quality
 1137 criteria for wetlands which criteria give appropriate
 1138 recognition to the water quality of such wetlands in their
 1139 natural state.

1140 This act may not be construed to invalidate any existing
 1141 department rule relating to mixing zones. ~~The department shall~~
 1142 ~~cooperate with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor~~
 1143 ~~Vehicles in the development of regulations required by s.~~
 1144 ~~316.272(1).~~

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 1146 The department shall implement such programs in conjunction with
 1147 its other powers and duties and shall place special emphasis on
 1148 reducing and eliminating contamination that presents a threat to
 1149 humans, animals or plants, or to the environment.

1150 Section 34. Subsection (9) of section 403.415, Florida
 1151 Statutes, is amended to read:

1152 403.415 Motor vehicle noise.—

1153 (9) OPERATING VEHICLE NOISE MEASUREMENTS.—~~The department~~
 1154 ~~shall establish, with the cooperation of the Department of~~
 1155 ~~Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, measurement procedures for~~
 1156 ~~determining compliance of operating vehicles with the noise~~
 1157 ~~limits of s. 316.293(2).~~ The department shall advise the
 1158 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on technical
 1159 aspects of motor vehicle noise enforcement regulations, assist
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1161 in the training of enforcement officers, and administer a sound-
1162 level meter loan program for local enforcement agencies.

1163 Section 35. Section 627.7415, Florida Statutes, is amended
1164 to read:

1165 627.7415 Commercial or qualified motor vehicles; additional
1166 liability insurance coverage.—Commercial motor vehicles, as
1167 defined in ~~s. 207.002 or~~ s. 320.01 and qualified motor vehicles
1168 as defined in s. 207.002, operated upon the roads and highways
1169 of this state ~~must shall~~ be insured with the following minimum
1170 levels of combined bodily liability insurance and property
1171 damage liability insurance in addition to any other insurance
1172 requirements:

1173 (1) Fifty thousand dollars per occurrence for a commercial
1174 motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross vehicle
1175 weight of 26,000 pounds or more, but less than 35,000 pounds.

1176 (2) One hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a
1177 commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross
1178 vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but less than 44,000
1179 pounds.

1180 (3) Three hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a
1181 commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross
1182 vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more.

1183 (4) All commercial motor vehicles and qualified motor
1184 vehicles subject to regulations of the United States Department
1185 of Transportation, 49 C.F.R. part 387, subparts A and B, and as
1186 may be hereinafter amended, ~~must shall~~ be insured in an amount
1187 equivalent to the minimum levels of financial responsibility as
1188 set forth in such regulations.

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1190 A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction,
1191 punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

1192 Section 36. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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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 Transportation

BILL: CS/SB 1310

INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Rodriguez

SUBJECT: Railroad Crossing Safety

DATE: February 10, 2026

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Johnson	Vickers	TR	Fav/CS
2.			ATD	
3.			FP	

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 1310 requires the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to conduct a statewide study on the use of advanced detection and monitoring systems at public railroad-highway grade crossings. Related to this study, the bill provides legislative findings and intent, defines terms, specifies requirements for the study, and authorizes FDOT to consult with specified entities.

The bill requires FDOT to submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2026.

FDOT may incur costs to conduct the study required in the bill. See Section V., Fiscal Analysis Statement for details.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

II. Present Situation:

In 2025, based on preliminary Federal Railroad Administration data, Florida ranked third nationally in highway-rail grade crossing collisions with 120 collisions, 22 deaths, and 48

injuries.¹ Florida also ranked fourth nationally in the total railroad trespassing casualties with 66 casualties, 51 of which were deaths.²

According to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), 88 percent of Highway-Rail Grade Crossing accidents that occurred between 2013-2022 involved stopping on the crossing, going around gates, not stopping, stopping then proceeding, or going through gates.³

Regulation of Railroad Crossings

Florida law defines the term “public railroad-highway grade crossing” to mean a location at which a railroad track is crossed at grade by a public road.⁴ As of 2025, Florida has 3,565 public at-grade rail crossings.⁵ FDOT regulates public railroad-highway grade crossings, including the issuance permits to open or close such crossings.⁶

Railroad companies must exercise reasonable care for the safety of motorists whenever its track crosses a highway. The railroad company is responsible for erecting and maintaining crossbuck grade-crossing warning signs at all public or private railroad-highway grade crossings.⁷

Upon reasonable notice from FDOT, every railroad company maintaining a public railroad-highway grade crossing must install, maintain, and operate traffic control devices at such crossing to warn motorists of approaching trains.⁸

The governmental entity with jurisdiction over the highway or street that crosses the railroad must install and maintain advance railroad warning signs and pavement markings.⁹

Persons approaching a railroad-highway grade crossing must exercise reasonable care for their own safety, the safety of railroad crews, and the safety of train or vehicle passengers.¹⁰

¹ Operation Lifesaver, *Collisions & Fatalities by State, Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Collisions - Top 25 States*, <https://oli.org/track-statistics/collisions-fatalities-state> (last visited February 4, 2026).

² Operation Lifesaver, *Trespassing Casualties by State, Top 25 States Ranked by Total Trespass Casualties*, <https://oli.org/track-statistics/trespassing-casualties-state> (last visited February 4, 2026).

³ FDOT, Florida Rail Safety Coalition, <https://www.fdot.gov/rail/programs/florida-rail-safety-coalition> (last visited February 3, 2026).

⁴ Section 335.141(1)(b), F.S..

⁵ Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Office of Freight and Rail, *Opening – Closure Program*, <https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/rail/programs/openclose/fro-rail-crossing-opening-and-closure-program-gameboard.pdf> (last visited February 3, 2026).

⁶ Section 335.141(1)(a), F.S.

⁷ Section 351.03(1), F.S. Such warning signs must comply with FDOT’s uniform system of traffic control devices.

⁸ Section 335.141(2)(b), F.S.

⁹ Section 351.03(2), F.S.

¹⁰ *Id.*

FDOT Rail Safety Initiatives

In 2024, FDOT established the Florida Rail Safety Coalition (FRSC) to enhance public rail safety. The FRSC consists of rail industry partners at local, state, and federal levels, including but not limited to subject matter experts and FDOT team members.¹¹

The FRSC has determined that driver and pedestrian behavior is the most critical and urgent rail safety issue.¹² In response, FRSC and FDOT have launched various safety-related campaigns such as the Be Rail Smart initiative, which focuses on accident prevention and educating the public about rail crossing safety awareness and proper procedure when approaching a rail crossing.¹³

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 amends s. 351.03, F.S., to require FDOT to conduct a railroad crossing safety technology study.

Legislative Findings and Intent

The bill provides legislative findings and intent that improving safety at railroad crossings is critical to protecting the lives of pedestrians, motorists, railway workers, and the general public. Advanced detection and monitoring systems using technologies such as sensors, high-resolution camera, and data analytics may provide a reliable means to enhance situational awareness and reduce collisions at railroad crossings.

The bill also provides legislative intent to direct FDOT to study the technologies referenced above before considering any statewide requirements for their deployment.

Definitions

The bill defines the term “advanced detection monitoring system” to mean a system capable of detecting and classifying objects, such as pedestrians, vehicles, or other obstructions at or approaching a railroad crossing, using technologies including, but not limited to, sensors, cameras, and data analytics.

The bill defines the term “hazard assessment” to mean the process of analyzing detected objects or conditions to determine whether a potential safety risk exists at a railroad crossing.

The bill defines the term “public railroad-highway grade crossing” to have the same meaning as provided in s. 335.141(1)(b), F.S., defined above.

¹¹ FDOT, Florida Rail Safety Coalition, <https://www.fdot.gov/rail/programs/florida-rail-safety-coalition> (last visited February 3, 2026).

¹² FDOT, *Florida Rail Safety Coalition Presentation*, November 14, 2024, https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/rail/programs/florida-rail-safety-coalition/frsc-presentation_2024-11-14.pdf?sfvrsn=d9e88546_1 (last visited February 3, 2026).

¹³ FDOT, Be Rail Smart, <https://www.fdot.gov/agencyresources/be-rail-smart/> (last visited February 3, 2026).

Statewide Railroad Crossing Study

The bill requires FDOT to conduct a statewide study on the use of advanced detection and monitoring systems at public railroad-highway grade crossings. The bill requires the study to include, but is not limited to, an analysis of all of the following:

- Available and emerging advanced detection and monitoring technologies applicable to railroad crossings.
- The effectiveness of such technologies in improving safety outcomes, including collision prevention and hazard mitigation, based on available data from pilot programs, deployments in other jurisdictions, or academic research.
- Technological and operational considerations, including interoperability with existing railroad safety systems and operating protocols.
- Costs associated with the deployment of advanced detection and monitoring systems, including installation, operation, maintenance, and long-term lifecycle costs.
- Potential funding mechanisms, including federal funds, state funds, grants, or public-private partnerships.
- Criteria for identifying higher-risk railroad crossings where technologies may provide the greatest safety benefit.
- Legal, regulatory, and operational considerations related to the deployment and oversight of advanced detection and monitoring systems.
- The respective roles of the state, local governments, and railroad owners in the implementation of such systems.

Consultations

In conducting the study, the bill authorizes FDOT to consult with, as appropriate, any of the following:

- Railroad owners and railroad industry representatives.
- Local governments with jurisdiction over public railroad-highway grade crossings.
- Transportation safety experts and academic institutions.
- Federal agencies or national organizations with expertise in railroad safety.

Report to the Governor and Legislature

The bill requires FDOT, by December 1, 2026, to submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. FDOT's report may include policy recommendations for legislative consideration but may not recommend or require the mandatory installation or upgrade of railroad crossings.

Section 2 provides that this bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

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:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT will incur indeterminate costs in conducting the study required by the bill. However, this study should be accomplished using existing resources.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

The bill appears to use the terms “railroad crossing” and “public railroad-highway grade crossing” interchangeably.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 351.03 of the Florida Statutes.

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 Transportation on February 10, 2026:

The committee substitute removes the requirement that specified detection and monitoring systems be installed and maintained at new, updated, or modified public railroad highway grade crossings.

In its place, the committee substitute requires FDOT to study the use of advanced detection and monitoring systems at public railroad-highway grade crossings. FDOT must submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2026.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.



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The Committee on Transportation (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 351.38, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

351.38 Railroad crossing safety technology study.-

(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.-

(a) The Legislature finds that improving safety at railroad
crossings is critical to protecting the lives of pedestrians,



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11 motorists, railway workers, and the general public. Advanced
12 detection and monitoring systems using such technologies as
13 sensors, high-resolution cameras, and data analytics may provide
14 a reliable means to enhance situational awareness and reduce
15 collisions at railroad crossings.

16 (b) The Legislature further finds that additional analysis
17 is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness, feasibility, costs,
18 and implementation considerations of such systems.

19 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature to direct the
20 Department of Transportation to study the technologies
21 referenced in paragraph (a) before considering any statewide
22 requirements for their deployment.

23 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

24 (a) “Advanced detection and monitoring system” means a
25 system capable of detecting and classifying objects, such as
26 pedestrians, vehicles, or other obstructions at or approaching a
27 railroad crossing, using technologies including, but not limited
28 to, sensors, cameras, and data analytics.

29 (b) “Hazard assessment” means the process of analyzing
30 detected objects or conditions to determine whether a potential
31 safety risk exists at a railroad crossing.

32 (c) “Public railroad-highway grade crossing” has the same
33 meaning as provided in s. 335.141(1)(b).

34 (3) STUDY.—

35 (a) The Department of Transportation shall conduct a
36 statewide study on the use of advanced detection and monitoring
37 systems at public railroad-highway grade crossings in this
38 state.

39 (b) The study must include, but is not limited to, an



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40 analysis of all of the following:

41 1. Available and emerging advanced detection and monitoring
42 technologies applicable to railroad crossings.

43 2. The effectiveness of such technologies in improving
44 safety outcomes, including collision prevention and hazard
45 mitigation, based on available data from pilot programs,
46 deployments in other jurisdictions, or academic research.

47 3. Technical and operational considerations, including
48 interoperability with existing railroad safety systems and
49 operating protocols.

50 4. Costs associated with the deployment of advanced
51 detection and monitoring systems, including installation,
52 operation, maintenance, and long-term lifecycle costs.

53 5. Potential funding mechanisms, including federal funds,
54 state funds, grants, or public-private partnerships.

55 6. Criteria for identifying higher-risk railroad crossings
56 where such technologies may provide the greatest safety benefit.

57 7. Legal, regulatory, and operational considerations
58 related to the deployment and oversight of advanced detection
59 and monitoring systems.

60 8. The respective roles of the state, local governments,
61 and railroad owners in the implementation of such systems.

62 (4) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study, the department
63 may consult with, as appropriate, any of the following:

64 (a) Railroad owners and railroad industry representatives.

65 (b) Local governments with jurisdiction over public
66 railroad-highway grade crossings.

67 (c) Transportation safety experts and academic
68 institutions.



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69 (d) Federal agencies or national organizations with
70 expertise in railroad safety.

71 (5) REPORT.—By December 1, 2026, the department shall
72 submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the
73 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
74 House of Representatives. The report may include policy
75 recommendations for legislative consideration, but may not
76 recommend or require the mandatory installation or upgrade of
77 railroad crossings.

78 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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80 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

81 And the title is amended as follows:

82 Delete everything before the enacting clause
83 and insert:

84 A bill to be entitled

85 An act relating to railroad crossing safety; creating
86 s. 351.38, F.S.; providing legislative findings and
87 intent; defining terms; requiring the Department of
88 Transportation to conduct a statewide study on the use
89 of advanced detection and monitoring systems at public
90 railroad-highway grade crossings; providing
91 requirements for such study; authorizing the
92 department to consult with certain persons and
93 entities in conducting the study; requiring the
94 department to submit a report to the Governor and the
95 Legislature by a specified date; providing
96 requirements for such report; providing an effective
97 date.

By Senator Rodriguez

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to railroad safety; amending s.
 3 351.03, F.S.; requiring certain governmental entities
 4 to install and maintain specified detection and
 5 monitoring systems at public railroad-highway grade
 6 crossings by a specified date; requiring the
 7 Department of Transportation to adopt specified rules
 8 and provide technical support to governmental
 9 entities; specifying requirements for the detection
 10 and monitoring systems; authorizing installation and
 11 maintenance of such systems to be funded through
 12 certain sources; requiring certain governmental
 13 entities to submit a specified report to the
 14 department by a specified date and each year
 15 thereafter; requiring the department to compile such
 16 reports and submit a summary report to the Legislature
 17 by a specified date and biennially thereafter;
 18 providing an effective date.

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

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 22 Section 1. Present subsection (5) of section 351.03,
 23 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6), and a new
 24 subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:
 25 351.03 Railroad-highway grade-crossing warning signs and
 26 signals; audible warnings; exercise of reasonable care; blocking
 27 highways, roads, and streets during darkness.-
 28 (5) (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, the governmental entity
 29 having jurisdiction over or maintenance responsibility for the

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30 highway or street on which a public railroad-highway grade
 31 crossing is established, updated, or modified shall install and
 32 maintain detection and monitoring systems at each such crossing.
 33 The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules establishing
 34 minimum technical and performance standards and criteria for the
 35 use of such systems, including criteria for prioritizing high-
 36 risk crossings for the installation of such systems, and shall
 37 provide technical assistance to governmental entities during
 38 installation. Such systems must include all of the following
 39 technology:
 40 1. Detection of pedestrians, vehicles, or other
 41 obstructions within the crossing area.
 42 2. Real-time analysis of conditions to identify potential
 43 safety hazards.
 44 3. Real-time transmission of warnings or alerts to train
 45 crews and other authorized railroad personnel responsible for
 46 train operations.
 47 4. Coordination with, and compatibility to the extent
 48 practicable with, railroad safety systems, including positive
 49 train control systems.
 50 (b) Installation and maintenance of the systems specified
 51 in paragraph (a) may be funded through grants, state-
 52 appropriated funds, public-private partnerships, or federal
 53 funds. The department may provide financial assistance or
 54 incentives to governmental entities responsible for public
 55 railroad-highway grade crossings to support the installation and
 56 maintenance of detection and monitoring systems required under
 57 this subsection.
 58 (c) By October 1, 2027, and each year thereafter, each

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59 governmental entity responsible for a public railroad-highway
60 grade crossing at which detection and monitoring systems are
61 installed pursuant to this subsection shall submit an annual
62 report to the department containing data generated by such
63 systems, including hazard detections, warnings or alerts issued,
64 and any safety hazards prevented. By January 1, 2028, and
65 biennially thereafter, the department shall compile the local
66 governmental entity reports and submit a summary report to the
67 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
68 Representatives.

69 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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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 Transportation

BILL: SB 1378

INTRODUCER: Senator Martin

SUBJECT: Traffic Enforcement

DATE: February 10, 2026 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Johnson	Vickers	TR	Favorable
2.			CJ	
3.			RC	

I. Summary:

SB 1378 addresses a number of issues related to traffic enforcement, including the seizure of motor vehicles under certain circumstances. Specifically, the bill:

- Defines the term “abandoned vehicle” for purposes of vehicles stopped on a highway.
- Revises circumstances under which an abandoned vehicle may be removed from a highway.
- Increases the penalty for operating a motor vehicle with the knowledge that the license plate or validation sticker attached to the vehicle is not lawfully attached to the vehicle.
- Provides circumstances that constitute knowledge that the license plate or validation sticker attached to the vehicle is not lawfully attached to the vehicle.
- Authorizes law enforcement to seize vehicles, pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, used in fleeing and eluding law enforcement without an arrest at the time of the seizure.

This bill may have a fiscal impact on private and governmental entities. See Section V., Fiscal Analysis Section for details.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

II. Present Situation:

For ease of organization and readability, the present situation is discussed below with the effect of proposed changes.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Removal of Abandoned Vehicles (Section 1)

Present Situation

General Procedures for Abandoned or Lost Property

Section 705.103, F.S., provides procedures for law enforcement to address lost or abandoned or property on public property. For abandoned vehicles, this requires the law enforcement agency to contact the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to determine the name and address of the owner and any lienholder. Subsequently, specified notice must be provided to the owner of the vehicle and any lienholder. That statute also provides procedures for the owner to reclaim the abandoned property and for the disposal of such property after specified time frames.

Leaving a Vehicle on a Highway Outside of a Municipality

Section 316.194, F.S., prohibits a person from stopping, parking, or leaving an attended or unattended vehicle on the paved or main-traveled part of a highway outside of a municipality.¹

Law enforcement officers and traffic accident investigation officers may provide for the removal of any abandoned vehicle to the nearest garage or other place of safety.² This may occur when the abandoned vehicle is unattended upon a bridge or causeway or in any tunnel, or on any highway in the following instances:

- Where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction of traffic;
- Where such vehicle has been parked or stored on the public right-of-way for a period exceeding 48 hours, in other than designated parking areas, and is within 30 feet of the pavement edge; and
- Where an operative vehicle has been parked or stored on the public right-of-way for a period exceeding 10 days, in other than designated parking areas, and is more than 30 feet from the pavement edge. However, the agency removing such vehicle must report this to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) within 24 hours of such removal.³

Currently, this statute does not define the term “abandoned vehicle.”

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 316.194, F.S., to define the term “abandoned vehicle” to mean a vehicle that is in a state of disuse, neglect, or abandonment. The term includes:

- A vehicle without a license plate;
- A vehicle with a license plate that is not registered to the vehicle; or

¹ Section 316.194(1), F.S. There are exceptions for disabled vehicles and buses loading or unloading passengers.

² The cost of such removal is a lien against motor vehicle.

³ Section 316.194(3)(b), F.S. This does not apply to stolen vehicles unless the authority moving the vehicle has reported to the Florida Highway Patrol the taking into possession of the vehicle within 24 hours of such move. *See* s. 316.194(3)(c), F.S.

- A vehicle that does not have a registration sticker affixed to the license plate, or a vehicle that has a registration sticker affixed to the license plate which has been expired for at least 90 days.

The bill provides that evidence of disuse, neglect, or abandonment includes, but is not limited to:

- The vehicle is wrecked and inoperative;
- The vehicle is inoperative as evidenced by vegetation growing under the vehicle as high as the vehicle body or frame;
- The vehicle has refuse or debris collected underneath it;
- The vehicle is used solely for storage purposes;
- The vehicle has major and visible parts that are dismantled; if the vehicle is partially dismantled, the vehicle does not have an engine, transmission, or other major and visible parts;
- The vehicle is incapable of functioning as a vehicle in its present state;
- The vehicle is only nominal salvage value; or
- The vehicle is in any physical state rendering it inoperative.

If the primary apparent evidence of disuse, neglect, or abandonment is vegetation growing under the vehicle, an enforcement officer must use his or her training and experience to determine whether, under the totality of the circumstances, the vehicle is in a state of evident disuse, neglect, or abandonment.

The bill also amends s. 316.194, F.S., to revise when a law enforcement officer and a traffic accident investigation officer may remove an abandoned vehicle to any of the following instances:

- When the vehicle constitutes an obstruction of traffic or blocks visibility such that it is an egregious safety hazard.
- When the vehicle is inoperative and has been parked or stored on the public right-of-way for at least 48 hours;
- Where an operative vehicle has been parked or stored on the public right-of-way for at least 10 days (no matter where parked). The agency removing such vehicle must notify DHSMV within 24 hours of such removal.

Except when the vehicle is blocking traffic, the bill requires a notice describing the violation and providing the time period after which the vehicle will be removed to be attached to the vehicle in a conspicuous place.

Unlawful Use of License Plates (Section 2)

Present Situation

With limited exceptions, Florida law requires motor vehicles operating on its roads to be registered.⁴ Upon payment of registration fees, DHSMV assigns the motor vehicle a registration

⁴ Section 320.02(1), F.S

license number a certificate of registration, and one registration license plate. Validation stickers must be affixed to upper right hand corner of the registration license plate.⁵

Any person who knowingly attaches to any motor vehicle or mobile home any registration license plate, or who knowingly attaches any validation sticker or mobile home sticker to a registration license plate, which plate or sticker was not issued and assigned or lawfully transferred to such vehicle, commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable by imprisonment for up to 60 days⁶ or a fine of up to \$500.⁷

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 320.261, F.S., to provide that a person who operates a motor vehicle with knowledge that the vehicle bears a registration license plate or validation sticker that was not issued and assigned or lawfully transferred to such vehicle commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable with a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year,⁸ or a fine of up to \$1,000.⁹

The bill provide the element of knowledge is satisfied if the person:

- Admits to knowingly attaching or knowing about the attachment of the registration license plate, validation sticker, or mobile home sticker; or
- Has previously been charged with a violation of knowingly attaching a license plate or mobile home sticker to a motor vehicle or mobile home.

The bill provides a rebuttable presumption that the element of knowledge is satisfied if the driver of the vehicle is the registered owner of the vehicle.

Fleeing and Eluding – Contraband Forfeiture (Section 3)

Present Situation

Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act

The Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act¹⁰ prescribes procedures for law enforcement agencies to follow when seizing, forfeiting, and disposing of property under the act. Section. 932.703, F.S., provides that any contraband article, vessel, motor vehicle, aircraft, other personal property, or real property used in violation of the act, or in, upon, or by means of which any violation of the act has taken or is taking place, may be seized and must be forfeited subject to the provisions of the act.¹¹

⁵ Section 320.06(1), F.S.

⁶ Section 775.082(4)(b), F.S.

⁷ Section 775.083(1)(e), F.S.

⁸ Section 775.082(4)(a), F.S.

⁹ Section 775.082(4)(d), F.S.

¹⁰ Sections 932.701 through 932.7062, F.S.,

¹¹ Section 932.703(1), F.S. The constitutionality of the act was upheld by the Florida Supreme Court in *Department of Law Enforcement v. Real Property*, 588 So.2d 957 (Fla. 1991).

Pursuant to this act, certain seizures may only occur if the owner of the property is arrested for a criminal offense that forms the basis for determining whether the property is a contraband article¹² or one or more of the following circumstances apply:

- The owner of the property cannot be identified after a diligent search, or the person in possession of the property denies ownership and the owner of the property cannot be identified at the time of the seizure;
- The owner of the property is a fugitive from justice or is deceased;
- An individual who does not own the property is arrested for a criminal offense that forms the basis for determining that the property is a contraband article and the owner of the property had actual knowledge of the criminal activity;
- The owner of the property agrees to be a confidential informant; or
- The property is a monetary instrument.¹³

The act also provides for the disposition of seized property after a final judgement granting forfeiture of the property. The seizing agency may:

- Retain the property for agency use;
- Sell the property at a public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder; or
- Salvage, trade, or transfer the property to any public or nonprofit organization.¹⁴

The act also provides for the distribution of and authorized uses of proceeds from the sale of forfeited property.¹⁵

Fleeing and Eluding a Law Enforcement Officer

Section 316.1935, F.S., establishes the offense of fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer as a felony. The degree of felony is dependent on facts related to the offense such as the speed of the vehicle, disregard for safety, damage to property, or injury or death of another person.

Any motor vehicle involved in a fleeing and eluding violation is deemed to be contraband, which may be seized by a law enforcement agency and is subject to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.¹⁶ However, such vehicle may only be seized if the vehicle's owner is arrested for the offense of fleeing and eluding.

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends s. 932.703(1)(a), F.S., to add a motor vehicle used for fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer to the seizure requirements in the contraband forfeiture statute and provides that the arrest of the vehicle's owner is not required for such forfeiture.

¹² This pursuant to s. 932.701, F.S., which provides a list of contraband articles.

¹³ Section 932.703(1)(a), F.S.

¹⁴ Section 932.0755(1), F.S.

¹⁵ Section 932.0755(3)-(6), F.S.

¹⁶ Section 316.1935(7), F.S.

Effective Date (Section 4)

This bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

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:

Owners of vehicles used to flee or elude law enforcement officers may be at risk of having their vehicles seized and possibly sold pursuant to the state's contraband forfeiture process.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Not requiring an arrest prior to seizing a vehicle used to flee or elude law enforcement officer may result in an increase in the number of seized vehicles. Law enforcement agencies may experience an indeterminate positive fiscal impact associated with the sale of additional forfeited vehicles.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 316.194, 320.261, and 932.703.

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 traffic enforcement; amending s. 316.194, F.S.; defining the term "abandoned vehicle"; revising the circumstances under which law enforcement officers and traffic accident investigation officers may provide for the removal of an abandoned vehicle to the nearest garage or place of safety; requiring that a notice that contains certain information be placed conspicuously on certain abandoned vehicles before such removal; amending s. 320.261, F.S.; prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle that the person knows bears a registration license plate or validation sticker that was not issued and assigned or lawfully transferred to the motor vehicle; providing criminal penalties; providing circumstances under which the element of knowledge is satisfied; providing a rebuttable presumption; amending s. 932.703, F.S.; specifying that using a motor vehicle to flee or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer is a circumstance under which a seizure of the motor vehicle may occur under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsections (1) through (4) of section 316.194, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (2) through (5), respectively, a new subsection (1) is added to that section, and paragraph (b) of present subsection (3) of that

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section is amended, to read:

316.194 Stopping, standing or parking outside of municipalities.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "abandoned vehicle" means a vehicle that is in a state of disuse, neglect, or abandonment. The term includes a vehicle without a license plate, a vehicle with a license plate that is not registered to the vehicle, a vehicle that does not have a registration sticker affixed to the license plate, or a vehicle that has a registration sticker affixed to the license plate which has been expired for at least 90 days. Evidence of disuse, neglect, or abandonment includes, but is not limited to, the vehicle being wrecked and inoperative; the vehicle being inoperative as evidenced by vegetation growing under the vehicle as high as the vehicle body or frame; refuse or debris collected underneath the vehicle; the vehicle being used solely for storage purposes; the vehicle having major and visible parts that are dismantled; if the vehicle is partially dismantled, the vehicle having no engine, transmission, or other major and visible parts; the vehicle being incapable of functioning as a vehicle in its present state; the vehicle having only nominal salvage value; or the vehicle being in any physical state rendering it inoperative. If the primary apparent evidence of disuse, neglect, or abandonment is vegetation growing under the vehicle, an enforcement officer must use his or her training and experience to determine whether, under the totality of the circumstances, the vehicle is in a state of evident disuse, neglect, or abandonment.

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59 (b) Officers and traffic accident investigation officers
60 may provide for the removal of any abandoned vehicle to the
61 nearest garage or other place of safety, cost of such removal to
62 be a lien against the motor vehicle, when an abandoned vehicle
63 is found unattended upon a bridge or causeway or in a any
64 tunnel, or on a any public highway in any of the following
65 instances:

66 1. Where the such vehicle constitutes an obstruction of
67 traffic or blocks visibility such that it is an egregious safety
68 hazard.†

69 2. Where the such vehicle is inoperative and has been
70 parked or stored on the public right-of-way for a period
71 exceeding 48 hours, in other than designated parking areas, and
72 is within 30 feet of the pavement edge; and

73 3. Where an operative vehicle has been parked or stored on
74 the public right-of-way for a period exceeding 10 days, in other
75 than designated parking areas, and is more than 30 feet from the
76 pavement edge. However, the agency removing such vehicle is
77 shall be required to report same to the Department of Highway
78 Safety and Motor Vehicles within 24 hours of such removal.

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80 Before removal of a vehicle under subparagraph 2. or
81 subparagraph 3., a notice that describes the violation and
82 provides the time period after which the vehicle will be removed
83 must be attached to the vehicle in a conspicuous place.

84 Section 2. Section 320.261, Florida Statutes, is amended to
85 read:

86 320.261 Attaching registration license plate not assigned
87 unlawful; penalty.-

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88 (1) A Any person may not ~~who~~ knowingly attach attaches to a
89 any motor vehicle or mobile home a any registration license
90 plate, or ~~who~~ knowingly attach a attaches any validation sticker
91 or mobile home sticker to a registration license plate, which
92 plate or sticker was not issued and assigned or lawfully
93 transferred to such vehicle or mobile home. A person who
94 violates this subsection commits, is guilty of a misdemeanor of
95 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
96 775.083.

97 (2) A person who operates a motor vehicle with knowledge
98 that the vehicle bears a registration license plate or
99 validation sticker that was not issued and assigned or lawfully
100 transferred to such vehicle commits a misdemeanor of the first
101 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

102 (3) (a) For purposes of this section, the element of
103 knowledge is satisfied if the person:

104 1. Admits to knowingly attaching or knowing about the
105 attachment of the registration license plate, validation
106 sticker, or mobile home sticker; or

107 2. Has previously been charged with a violation of
108 subsection (1).

109 (b) There is a rebuttable presumption that the element of
110 knowledge is satisfied if the driver of the vehicle is a
111 registered owner of the vehicle.

112 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
113 932.703, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

114 932.703 Forfeiture of contraband article; exceptions.-

115 (1) (a) A contraband article, vessel, motor vehicle,
116 aircraft, other personal property, or real property used in

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117 violation of any provision of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture
 118 Act, or in, upon, or by means of which any violation of the
 119 Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has taken or is taking place,
 120 may be seized and shall be forfeited subject to the Florida
 121 Contraband Forfeiture Act. A seizure may occur only if the owner
 122 of the property is arrested for a criminal offense that forms
 123 the basis for determining that the property is a contraband
 124 article under s. 932.701, or one or more of the following
 125 circumstances apply:

126 1. The owner of the property cannot be identified after a
 127 diligent search, or the person in possession of the property
 128 denies ownership and the owner of the property cannot be
 129 identified by means that are available to the employee or agent
 130 of the seizing agency at the time of the seizure;

131 2. The owner of the property is a fugitive from justice or
 132 is deceased;

133 3. An individual who does not own the property is arrested
 134 for a criminal offense that forms the basis for determining that
 135 the property is a contraband article under s. 932.701 and the
 136 owner of the property had actual knowledge of the criminal
 137 activity. Evidence that an owner received written notification
 138 from a law enforcement agency and acknowledged receipt of the
 139 notification in writing, that the seized asset had been used in
 140 violation of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act on a prior
 141 occasion by the arrested person, may be used to establish actual
 142 knowledge;

143 4. The owner of the property agrees to be a confidential
 144 informant as defined in s. 914.28. The seizing agency may not
 145 use the threat of property seizure or forfeiture to coerce the

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146 owner of the property to enter into a confidential informant
 147 agreement. The seizing agency shall return the property to the
 148 owner if criminal charges are not filed against the owner and
 149 the active criminal investigation ends or if the owner ceases
 150 being a confidential informant, unless the agency includes the
 151 final forfeiture of the property as a component of the
 152 confidential informant agreement; ~~or~~

153 5. The property is a monetary instrument. For purposes of
 154 this subparagraph, the term "monetary instrument" means coin or
 155 currency of the United States or any other country; a traveler's
 156 check; a personal check; a bank check; a cashier's check; a
 157 money order; a bank draft of any country; an investment security
 158 or negotiable instrument in bearer form or in other form such
 159 that title passes upon delivery; a prepaid or stored value card
 160 or other device that is the equivalent of money and can be used
 161 to obtain cash, property, or services; or gold, silver, or
 162 platinum bullion or coins; or

163 6. The property is a motor vehicle used in violation of s.
 164 316.1935.

165 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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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 Transportation

BILL: SB 1562

INTRODUCER: Senator Trumbull

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Dealers

DATE: February 10, 2026

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
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3.	_____	_____	RC	_____

I. Summary:

SB 1562 prohibits a licensed motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, importer or factory branch (licensee) that sells at least 3,000 motor vehicles at wholesale to motor vehicle dealers within the state in a 12-month period without first establishing at least five motor vehicle dealers within the state that are independent from each other.

The bill also specifies the conditions under which a motor vehicle dealer is considered independent of another motor vehicle dealer.

The bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the private sector. See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement for details.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

II. Present Situation:

Florida Automobile Dealership Act

The Florida Automobile Dealership Act (Act)¹ governs the licensure of, and contractual relationship between motor vehicle manufacturers², distributors³, and importers⁴, and provides substantial protections and safeguards for motor vehicle dealers.

¹ Chapter 70-424, Laws of Florida, codified in ch. 320, F.S.

² Section 320.60(11), F.S., defines “manufacturer” as any person, whether a resident or nonresident of this state, who manufactures or assembles motor vehicles or who manufactures or installs on previously assembled truck chassis special bodies or equipment which, when installed, form an integral part of the motor vehicle and which constitute a major manufacturing alteration. The term includes a central or principal sales corporation or other entity through which, by contractual agreement or otherwise, it distributes its product.

³ Section 320.60(5), F.S., defines “distributor” as a person, resident or nonresident, who, in whole or in part, sells or distributes motor vehicles to motor vehicle dealers or who maintains distributor representatives.

⁴ Section 320.60(7), F.S., defines “importer” as any person who imports vehicles from a foreign country into the United States or into this state for the purpose of sale or lease.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) administers and enforces the Act, which generally specifies:

- Motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and importers (applicants or licensees) must be licensed under the Act to engage in business in Florida, and the conditions under which the DHSMV may deny, suspend, or revoke such licenses;
- The requirements for licensees wishing to discontinue, cancel, modify, or otherwise replace a franchise agreement with a dealer, and the conditions under which the DHSMV may deny such a request;
- The procedures licensees must follow to add a franchised dealership in an area already served by a franchised dealer, the protest process, and the DHSMV's role in such circumstances;
- The damages assessable against a licensee who violates the Act; and
- DHSMV's authority to adopt rules to implement the Act.⁵

Motor Vehicle Dealers

Under the Act, motor vehicle dealers⁶ are classified as either franchised dealers or independent dealers. A franchised motor vehicle dealer is any person or business who engages in the business of repairing, servicing, buying, selling, or dealing in motor vehicles pursuant to a franchise agreement.⁷ An independent motor vehicle dealer is any person or business other than a franchised or wholesale motor vehicle dealer⁸ who engages in the business of buying, selling, or dealing in motor vehicles, and who may service and repair motor vehicles.⁹

Currently, no person or entity may engage in business as a motor vehicle dealer without first obtaining a motor vehicle dealer license. Generally, only dealers may advertise vehicles belonging to others, unless the sale arises from a bona fide legal proceeding, court order, estate

⁵ Section 320.011, F.S.

⁶ Section 320.60(13) F.S., defines "motor vehicle dealer" as any person, firm, company, corporation, or other entity, who holds a license pursuant to s. 320.27, F.S. as a "franchised motor vehicle dealer" and, for commission, money, or other things of value, repairs or services motor vehicles or used motor vehicles pursuant to a franchise agreement; sells, exchanges, buys, leases or rents, or offers, or attempts to negotiate a sale or exchange of any interest in, motor vehicles; or is engaged wholly or in part in the business of selling motor vehicles, whether or not such motor vehicles are owned by such person, firm, company, or corporation. Further, any person who repairs or services three or more motor vehicles or used motor vehicles; buys, sells, or deals in three or more motor vehicles in any 12-month period; or offers or displays for sale three or more motor vehicles in any 12-month period is presumed to be a motor vehicle dealer, with exceptions.

⁷ Section 320.60(1),(14), F.S., defines "franchise agreement" as a contract, franchise, new motor vehicle franchise, sales and service agreement, or dealer agreement or any other terminology used to describe the contractual relationship between a manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or importer, and a motor vehicle dealer, pursuant to which the motor vehicle dealer is authorized to transact business pertaining to motor vehicles of a particular line-make. "Line-make vehicles" are those motor vehicles which are offered for sale, lease, or distribution under a common name, trademark, service mark, or brand name of the manufacturer of same. However, motor vehicles sold or leased under multiple brand names or marks shall constitute a single line-make when they are included in a single franchise agreement and every motor vehicle dealer in this state authorized to sell or lease any such vehicles has been offered the right to sell or lease all of the multiple brand names or marks covered by the single franchise agreement.

⁸ Section 320.27(1)(c) F.S., defines "wholesale motor vehicle dealer" as any person who engages exclusively in the business of buying, selling, or dealing in motor vehicles at wholesale or with motor vehicle auctions.

⁹ Section 320.27(1)(c), F.S.

settlement, or operation of law. However, a vehicle owner may advertise and sell vehicles titled in their own name without a license.¹⁰

Restrictions on Owning or Operating Dealerships

The Act prohibits licensees, manufacturers, distributors, agents of a manufacturer or distributor, or any parent, subsidiary, common entity¹¹, officer, or representative of a licensee from owning or operating a dealership in Florida for the sale or service of a line-make of motor vehicles that are already offered for sale under a franchise agreement with a dealer in this state.¹² However, if a manufacturer has no franchised dealers in the state for a line-make, they may be allowed to sell directly to consumers.

Other instances in which a manufacturer or distributor may own or operate a dealership include when the licensee:

- Operates a dealership temporarily, not to exceed one year, during the transition between owners.
- Temporarily operates a dealership to broaden diversity within its dealer body or provide opportunities to qualified persons who lack the resources to purchase the dealership outright, in a bona fide relationship with an independent person¹³ who has made a significant investment and is reasonable expected to acquire full ownership.
- Operates a dealership when DHSMV, after a hearing, determines that no independent person is available in the community or territory to own and operate the dealership in a manner consistent with the public interest.

In all such cases, the dealership must be continually offered for sale to independent persons at a fair and reasonable price, and approval of the sale of a proposed dealer may not be unreasonably withheld.¹⁴

Manufacturer, Factory Branch, Distributor, and Importer Licenses

Under the Act, motor vehicle manufacturers, factory branches, distributors, and importers must be licensed before engaging in business in the state. No motor vehicle may be sold,¹⁵

¹⁰ Section 320.27(2), F.S.

¹¹ Section 320.60(2)(a), F.S., defines “common entity” means a person or business who is directly or indirectly controlled by, or has more than 30 percent of its equity interest directly or indirectly owned by, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, or licensee, or an affiliate thereof; or who has more than 30 percent of its equity interest directly or indirectly controlled or owned by one or more persons who also directly or indirectly control or own more than 30 percent of the equity interests of a manufacturer, an importer, a distributor, or a licensee, or an affiliate thereof.

¹² Section 320.645(1), F.S.

¹³ Section 320.60(8), F.S., defines “Independent person” means a person who is not an agent; a parent; a subsidiary; a common entity; an officer; a director; or an employed representative of a licensee, a manufacturer, an importer, or a distributor.

¹⁴ Section 320.645(1), F.S.

¹⁵ Section 320.60(16), F.S., defines “Sell” or “sold” as accepting a deposit or receiving a payment for the retail purchase, lease, or other use of a motor vehicle; accepting a reservation from a retail consumer for a specific motor vehicle identified by a vehicle identification number or other product identifier; setting the retail price for the purchase, lease, or other use of a motor vehicle, but does not include setting a manufacturer's suggested retail price; offering or negotiating with a retail consumer terms for the purchase, lease, or other use of a motor vehicle; offering or negotiating with a retail consumer a value for a motor vehicle being traded in as part of the purchase, lease, or other use of a motor vehicle, but does not include a

leased, or offered for sale or lease in this state unless the manufacturer, importer, or distributor of such motor vehicle is licensed under s. 320.61, F.S.¹⁶

Denying, Revoking, or Suspending a License

A motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or importer license may be denied, suspended, or revoked, for a specific location or statewide, if there is sufficient evidence of repeated violations of ch. 320, F.S., demonstrating a pattern of misconduct.¹⁷ Current law identifies a substantial, enumerated list of conduct in which licensees are prohibited from engaging. Grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking a license generally arise from the licensee's dealings with its franchised motor vehicle dealers.¹⁸

Succession of a Motor Vehicle Dealership

Current law prohibits a licensee from preventing or refusing to accept the succession of a motor vehicle dealership franchise to a dealer's legal heir or devisee, notwithstanding the terms of any franchise agreement. A licensee may reject a proposed successor only if:¹⁹

- The heir or devisee fails to meet the licensee's written, reasonable, and uniformly applied minimum qualifications for dealer applicants; or
- Following notice and an administrative hearing, the succession is shown to be detrimental to the public interest or the licensee's representation.

Termination, Cancellation, or Nonrenewal of Franchise Agreement

Current law requires licensees to repurchase certain property from a dealer following the voluntary or involuntary termination, cancellation or nonrenewal of a franchise agreement. Property subject to repurchase includes new vehicles with limited mileage, new and resalable parts and accessories purchased directly from the licensee, undamaged signs bearing the licensee's trademark, and special tools, automotive service equipment, and data processing equipment recommended or supplied by the licensee.²⁰ Specifically, the licensee must pay the dealer the net cost paid by the dealer for each new car or truck in the dealer's inventory with mileage of 2,000 miles or less, or a motor cycle with mileage of 100 miles or less, not counting mileage placed on the vehicle before it was delivered to the dealer.²¹ Licensees are also responsible for reasonable costs associated with transporting, handling, packing, storing, and loading the property.

website or other means of electronic communication that identifies to a consumer a conditional trade-in value and that contains language informing the consumer that the trade-in value is not binding on any motor vehicle dealer; any transaction where the title of a motor vehicle or a used motor vehicle is transferred to a retail consumer; or any retail lease transaction where a retail consumer leases a vehicle for a period of at least 12 months, but does not include administering lease agreements, taking assignments of leases, performing required actions pursuant to such leases, or receiving payments under a lease agreement that was originated by a motor vehicle dealer.

¹⁶ Section 320.61, F.S.

¹⁷ Section 320.64, F.S.

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ Section 320.64(16), F.S.

²⁰ Section 320.64(36), F.S.

²¹ Section 320.64(36)(a), F.S.

If the termination, cancellation or nonrenewal results from a plan, scheme, or corporate action intended to reduce the number of franchised dealers, or from bankruptcy or cessation of a line-make, the licensee must additionally compensate the dealer for the fair market value of the franchise, reflecting the goodwill of the dealership within its community or territory. Compensation is generally due upon tender of the property, with clear procedures for returning inventory and other items. Certain transactions, including the sale of the dealer's assets or ownership interests, are exempt from these repurchase requirements.²²

Transfer, Assignment, of Sale of Franchise

Under current law, a motor vehicle dealer may sell, assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of a franchise agreement to another person, including a corporation established to hold the franchise. A licensee may only refuse or penalize such a transfer if:²³

- The proposed transferee, or the transferee's controlling executive management, is not of good moral character; or
- The transferee does not meet the licensee's written, reasonable, and uniformly applied qualifications regarding financial capacity and business experience.

A dealer seeking to transfer a franchise must provide written notice to the licensee, including the transferee's name, address, financial qualifications, and recent business experience. Subsequently, the licensee has 60 days to object in writing and specify the material reasons for rejecting the transferee. If the licensee does not respond within 60 days, the transfer is considered approved.²⁴ Further, any transfer is valid only if the transferee agrees in writing to comply with all existing franchise requirements, with ownership changed to the transferee.²⁵

Industry Background

Historically, Florida's motor vehicle industry has been one of the largest in the country, driven by sustained population growth, high vehicle demand, and a dense network of franchised dealerships across the state. In 2024, Florida's dealership network was credited with creating over 186,400 jobs and contributing over \$115 billion to the state economy.²⁶ As of June 2025, Florida's annual new motor vehicle sales ranked third overall in the United States, totaling almost \$60 billion in sales in the first half of the year.²⁷ Florida also had the third most motor vehicle dealers in the nation, with 943 new-car dealers.²⁸

However, the motor vehicle retail market is increasingly dominated by large dealer groups. Ongoing consolidation through mergers, acquisitions, and multi-brand ownership has concentrated market share among fewer corporate entities, many of which operate countless dealerships across the state or nationwide. For example, AutoNation, one of the largest motor

²² Section 320.64(36)(b), F.S.

²³ Section 320.643(1)(a), F.S.

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ *Id.*

²⁶ Florida Automobile Dealers Association, *Driving Florida's Economy, Annual Contribution of Florida's New-Car Dealers*, available at <https://www.flada.org/about-fada/economic-impact/> (last visited February 5, 2026).

²⁷ National Automobile Dealers Association, *NADA Data 2025: Midyear Report*, at 5, available at <https://www.nada.org/media/4694/download?inline> (last visited February 5, 2026).

²⁸ *Id.*

vehicle retailers in the U.S., operates 51 of its 267 nationwide retail locations in Florida, where it sells 31 different motor vehicles brands, including domestic, import, and premium luxury lines.²⁹

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill amends s. 320.64, F.S., to prohibit a licensed motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, importer or factory branch (licensee) that has sold at least 3,000 motor vehicles at wholesale to motor vehicle dealers within the state in a 12- month period without first establishing at least five motor vehicle dealers within the state that are independent from each other. This provision only applies if the applicant or licensee is prohibited by s. 320.645, F.S., from owning or operating a motor vehicle dealer.

The bill specifies that a motor vehicle is independent of another motor vehicle if all of the following conditions are met:

- The motor vehicle is not controlled by another motor vehicle dealer.
- The motor vehicle dealer is not controlled by one or more persons who also control another motor vehicle dealer.
- The motor vehicle dealer has no more than 30 percent of its equity interest, directly or indirectly owned, beneficially or of record, through any form of ownership structure by another motor vehicle dealer.
- The motor vehicle dealer has no more than 30 percent of its equity interest directly or indirectly controlled or owned, beneficially or of record, through any form of ownership structure by one or more persons who also directly or indirectly control or own, beneficially or of record, more than 30 percent of the equity interests of another motor vehicle dealer.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

²⁹ AutoNation, *2024 Annual Report*, [AutoNation-2025-Annual-Report.pdf](#) (last visited February 5, 2026).

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The bill may have an indeterminate impact on the private sector. The bill may have a positive fiscal impact on motor vehicle dealers as it adds additional protections to Florida's franchise dealer regulatory model.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 320.64 of the 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.

By Senator Trumbull

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to motor vehicle dealers; amending s. 320.64, F.S.; prohibiting applicants and licensees from selling more than a specified number of motor vehicles at wholesale to motor vehicle dealers in a certain period under certain circumstances; providing applicability; providing construction; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (44) is added to section 320.64, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.64 Denial, suspension, or revocation of license; grounds.—A license of a licensee under s. 320.61 may be denied, suspended, or revoked within the entire state or at any specific location or locations within the state at which the applicant or licensee engages or proposes to engage in business, upon proof that the section was violated with sufficient frequency to establish a pattern of wrongdoing, and a licensee or applicant shall be liable for claims and remedies provided in ss. 320.695 and 320.697 for any violation of any of the following provisions. A licensee is prohibited from committing the following acts:

(44) The applicant or licensee has sold at least 3,000 motor vehicles at wholesale to motor vehicle dealers in this state in a 12-month period without first establishing at least five motor vehicle dealers in this state which are all independent from each other. This subsection applies only if the

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applicant or licensee is prohibited by s. 320.645 from owning or operating a motor vehicle dealer. For purposes of this subsection, a motor vehicle dealer is independent from another motor vehicle dealer if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The motor vehicle dealer is not controlled by another motor vehicle dealer.

(b) The motor vehicle dealer is not controlled by one or more persons who also control another motor vehicle dealer.

(c) The motor vehicle dealer has no more than 30 percent of its equity interest directly or indirectly owned, beneficially or of record, through any form of ownership structure by another motor vehicle dealer.

(d) The motor vehicle dealer has no more than 30 percent of its equity interest directly or indirectly controlled or owned, beneficially or of record, through any form of ownership structure by one or more persons who also directly or indirectly control or own, beneficially or of record, more than 30 percent of the equity interests of another motor vehicle dealer.

A motor vehicle dealer who can demonstrate that a violation of, or failure to comply with, any of the preceding provisions by an applicant or licensee will or may adversely and pecuniarily affect the complaining dealer, shall be entitled to pursue all of the remedies, procedures, and rights of recovery available under ss. 320.695 and 320.697.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Trumbull) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (16) and paragraph (a) of subsection (36) of section 320.64, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (44) is added to that section, to read:

320.64 Denial, suspension, or revocation of license; grounds.—A license of a licensee under s. 320.61 may be denied, suspended, or revoked within the entire state or at any specific



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11 location or locations within the state at which the applicant or
12 licensee engages or proposes to engage in business, upon proof
13 that the section was violated with sufficient frequency to
14 establish a pattern of wrongdoing, and a licensee or applicant
15 shall be liable for claims and remedies provided in ss. 320.695
16 and 320.697 for any violation of any of the following
17 provisions. A licensee is prohibited from committing the
18 following acts:

19 (16) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise
20 agreement, the applicant or licensee prevents or refuses to
21 accept the succession to any interest in a franchise agreement
22 by any legal heir or devisee under the will of a motor vehicle
23 dealer or under the laws of descent and distribution of this
24 state; provided, the applicant or licensee is not required to
25 accept a succession:

26 1. When where such heir or devisee does not meet licensee's
27 written, reasonable, and uniformly applied minimal standard
28 qualifications for dealer applicants;

29 2. or Which, after notice and administrative hearing
30 pursuant to chapter 120, is demonstrated to be detrimental to
31 the public interest or to the representation of the applicant or
32 licensee; or

33 3. When the direct result of such succession will cause the
34 applicant or licensee to be in violation of subsection (44).

35 (b) This subsection does not ~~Nothing contained herein,~~
36 ~~however, shall~~ prevent a motor vehicle dealer, during his or her
37 lifetime, from designating any person as his or her successor in
38 interest by written instrument filed with and accepted by the
39 applicant or licensee. A licensee who rejects the successor



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40 transferee under this subsection shall have the burden of
41 establishing in any proceeding where such rejection is in issue
42 that the rejection of the successor transferee complies with
43 this subsection.

44 (36) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise
45 agreement, in addition to any other statutory or contractual
46 rights of recovery after the voluntary or involuntary
47 termination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of a franchise, failing
48 to pay the motor vehicle dealer, as provided in paragraph (d),
49 the following amounts:

50 1. The net cost paid by the dealer for each new motor
51 vehicle other than motorcycles ~~car or truck~~ in the dealer's
52 inventory with mileage of 2,000 miles or less, or each new a
53 motorcycle in the dealer's inventory with mileage of 100 miles
54 or less, exclusive of mileage placed on the motor vehicle before
55 it was delivered to the dealer.

56 2. The current price charged for each new, unused,
57 undamaged, or unsold part or accessory that:

58 a. Is in the current parts catalog and is still in the
59 original, resalable merchandising package and in an unbroken
60 lot, except that sheet metal may be in a comparable substitute
61 for the original package; and

62 b. Was purchased by the dealer directly from the
63 manufacturer or distributor or from an outgoing authorized
64 dealer as a part of the dealer's initial inventory.

65 3. The fair market value of each undamaged sign owned by
66 the dealer which bears a trademark or trade name used or claimed
67 by the applicant or licensee or its representative which was
68 purchased from or at the request of the applicant or licensee or



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69 its representative.

70 4. The fair market value of all special tools, data
71 processing equipment, and automotive service equipment owned by
72 the dealer which:

73 a. Were recommended in writing by the applicant or licensee
74 or its representative and designated as special tools and
75 equipment;

76 b. Were purchased from or at the request of the applicant
77 or licensee or its representative; and

78 c. Are in usable and good condition except for reasonable
79 wear and tear.

80 5. The cost of transporting, handling, packing, storing,
81 and loading any property subject to repurchase under this
82 section.

83 (44) (a) The applicant or licensee has directly or
84 indirectly distributed 1,000 or more motor vehicles of a
85 particular line-make to motor vehicle dealers in this state
86 during any 12-month period and has directly or indirectly
87 distributed more than 33.33 percent of those same line-make
88 motor vehicles during that 12-month period to one motor vehicle
89 dealer or to multiple motor vehicle dealers that share common
90 ownership or control. For purposes of this subsection, a motor
91 vehicle dealer shares common ownership or control with another
92 motor vehicle dealer if:

93 1. It is directly or indirectly controlled by or has more
94 than 30 percent of its equity interest directly or indirectly
95 owned by another motor vehicle dealer; or

96 2. It has more than 30 percent of its equity interest
97 directly or indirectly controlled or owned by one or more



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98 persons who also directly or indirectly control or own more than
99 30 percent of the equity interests of another motor vehicle
100 dealer.

101 (b) This subsection does not apply to any line-make of
102 motor vehicle for which there exists a licensed franchised
103 dealer in this state as of January 1, 2026, or to an applicant
104 or licensee who is not prohibited by s. 320.645 from owning or
105 operating a motor vehicle dealership.

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107 A motor vehicle dealer who can demonstrate that a violation of,
108 or failure to comply with, any of the preceding provisions by an
109 applicant or licensee will or may adversely and pecuniarily
110 affect the complaining dealer, shall be entitled to pursue all
111 of the remedies, procedures, and rights of recovery available
112 under ss. 320.695 and 320.697.

113 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 320.643,
114 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

115 320.643 Transfer, assignment, or sale of franchise
116 agreements.-

117 (1) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise
118 agreement, a licensee may ~~shall~~ not, by contract or otherwise,
119 fail or refuse to give effect to, prevent, prohibit, or penalize
120 or attempt to refuse to give effect to, prohibit, or penalize
121 any motor vehicle dealer from selling, assigning, transferring,
122 alienating, or otherwise disposing of its franchise agreement to
123 any other person or persons, including a corporation established
124 or existing for the purpose of owning or holding a franchise
125 agreement, unless the licensee proves at a hearing pursuant to a
126 complaint filed by a motor vehicle dealer under this section



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127 that the sale, transfer, alienation, or other disposition:

128 1. Is to a person who is not, or whose controlling
129 executive management is not, of good moral character;

130 2. Is to a person who ~~or~~ does not meet the written,
131 reasonable, and uniformly applied standards or qualifications of
132 the licensee relating to financial qualifications of the
133 transferee and business experience of the transferee or the
134 transferee's executive management; or

135 3. Would directly cause the licensee to be in violation of
136 s. 320.64(44).

137 (b) A motor vehicle dealer who desires to sell, assign,
138 transfer, alienate, or otherwise dispose of a franchise shall
139 notify, or cause the proposed transferee to notify, the
140 licensee, in writing, setting forth the prospective transferee's
141 name, address, financial qualifications, and business experience
142 during the previous 5 years. A licensee who receives such notice
143 may, within 60 days following such receipt, notify the motor
144 vehicle dealer, in writing, that the proposed transferee is not
145 a person qualified to be a transferee under this section and
146 setting forth the material reasons for such rejection. Failure
147 of the licensee to notify the motor vehicle dealer within the
148 60-day period of such rejection shall be deemed an approval of
149 the transfer. No such transfer, assignment, or sale shall be
150 valid unless the transferee agrees in writing to comply with all
151 requirements of the franchise then in effect, but with the
152 ownership changed to the transferee.

153 (c) ~~(b)~~ A motor vehicle dealer whose proposed sale is
154 rejected may, within 60 days following such receipt of such
155 rejection, file with the department a complaint for a



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156 determination that the proposed transferee has been rejected in
157 violation of this section. The licensee has the burden of proof
158 with respect to all issues raised by the complaint. The
159 department shall determine, and enter an order providing, that
160 the proposed transferee is either qualified or is not and cannot
161 be qualified for specified reasons, or the order may provide the
162 conditions under which a proposed transferee would be qualified.
163 If the licensee fails to file such a response to the motor
164 vehicle dealer's complaint within 30 days after receipt of the
165 complaint, unless the parties agree in writing to an extension,
166 or if the department, after a hearing, renders a decision other
167 than one disqualifying the proposed transferee, the franchise
168 agreement between the motor vehicle dealer and the licensee is
169 deemed amended to incorporate such transfer or amended in
170 accordance with the determination and order rendered, effective
171 upon compliance by the proposed transferee with any conditions
172 set forth in the determination or order.

173 (2) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise
174 agreement, a licensee may ~~shall~~ not, by contract or otherwise,
175 fail or refuse to give effect to, prevent, prohibit, or
176 penalize, or attempt to refuse to give effect to, prevent,
177 prohibit, or penalize, any motor vehicle dealer or any
178 proprietor, partner, stockholder, owner, or other person who
179 holds or otherwise owns an interest therein from selling,
180 assigning, transferring, alienating, or otherwise disposing of,
181 in whole or in part, the equity interest of any of them in such
182 motor vehicle dealer to any other person or persons, including a
183 corporation established or existing for the purpose of owning or
184 holding the stock or ownership interests of other entities,



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185 unless the licensee proves at a hearing pursuant to a complaint
186 filed by a motor vehicle dealer under this section that the
187 sale, transfer, alienation, or other disposition:

188 1. Is to a person who is not, or whose controlling
189 executive management is not, of good moral character; or

190 2. Would directly cause the licensee to be in violation of
191 s. 320.64(44).

192 (b) A motor vehicle dealer, or any proprietor, partner,
193 stockholder, owner, or other person who holds or otherwise owns
194 an interest in the motor vehicle dealer, who desires to sell,
195 assign, transfer, alienate, or otherwise dispose of any interest
196 in such motor vehicle dealer shall notify, or cause the proposed
197 transferee to so notify, the licensee, in writing, of the
198 identity and address of the proposed transferee. A licensee who
199 receives such notice may, within 60 days following such receipt,
200 notify the motor vehicle dealer in writing that the proposed
201 transferee is not a person qualified to be a transferee under
202 this section and setting forth the material reasons for such
203 rejection. Failure of the licensee to notify the motor vehicle
204 dealer within the 60-day period of such rejection shall be
205 deemed an approval of the transfer. Any person whose proposed
206 sale of stock is rejected may file within 60 days of receipt of
207 such rejection a complaint with the department alleging that the
208 rejection was in violation of the law or the franchise
209 agreement. The licensee has the burden of proof with respect to
210 all issues raised by such complaint. The department shall
211 determine, and enter an order providing, that the proposed
212 transferee either is qualified or is not and cannot be qualified
213 for specified reasons; or the order may provide the conditions



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214 under which a proposed transferee would be qualified. If the
215 licensee fails to file a response to the motor vehicle dealer's
216 complaint within 30 days of receipt of the complaint, unless the
217 parties agree in writing to an extension, or if the department,
218 after a hearing, renders a decision on the complaint other than
219 one disqualifying the proposed transferee, the transfer shall be
220 deemed approved in accordance with the determination and order
221 rendered, effective upon compliance by the proposed transferee
222 with any conditions set forth in the determination or order.

223 (c)~~(b)~~ Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a licensee may not
224 reject a proposed transfer of a legal, equitable, or beneficial
225 interest in a motor vehicle dealer to a trust or other entity,
226 or to any beneficiary thereof, which is established by an owner
227 of any interest in a motor vehicle dealer for purposes of estate
228 planning, if the controlling person of the trust or entity, or
229 the beneficiary, is of good moral character.

230 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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232 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

233 And the title is amended as follows:

234 Delete everything before the enacting clause
235 and insert:

236 A bill to be entitled
237 An act relating to motor vehicle manufacturers,
238 importers, and distributors and franchised motor
239 vehicle dealers; amending s. 320.64, F.S.; authorizing
240 licensees to reject the succession to interest in a
241 franchise agreement of a motor vehicle dealer under
242 certain circumstances; clarifying the motor vehicles



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243 for which a licensee must pay certain costs to a motor
244 vehicle dealer under certain circumstances;
245 prohibiting a licensee from distributing more than a
246 specified percentage of a specified number of motor
247 vehicles of a particular line-make during a certain
248 period to one motor vehicle dealer or dealers that
249 share common ownership or control; providing
250 applicability; amending s. 320.643, F.S.; authorizing
251 a licensee to reject a sale, transfer, alienation, or
252 other disposition of a franchise agreement or an
253 equity interest in a motor vehicle dealer under
254 certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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

Fernando Acosta-Rua

is duly appointed a member of the

**Jacksonville Aviation Authority,
Duval County**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of December,
A.D., 2025, until the Thirtieth day of September, 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-First day of January, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State



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GOVERNOR

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INFORMATION

December 22, 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 Chapter 2005-328, Laws of Florida

Mr. Fernando Acosta-Rua
4265 Yacht Club Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

as a member of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 22, 2025, for a term ending September 30, 2029.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis
Governor

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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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

Jacksonville Aviation Authority

(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 J. Acosta-Rua

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence OR online notarization
this 12 day of January, 2026.

[Signature]

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath— see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

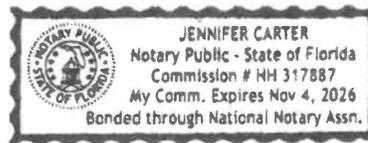
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Court

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Affix Seal Below



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

4265 Yacht Club Rd

Fernando J. Acosta-Rua

Street or Post Office Box

Print Name

Jacksonville, FL 32210

J. Acosta-Rua

City, State, Zip Code

Signature

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

1/8/2026

Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Acosta-Rua, Fernando Javier
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden
2. Business Address: 5210 Belfort Road Suite 300 Jacksonville
Street Office # City
FL 32256 904-354-9600
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: 4265 Yacht Club Rd Jacksonville Duval
Street City County
FL 32210 904-307-0765
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
- Specify the preferred mailing address: Business Residence
4. Fax # (optional) _____ Email Address: fernando@acostarua.com
5. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: Iowa City, Iowa
6. Social Security Number: _____
7. Driver License Number: _____ Issuing State: Florida
8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes _____ No _____ If "Yes" explain:
No
9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No If "No" explain:

- If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: _____
10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? Yes
11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes No If "Yes" list:
A. County of Registration: Duval B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican
12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:
No
13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?
Yes No

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FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former |

and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):

- Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s.119.071(2).j.)
- Other (list applicable statute): _____

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Duval

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

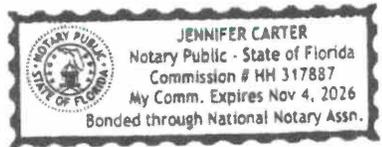
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who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of January, 2026

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

Jennifer Carter
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)



My commission expires: 11/4/26

Personally Known X OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced: _____

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JENNIFER CARTER
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Salutation: Mr. First: Fernando Middle: Javier Last: Acosta-Rua
2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: Brooke Last: Acosta-Rua
3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
4265 Yacht Club Rd	Jacksonville, FL 32210	8/2020 - Current
5525 Fair Lane Drive	Jacksonville, FL 32244	3/2007 - 8/2020
4242 Forest Park Rd.	Jacksonville, FL 32210	7/2003 - 3/2007

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 2003

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
14 Old Belden Hill Rd,	Wilton CT 06897	12/2000 -
25 River Rd Apt. #1203,	Wilton CT 06897	7/2000 - 12/2000
Lake St apt 1N,	Evanston, IL	8/1998 - 5/2000

EDUCATION

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	The Bolles School - Jacksonville FL	1985	
Undergraduate	University of Florida - Gainesville FL	1990	Public Relations
Graduate	Northwestern Univ (Kellogg School of Management) - Evanston, IL	2000	MBA - Finance
Other			

**If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*

EMPLOYMENT

1. Are you retired? Yes No

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Heritage Capital Group Job Title Principal and Shareholder

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
American Pet Resorts	COO, CEO and Director	April 2007 - 2024

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes No

If "yes", explain. I served 20 years as COO and then CEO of previous employer, Pet Paradise. In April of 2024, Majority Investor chose to replace me as CEO, without cause, but I remain on the Board of Directors of the company and remain an investor.

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes No

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Did you serve in combat? Yes No Branch and Component _____

Dates of Service _____ Date and Type of Discharge _____

PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board _____

Number of meetings you attended _____

Number of meetings you missed _____

Reason(s) for your absence _____

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
Jacksonville Aviation Authority	2021	Approved

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

ETHICAL DISCLOSURE

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed Expunged Not Applicable

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes No

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes No

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes No

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. I've served for 3+ years on the JAA Board and currently am the Vice Chairman of the Board. I have served on various committees in my capacity as a Board member including CHair of the Finance and Compensation Committees. I believe I have 100% attendance r rate for Board meetings.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

EY Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist in State of Florida
Jacksonville Business Journal CEO of the Year Awards

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. I have served 3+ years on the Jacksonville Aviation Authority Board, currently serving as the Vice Chairman. I have chaired various committees including Finance, Compensation and have served on others.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. I believe the Jacksonville Aviation Authority plays a significant economic role in not only Jacksonville, but also NE Florida as well as the entire state of Florida. It is an honor to serve as an appointee of Gov DeSantis and to serve the people of this great state.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
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6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Alivia Health Care	Chairman	2022 - Current
Community Hospice of NE Florida	Chairman	2012 - 2022
The Bolles School	Chairman and Trustee	2012 - 2024
The Jacksonville University Public Policy Institute	Founding Member	2012 - 2024

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Susan Ponder-Stansel, CEO of Alivia Care Inc., CEO of Organization I Chair,			[REDACTED]
Richard Mullaney, Head of JU Public Policy Institute, served on Board for 11 years,			[REDACTED]
C. Daniel Rice, President and CEO of Mayport Venture Partners, fellow member of several Boards and Investor on various transactions,			[REDACTED]

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes No

If "yes", list their name.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws.

Initial here. FAR

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. FAR

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. FAR

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature.

/s/First Fernando Middle Javier Last Acosta-Rua Suffix _____

Please save this document to upload with your board application.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email

appointments@eog.myflorida.com

If you need more space, add additional pages at the end of the document.

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Division of Elections

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

Michelle Barnett

is duly appointed a member of the

**Jacksonville Aviation Authority,
Duval County**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of December,
A.D., 2025, until the Thirtieth day of September, A.D., 2027
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-Seventh day of January, A. D. 2026.*



Secretary of State

If photocopied or chemically altered, the word "VOID" will appear.

"State of Florida" appears in small letters across the face of this 8 1/2 x 11" document.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Deval

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

Judicial Assistant Anthony Boyd Males
(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

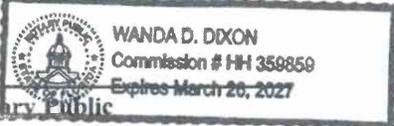
on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

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

Signature _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence OR online notarization
this 21st day of JANUARY, 2020

Wanda Dixon
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public



(To be completed only by judges administering oath - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Print Name

Title

Court

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)
Title Set Below

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

1500 Rungt Ave
Street or Post Office Box

Michelle Barnett
Print Name

Jacksonville, FL 32204
City, State, Zip Code

[Signature]
Signature

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

2025-12-22 10:25

December 22, 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 Chapter 2005-328, Laws of Florida

Mrs. Michelle Barnett
1500 Riverside Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32204

as a member of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 22, 2025, for a term ending September 30, 2027.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/dw

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

1/21/2026

Date Completed

1. Name: Ms. Barnett Michelle Bedoya
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden
2. Business Address: FL 1500 Riverside Avenue Jacksonville
Street Office # City
32204
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: FL 4267 Point La Vista Row Duval
Street City County
93207 904 466 1033
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business Residence

4. Fax # (optional) _____ Email Address: michelle.barnette@ablegation.com
5. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: Lake City, FL
6. Social Security Number: _____
7. Driver License Number: _____ Issuing State: FL

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No If "Yes" explain: Patricia Michelle Bedoya

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No If "No" explain: _____

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: _____

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? birth
11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes No If "Yes" list:
A. County of Registration: Duval B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:
No

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?
Yes No

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former |

and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):

- Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- Other (list applicable statute): _____

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Duval

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

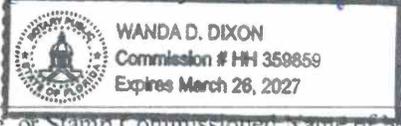
MICHELLE BEDOYA BARNETT

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21ST day of JANUARY, 2026.

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 3/26/27

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: _____

(seal)



Date Completed:

1/21/26

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS
Office of Gubernatorial Appointments
Appointments Questionnaire

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, thank you for your interest in serving the state of Florida. This file **must** be downloaded to your computer before being filled out. There is no save feature included with the online version of this form. Any information entered to the online version of this form will be lost when downloaded. After the .pdf is downloaded and filled out, it can be saved to your computer for upload and to retain a copy for your records. If the board application page is not working, this questionnaire can be submitted via the email address below.

appointments@eog.myflorida.com

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Governor's office and, where applicable, the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation.

- The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**
- Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate
- Please type or print in black or blue ink

Please be mindful that Florida has a very broad public records law and applications that are submitted for appointment may be subject to review by the public in accordance with Art. 1, s. 24 of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, some positions that are appointed by the Governor may require you to complete a financial disclosure form if appointed. Please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding financial disclosure at (850) 488-7864.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Salutation: Ms First: Michelle Middle: Bedoya Last: Barnett
 2. Marital Status: M Spouse information, if applicable: First: Richard Last: Barnett
 3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Patricia Michelle Bedoya Maiden name

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
<u>4262 Point La Vista Rd W</u>	<u>Jacksonville, FL 32207</u>	<u>2014-present</u>
<u>974 Wakarusa Rd S</u>	<u>Jacksonville, FL 32207</u>	<u>2007-2014</u>

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? birth

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
<u>301 Rose Hall</u>	<u>Nashville, TN</u>	<u>2000-2004 (law school)</u>

EDUCATION

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	<u>Columbia High School</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>HS</u>
Undergraduate	<u>UF</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>B.S. Finance</u>
Graduate	<u>Vanderbilt</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>Law School</u>
Other			

*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.

EMPLOYMENT

1. Are you retired? Yes No

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer AOR Legal Job Title attney

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
<u>same</u>		

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes No

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If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes No

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Did you serve in combat? Yes No Branch and Component _____
 Dates of Service _____ Date and Type of Discharge _____

PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
JAA		current	state local
Jacqueline Hossy Anthony	2019 - 2021		local

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board unsure

Number of meetings you attended all

Number of meetings you missed

Reason(s) for your absence

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
JMS	Annual reappointed	

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

ETHICAL DISCLOSURE

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed Expunged Not Applicable

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes No

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
Risk Services CFO	attorney	legal requests

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes No

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes No

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. 2nd term. Previously served as Board Chair.
Regular traveler and experience in aviation expansion

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.
JBA Ethics Award
St. Joseph the Worker Award

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. Provide strategy and goals. Hire and oversee CEO.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. Uniquely qualified to serve in this role. Loyal service board member. Have institutional knowledge.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Florida Bar	2004	Florida Bar	023401

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
JBA	President	2004 - Present

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Kelly DeGarcia	Partner		
Pat Kilbore	colleagues		
Michael Orr	colleagues		

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes No

If "yes", list their name.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws. Initial here. h

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. [Signature]

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. [Signature]

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature.

/s/First [Signature] Middle [Signature] Last [Signature] Suffix _____

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If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email

appointments@eog.myflorida.com

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Elections

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

Richard Blanco, Jr.

is duly appointed a member of the
Greater Miami Expressway Agency

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of December,
A.D., 2025, until the Third day of July, A.D., 2028 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 Second day of February, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State



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GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

December 22, 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 Chapter 2023-70, Laws of Florida - Section 348.0304, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Richard Blanco
10470 Southwest 109th Street
Miami, Florida 33176

as a member of the Greater Miami Expressway Agency, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 22, 2025, for a term ending July 3, 2028.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis
Governor

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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FALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA
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

Greater Miami Expressway Agency (Governing Board)

(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 _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence OR online notarization
this 27th day of January, 2026.

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Print Name _____

Title _____

Court _____

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)



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

10470 SW 109TH ST

Richard Blanco, Jr.

Street or Post Office Box

Print Name

Miami, FL 33176

Signature _____

City, State, Zip Code

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

1/8/2026
Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Richard Blanco, Jr.
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: 5781-B NW 151ST ST
Street Office # City
Miami, FL. 33014
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

3. Residence Address: 10470 SW 109TH ST
Street City County
Miami, FL. 33176
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business Residence

4. Fax # (optional) [REDACTED] Email Address: rblanco@gointemos.com

5. Date of Birth [REDACTED] Place of Birth: Miami, FL

6. Social Security Number [REDACTED]

7. Driver License Number [REDACTED] Issuing State: FL

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No If "Yes" explain:
NO

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No If "No" explain:

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: _____

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1973

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes No If "Yes" list:

A. County of Registration: Miami-Dade B. Current Party Affiliation: REP

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:
No

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?
Yes No

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

List continued from previous page.

- Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s.119.071(2).j.)
- Other (list applicable statute): _____

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

RICHARD BLANCO, JR.

who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of JANUARY, 2026.

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 01/22/2027

Personally Known OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced: _____

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Salutation: Mr. First: Richard Middle: Last: Blanco, Jr.

2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: Maria Last: Bosque-Blanco

3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
10470 SW 109TH ST	Miami, FL 33176	2016-Present
10337 SW 165TH ST	Miami, FL 33196	1997-2016

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1973

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
N/A		

EDUCATION

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Belen Jesuit Preparatory School	1991	
Undergraduate	Florida International University	1997	Business/IT
Graduate			
Other			

*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.

EMPLOYMENT

1. Are you retired? Yes No

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Internos Group LLC Job Title Partner / Chief Technology Officer

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Internos Group LLC	Partner / CTO	2008-Present

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes No

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Did you serve in combat? Yes No Branch and Component _____

Dates of Service _____ Date and Type of Discharge _____

PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
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2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results
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3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
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Greater Miami Expressway Agency (Governing Board) / Oct 2021

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board 18-20

Number of meetings you attended 18

Number of meetings you missed 2

Reason(s) for your absence Death in the family, pre-scheduled family vacation

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office
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Maria Bosque-Blanco Spouse / Jan 2023 / School Board of Miami-Dade County

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

ETHICAL DISCLOSURE

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed Expunged Not Applicable

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes No

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

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If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented

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13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. _____

As a current business partner with over 30 years managing resources, personnel and projects across a multitude of different kinds of clients and businesses, I can bring a unique "everyday" man perspective to items brought before the GMX Board.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. _____

Each Board member has a unique background, history and perspective. These are key as we review projects and/or have to make decisions that can impact the GMX managed transportation system and services. We are serving to represent the best interests of GMX and those of commuters in Miami-Dade County and areas of Monroe serviced by GMX.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. _____

Having proudly served and continuing to serve on the GMX Board has been a great experience. It has allowed me to become more familiar with how our everyday transportation arteries in our area function, what it takes to keep them going as a world class system and has afforded me to serve my community and make a difference. Its an opportunity every citizen should be given.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes No

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Bloom Together Collective / Leadership Board Member / 1/2025-Present

Saint Timothy Men's Club / Member, Leadership Board / 2005 - Present

BLN Business Networking Group / Member, Leadership Board / 2016 - Present

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
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Alex Lehmann / MPC Certified Public Accountants / Friend

Javier Marques / Florida International University / Friend /

Ronny Delgado / Internos Group LLC / Business Partner /



9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes No

If "yes", list their name. Jeanette Nunez, President - Florida International University

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

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/s/First Richard Middle _____ Last Blanco Suffix Jr.

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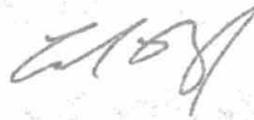
Fatima Perez

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for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of December,
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*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the
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Secretary of State

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GOVERNOR

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December 22, 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 Chapter 2023-70, Laws of Florida - Section 348.0304, Florida Statutes:

Ms. Fatima Perez
1805 Ponce De Leon Boulevard, #625
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

as a member of the Greater Miami Expressway Agency, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 22, 2025, for a term ending July 3, 2029.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/dw

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II. § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

STATE OF FLORIDA

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

Greater Miami Expressway
(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 [Handwritten Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence OR online notarization
this 16 day of JANUARY, 2026

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

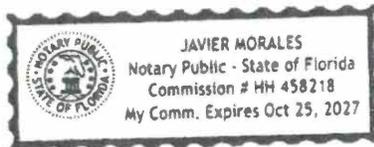
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Print Name

Title

Court

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Affix Seal Below



Personally Known OR Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced Florida Driver License

ACCEPTANCE

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

Mailing Address: Home Office

2352 Galiano St. #204
Street or Post Office Box
Oral Gables FL 33131
City, State, Zip Code

Fatima Perez
Print Name
[Handwritten Signature]
Signature

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. Please type or print in blue or black ink.

1/16/26
Date Completed

1. Name: Perez Fatima
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden
2. Business Address: 2332 Galiano St. 204 Coral Gables
Street Office # City
FL 33134 786-501-8007
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: 1805 Ponce De Leon Blvd. #625 Coral Gables Miami-Dade
Street City County
FL 33134 305-450-4748
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
- Specify the preferred mailing address: Business Residence
4. Fax # (optional) _____ Email Address: fatima.perez@kochcofi.com
5. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: Cuba
6. Social Security Number: _____
7. Driver License Number: _____ Issuing State: Florida
8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No If "Yes" explain:
Marriage
9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No If "No" explain:
- If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: _____
10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1980
11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes No If "Yes" list:
A. County of Registration: Miami-Dade B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican
12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:
no
13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?
Yes No

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former |
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- Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s.119.071(2).j.)
- Other (list applicable statute): _____

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF

Miami-Dade

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

Fatima Perez

who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.



Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of January, 2026.



Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

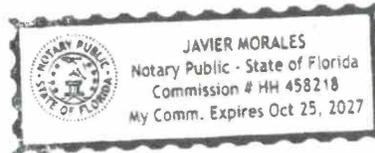
Javier Morales

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: Oct 25, 2027

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification X

Type of Identification Produced: Florida Driver License



(seal)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Salutation: Ms. First: Fatima Middle: — Last: PEREZ

2. Marital Status: Single Spouse information, if applicable: First: _____ Last: _____

3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Marriage

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
<u>1805 Ponce De Leon Blvd. #025</u>	<u>Coral Gables, FL 33134</u>	<u>2017-Present</u>
<u>1300 Ponce De Leon Blvd. #409</u>	<u>Coral Gables, FL 33134</u>	<u>2014-2017</u>

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1980

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
<u>N/A</u>		

EDUCATION

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
<u>High School</u>	<u>Monsignor Edward Pace</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>HS</u>
<u>Undergraduate</u>	<u>Florida State University</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>Crim/Crim Justice</u>
<u>Graduate</u>	<u>Florida International University</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>Masters in Public Admin.</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>Florida State College of Law</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Cybersecurity/Privacy</u>

*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.

EMPLOYMENT

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1. Are you retired? Yes No

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Koch Industries Job Title Director

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
<u>Koch Industries</u>	<u>Director, Government Affairs</u>	<u>11/2015 - Present</u>

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment
<u>City of Miami Beach</u>	<u>Chief of Staff</u>	<u>2013-2015</u>
<u>City of Miami</u>	<u>Senior Advisor</u>	<u>2000-2002</u>
<u>Florida Legislature</u>	<u>sr. Legislative Aide</u>	<u>1996-2000</u>

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes No

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Did you serve in combat? Yes No Branch and Component _____

Dates of Service _____ Date and Type of Discharge _____

PUBLIC SERVICE

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1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board _____

Number of meetings you attended _____

Number of meetings you missed _____

Reason(s) for your absence _____

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes No

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If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

ETHICAL DISCLOSURE

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed Expunged Not Applicable

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

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4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes No

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes No

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented
Florida Legislature/Executive	Koch Industries

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes No

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes No

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If "yes", explain.

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board.

For the past 5 years I have served on the Greater Miami Expressway Agency and during this time, I have collaborated with government agencies, contractors, and community stakeholders to drive project success and public acceptance. In addition, I have dedicated my time to enhance the quality of life to the residents of South Florida specifically to provide efficient and reliable transportation networks.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

Orange Bowl Committee "rookie" of the year award 2022

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for.

As a member of this board we should provide strategic input and policy guidance for the planning, development, operation and maintenance of the region's expressway system. In addition, members of the board should collaborate with government agencies and stakeholders ensuring projects meet safety and environmental standards and manage budgets and resources effectively.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful.

I am deeply committed to improving transportation and infrastructure that supports economic growth, enhances safety, and increases mobility. More importantly, doing and serving by ensuring responsible stewardship of public resources.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
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6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
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Orange Bowl Committee	Member	2021 - Present
Adrienne Arsht Center Trust	Board of Directors	2023 - Present
North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance	Board of Directors/Chair	Present
Chapman/Community Partnership for the Homeless	Board of Directors	2004-2025

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
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Dominique Whiting	MDC	Friend	
Will Rodriguez	Coocoran Partners	Colleague	
Jeanette Nuñez	Florida Int'l Univ.	Colleague/Friend	

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes No

If "yes", list their name.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes No

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If "yes", explain. _____

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws. Initial here FP

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4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. _____

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature.

/s/First Fatma Middle — Last Perez Suffix —

Please save this document to upload with your board application.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email

appointments@eog.myflorida.com

If you need more space, add additional pages at the end of the document.

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
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Division of Elections**

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

Christopher M. Carrere

is duly appointed a member of the

**Tampa Port Authority,
Hillsborough County, Seat Two**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Fourth day of October,
A.D., 2025, until the Fifteenth day of November, A.D., 2027 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-First day of January, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State



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State of Florida" appears in small letters across the face of this 8 1/2 x 11" document



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GOVERNOR

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October 24, 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 appointment under the provisions of Chapter 05-332, Laws of Florida:

Mr. Christopher Carrere
5440 Lykes Lane
Tampa, Florida 33611

as a member of the Tampa Port Authority, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Hung Mai, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective October 24, 2025, for a term ending November 15, 2027.

Sincerely,

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

Ron DeSantis
Governor

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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County of Hillsborough

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

of Tampa Port Authority

(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

[Handwritten Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence OR online notarization
this 15th day of January, 2026

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

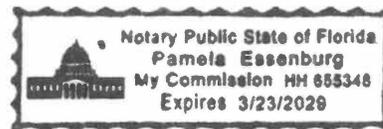
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Court

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Affix Seal Below



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

5440 Lykes Lane
Street or Post Office Box

Tampa FL 33611
City, State, Zip Code

Christopher Carrere
Print Name

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

11/22/2025

Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Carrere Christopher McKay
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: 900 South Bay Blvd. Anna Maria
Street Office # City
FL 34216 941-778-0755

3. Residence Address: 5440 Lykes Lane Tampa Hillsborough
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
FL 33611 813-503-8398
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business Residence

4. Fax # (optional) N/A Email Address: christophermcarrere@gmail.com

5. Date of Birth [REDACTED] Place of Birth: Tampa, FL

6. Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

7. Driver License Number: [REDACTED] Issuing State: Florida

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No If "Yes" explain:

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No If "No" explain:

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: N/A

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1977

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes No If "Yes" list:

A. County of Registration: Hillsborough B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:

N/A

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Yes No

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- Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- Other (list applicable statute): _____

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

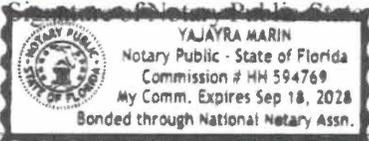
Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

_____,
who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of December, 2025.

[Signature]

Notary Public, State of Florida


(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 09/18/2028

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: Florida Driver's License

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Salutation: Mr. First: Christopher Middle: Mckay Last: Carrere

2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: Elizabeth Last: Carrere

3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
2512 W Sunset Dr	Tampa, FL 33629	Feb, 2011/ Feb, 2024
5440 Lykes Lane	Tampa, FL 33611	Feb, 2024/ Present

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1977

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
N/A		

EDUCATION

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Berkeley Preparatory School	1995	High School
Undergraduate	University of the South, Sewanee	1999	Economics
Graduate			
Other			

**If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*

EMPLOYMENT

1. Are you retired? Yes No

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Galati Yacht Sales Job Title Sales

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Galati Yacht Sales	Sales	2004/ Present

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment
N/A		

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes No

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.
N/A

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Did you serve in combat? Yes No Branch and Component N/A
Dates of Service N/A Date and Type of Discharge N/A

PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
N/A			

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results
N/A		

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
N/A			

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board N/A

Number of meetings you attended N/A

Number of meetings you missed N/A

Reason(s) for your absence N/A

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office
Michael Carrere	Father	2015	USF Board of Trustee
Michael Carrere	Father		Florida Citrus Commission

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
N/A		

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation
N/A		

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension
N/A		

ETHICAL DISCLOSURE

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed Expunged Not Applicable

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes No

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you). N/A

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition
N/A		

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
Lykes Bros. Inc.	Board Member	

While I am not involved in any direct negotiations, Lykes Bros. Inc., where I serve as a Director was and is currently negotiating with several State agencies in regards to multiple projects.

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
Lykes Bros. Inc.	Parent/ Sibling	Share Holder	See explanation from question #9

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes No

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented
N/A	

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes No

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. I am a life-long resident of Tampa and a 5th generation Floridian. My family's business, Lykes Bros. Inc., where I currently serve as a board member, was previously involved in the commercial shipping industry as owners of Lykes Steamship Co. I know and understand the vital economic and social importance of Tampa's Port. As one of the largest economic hubs, its current and future management is critical for the future success of Tampa. My experience as a leader in both the recreational yachting/maritime industry and in a Florida based agriculture/ land business gives me the ability to contribute to the Port of Tampa in a meaningful and significant way.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years. Multiple Top Sales Leader Awards from Galati Yacht Sales

Recognition as Chairman of the Board for National Pediatric Cancer Foundation

Recognition as Board Member for Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. To maintain and grow the success of the Port of Tampa recognizing its role as one of the largest economic contributors in the region. To be able to work with multiple governmental agencies and

private businesses to ensure the Port continues to operate as effeciently as possible. To attend all meetings and other events while dedicating the necessary time for preparation and follow-up.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. I'm honored to potentially have the oportunity to share my time and experiance contributing to one of the most significant parts of our city and state.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Yacht and Ship Salesperson	7/11/2003	Florida DBPR	#5148

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Lykes Bros. Inc.	Director/ Board Member	2012- Present
National Pediatric Cancer Foundation	Board Member/Chairman	2009-Present
Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla	Board Member	2015-2017/ 2019-2021
Certified Professional Yacht Broker	Member	2008-Present
Int. Yacht Brokers Assoc.	Member	2020-Present
Florida Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Board Member	November, 2025- Present

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Jose Costa	Fourshore Capital	Friend	305-710-6545 jcosta@costafarms.com
Suzy Lopez	Hillsborough County State Attorney	Friend	813-215-8132
Dan Doyle, Jr.	Dex Imaging	Friend	727-480-8685 ddoylejr@deximaging.com

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes No

If "yes", list their name. Chad Harrod

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws. Initial here. CMC

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. CMC

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. CMC

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature.



/s/First Christopher Middle McKay Last Carrere Suffix _____

Please save this document to upload with your board application.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email

If you need more space, add additional pages at the end of the document.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections

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

John Good

is duly appointed a member of the

Florida Transportation Commission

for a term beginning on the Seventh day of January, A.D., 2026,
until the Thirtieth day of September, A.D., 2027 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-Seventh day of January, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State

If photocopied or chemically altered, the word "VOID" will appear.

State of Florida appears in small letters across the face of this 8 1/2 x 11" document.

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

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January 7, 2026

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 appointment under the provisions of Section 20.23, Florida Statutes:

Mr. John Good
1951 Linden Road
Winter Park, Florida 32792

as a member of the Florida Transportation Commission, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Richard Burke, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 7, 2026, for a term ending September 30, 2027.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/kf

OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Seminole

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 Transportation 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 JL

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence OR online notarization
this 22nd day of January, 2020.

[Signature]

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

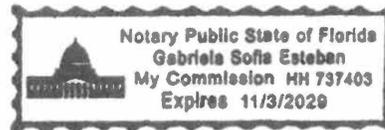
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Court

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Affix Seal Below



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

1951 Linden Rd
Street or Post Office Box

Winter Park, FL 32792
City, State, Zip Code

John Good
Print Name

[Signature]
Signature

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. Please type or print in blue or black ink.

1/22/2026
Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Good John C.
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: Winter Park
P.O. Box 728 Street FL 32790 Office # City
(407)718-8134
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

3. Residence Address: 1951 Linden Rd. Winter Park Orange
Street City County
FL 32792
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business Residence

4. Fax # (optional) _____ Email Address: jgood727@gmail.com

5. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: Winter Park, FL

6. Social Security Number _____

7. Driver License Number _____ Issuing State: Florida

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes _____ No If "Yes" explain:
N/A

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No If "No" explain:

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: N/A

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 2019

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes No If "Yes" list:

A. County of Registration: Orange B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:

N/A

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?
Yes No

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former |

and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):

- Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s.119.071(2).j.)
- Other (list applicable statute): _____

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Orange

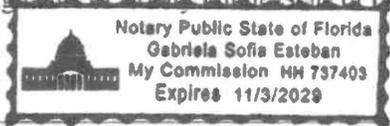
Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

John Good
who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of January, 2026.

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public, State of Florida



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 11/3/2029

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: _____

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Salutation: Mr. First: John Middle: Christian Last: Good

2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: Megan Last: Good

3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
1951 Linden Rd.	Winter Park, FL 32792	March 2024-Present
1929 Linden Rd.	Winter Park, FL 32792	March 2022- 2024
3410 Hamlet Loop	Winter Park, FL 32792	March 2021-2022
250 Kilarney Dr	Winter Park, FL 32789	March 2019 -2021
5001 E Mississippi Ave.	Glendale, CO 80246	March 2018-2019
948 Poincena Ln.	Winter Park, FL 32789	2015 - 2018

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 2019

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
5001 E Mississippi Ave.	Glendale, CO 80246	March 2018-2019

EDUCATION

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Winter Park High School	2012	
Undergraduate	University of Georgia	2016	Economics
Graduate			
Other			

**If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*

EMPLOYMENT

1. Are you retired? Yes No

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Good Capital Group Job Title Managing Director

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Good Capital Group	Managing Director	2019 - Present
Independent Financial	Portfolio Manager	2018-2020
JLL	Analyst	2012-2018

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes No

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Did you serve in combat? Yes No Branch and Component _____

Dates of Service _____ Date and Type of Discharge _____

PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
Board of Trustees - Seminole State College	Feb. 2022 - Present	5 year team	Local

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results
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3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
Board of Trustees - Seminole State College	2022 - 2025	5 years	Local

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board 1 per month

Number of meetings you attended 90%

Number of meetings you missed 10%

Reason(s) for your absence N/A

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office
M. Carson Good	Father	June 2024	Board of Governors
M. Carson Good / Father / March 2019 / Board Member/Chair of Greater Orlando Aviation Authority			

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
Board of Trustees - Seminole State College	Feb. 2022 - Present	Confirmed

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

ETHICAL DISCLOSURE

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No

If "yes", explain. 2012 arrested for under age possession of alcohol in Athens, Georgia. This was expunged in 2016. A citation was written at New Smyrna Beach, FL for open possession of alcohol on the beach. The citation was dropped.

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed Expunged Not Applicable

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes No

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you). _____

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a

party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be

appointed to? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and

Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes No

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes No

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. As Managing Director of Good Capital Group and a successful real estate professional, I bring extensive experience in strategic planning, budgeting, and development. Serving on the Seminole State College Board of Trustees has reinforced my commitment to conservative principles of accountability and efficient use of taxpayer resources. I believe Florida's transportation infrastructure is critical to economic growth, job creation, and public safety. As a frequent traveler across the state, I understand the need for reliable, cost-effective solutions that strengthen commerce and mobility. I will advance policies that promote prosperity and responsible stewardship.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years. Appointed by Ron DeSantis in September 2022 to serve on the Seminole State College Board of Trustees.

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. A board member's role is to provide strategic leadership that ensures Florida's transportation system is efficient, safe, and fiscally responsible. We represent taxpayers by prioritizing cost-effective solutions and maintaining transparency in decision-making. The board should focus on projects that strengthen economic growth, support commerce, and enhance mobility for Floridians and visitors.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. I seek to serve as a gubernatorial appointee to advance Florida's transportation system with efficiency, safety, and fiscal responsibility. Connectivity between major metropolitan areas is essential to my State's growth and success. I share Governor DeSantis' priorities for limited government, accountability, and competitiveness. My statewide perspective and leadership experience position me to help Florida remain a model for innovation and responsible governance.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Real Estate Broker or Sales.	09/13/2018	FREC	SL34240

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Central Florida Quail Forever	President	2022-2025

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Frank Herring	Cornerstone	Business Assoc	[REDACTED]
Gregg Grauer	G2 Alt Asset Mgmt	Business Assoc	[REDACTED]
Malcom Clayton	JLL	Business Associate	[REDACTED]

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes No

If "yes", list their name.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws.

Initial here. *JSG*

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. *JSG*

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. *JSG*

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature.

/s/First John Middle Christian Last Good Suffix _____

Please save this document to upload with your board application.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email

appointments@eog.myflorida.com

If you need more space, add additional pages at the end of the document.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections

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

Russell L. Roberts

is duly appointed a member of the

Florida Transportation Commission

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of December,
A.D., 2025, until the Thirtieth day of September, A.D., 2027
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 Sixteenth day of January, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State

If photocopied or chemically altered, the word "VOID" will appear.

"State of Florida" appears in small letters across the face of this 6 1/2 x 11" document.

RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

December 22, 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 appointment under the provisions of Section 20.23, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Russell Roberts
3299 Oakmont Terrace
Longwood, Florida 32779

as a member of the Florida Transportation Commission, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Jay Trumbull, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 22, 2025, for a term ending September 30, 2027.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/dw

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS
FALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Seminole

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 Transportation 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.]

Signature Russell L Roberts

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence OR online notarization
this 30th day of December, 2025.

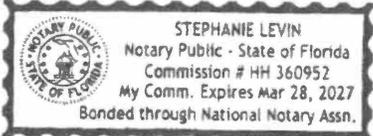
Stephanie Levin
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Print Name

Title

Court

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)
Affix Seal Below

Personally Known OR Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced FID

ACCEPTANCE

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

Mailing Address: Home Office

3299 Oakmont Terrace

Russell L. Roberts

Street or Post Office Box

Print Name

Longwood, FL 32779

Russell L Roberts

City, State, Zip Code

Signature

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

12/29/2025

Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Roberts Russell Leon
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: N/A
Street Office # City

Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: 3299 Oakmont Terrace, Longwood, Seminole

Street City County
FL 32779 202-604-5952

Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business Residence

4. Fax # (optional) None Email Address: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

5. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Place of Birth: Detroit, Michigan

6. Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

7. Driver License Number: [REDACTED] Issuing State: Florida

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No If "Yes" explain:
No

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No If "No" explain:
N/A

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: N/A

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1961

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes No If "Yes" list:

A. County of Registration: Seminole B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:
No

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?
Yes No

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FLORIDA SENATE
CONFIRMATIONS

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former |

and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):

- Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s.119.071(2).j.)
- Other (list applicable statute): _____

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Seminole

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

Russell Roberts

who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

Russell Roberts
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of December, 2025

Stephanie Levin
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida



Stephanie Levin
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 3/28/27

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: FCM

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Date Completed:
09/21/2025

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS
Office of Gubernatorial Appointments
Appointments Questionnaire

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, thank you for your interest in serving the state of Florida. This file **must** be downloaded to your computer before being filled out. There is no save feature included with the online version of this form. Any information entered to the online version of this form will be lost when downloaded. After the .pdf is downloaded and filled out, it can be saved to your computer for upload and to retain a copy for your records. If the board application page is not working, this questionnaire can be submitted via the email address below.

appointments@eog.myflorida.com

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Governor's office and, where applicable, the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation.

- The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**
- Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate
- Please type or print in black or blue ink

Please be mindful that Florida has a very broad public records law and applications that are submitted for appointment may be subject to review by the public in accordance with Art. 1, s. 24 of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, some positions that are appointed by the Governor may require you to complete a financial disclosure form if appointed. Please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding financial disclosure at (850) 488-7864.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Salutation: Mr. First: Russell Middle: Leon Last: Roberts
2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: John Last: Watson
3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
3299 Oakmont Ter.	Longwood, FL 32779	2023 - Present
2200 Alaqua Dr	Longwood, FL 32779	2013 - 2023
410 New River Lake Dr.	Blowing Rock, NC 28605	2023 - present
145 Brave Hawk	Blowing Rock, NC 28605	2013 - 2023
511 Oak Lane	Maitland, FL 32751	1993 - 2013

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1961

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
2117 Bancroft PL NW	Washington, DC 20008	1998 - 2013
4205 38th Street NW	Washington, DC 20016	1995 - 1998
1852 Columbia Road	Washington, DC 20009	1992 - 1995
2672 Centennial Ct.	Alexandria, VA 22311	1989 - 1991

EDUCATION

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Lakewood High	1971	
Undergraduate	Univ. of Maryland Univ. College	2 years	Govt & Politics
Graduate			
Other	Univ. of South Florida	1 year	Political Science

**If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*

EMPLOYMENT

1. Are you retired? Yes No

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Federal Railroad Administration Job Title Senior Policy Advisor

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Retired		2020 - 2025
Brightline Trains Florida LLC	Vice President Govt. Affairs	4/1/2013 - 3/31/2020
BGR Group	Managing Director, Transportation Practice	4/1/2011 - 3/31/2013
US Representative John Mica	Chief of Staff	1/3/1992 - 3/31/2011
US Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	Chief of Staff	1989 - 1992

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment
Miami - Dade County	Director, Federal Affairs	1987 - 1988
Florida House of Representatives	Legislative Aide	1976 - 1979

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes No

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action. _____

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Did you serve in combat? Yes No Branch and Component N/A

Dates of Service N/A Date and Type of Discharge N/A

PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
N/A			

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results
U.S. Representative, District 7, Florida	2022	Unsuccessful

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
Florida Transportation Commission	2021-2025	4 years	State
Seminole County Charter Review Commission	9/15/2023 / 1 year /		County

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board 20+

Number of meetings you attended 20+

Number of meetings you missed zero

Reason(s) for your absence N/A

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office
N/A			

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
Florida Transportation Commission	1/14/2022 - 9/30/2025	Confirmed 3/9/22

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation
N/A		

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension
N/A		

ETHICAL DISCLOSURE

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed Expunged Not Applicable

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes No

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).
N/A

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes No

If "yes", explain.
N/A

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition
N/A		

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
N/A		

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

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If "yes", explain. N/A

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. I have more than three decades of experience in transportation policy positions, including 18 years as chief of staff to a former member and chairman of the U.S. House Transportation committee (Rep. John Mica of Winter Park). As VP of Brightline Trains I was on the original team that launched this history making passenger rail system. I also worked with Rep. Mica in conceptualizing and launching SunRail in the early 2000s. My experience includes representing major organizations in aviation, road building, and freight and passenger rail. Most recently I received a presidential appointment in a senior advisor role to the Federal Railroad Administration.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

N/A

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. The Commission serves as an oversight body for the Department of Transportation, reviewing work programs and budgets. It sets performance measures for the Department, as well as for specified transit agencies and expressway authorities. The commission recommends major policy initiatives to the Governor and Legislature. This commission is in a position to do more as agents of change, setting meaningful performance metrics and implementing stronger oversight of transit agencies.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. In my my first term as Transportation Commissioner I have focused on several issues of specific interest, including highlighting an unacceptable rate of toll leakage under toll-by-plate collection systems, poor ridership and high administrative expenses at some transit agencies, such as JTA and Lynx, and the need for structural board changes at SunRail. I believe there is more to be done and hope to continue serving on the commission as an advocate for more efficient transportation systems.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
FL Real Estate Sales	6/9/1980	DBPR	340327

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes No

If "yes", explain. N/A

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Florida Tax Watch	Board of Directors	2017 - 2020
Floridians for Better Transportation /	Member /	2015-2020
Orlando Economic Partnership /	Member /	2014-2020
High Speed Rail Alliance /	Board of Directors /	2020-2023
St. Lucie County Economic Development Council /	Member /	2013 - 2020
American Public Transportation Association /	Member /	2018 - 2020
Central Florida Transportation Task Force /	Member /	2015 - 2016
Stuart-Martin County Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee /	Member /	2015 - 2020

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
John L. Mica,	Former Congressman	friend & former employer,	[REDACTED]@gmail.com
Ron Howse,	Florida Transportation Commission	colleague /	[REDACTED]@howseco.com
Genean McKinnon,	McKinnon Associates,	Friend /	[REDACTED]@gmail.com

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If "yes", list their name. Ron Howse

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

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5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature.

/s/First Russell Middle Leon Last Roberts Suffix _____

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

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

Thomas C. Nash, II

is duly appointed a member of the

Florida Transportation Commission

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of December,
A.D., 2025, until the Thirtieth day of September, 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 Sixteenth day of January, A.D., 2026.*



Secretary of State

If photocopied or chemically altered, the word "VOID" will appear.

State of Florida appears in small letters across the face of this 8 1/2 x 11" document.

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

December 22, 2025

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

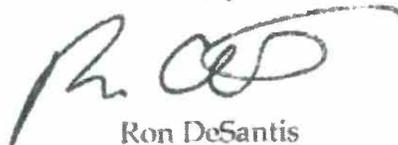
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Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/dw



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Governor

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Pinellas

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 Florida Transportation 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 _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence OR online notarization
this 30th day of December, 2025.

Meghan Hamilton
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath— see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Print Name _____

Title _____

Court _____

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Affix Seal Below



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

P.O. Box 1669

Street or Post Office Box

Clearwater, FL 33757

City, State, Zip Code

Thomas C. Nash, II

Print Name

Signature

Thomas C. Nash, II

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

12-30-2025

Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Nash Thomas C
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden
2. Business Address: 625 Court Street Suite 200 Clearwater
Street Office # City
P.O. Box 1669 FL 33757 727-444-1411
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: _____
Street City County

Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
- Specify the preferred mailing address: Business Residence
4. Fax # (optional) _____ Email Address: tcn@macfar.com
5. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
6. Social Security Number: _____
7. Driver License Number: _____ Issuing State: FL
8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes _____ No _____ If "Yes" explain:
no
9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No If "No" explain:

- If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: _____
10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1961
11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes No If "Yes" list:
A. County of Registration: Pinellas B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican
12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:
No.
13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?
Yes No

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former |

and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):

- Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s.119.071(2).j.)
- Other (list applicable statute): _____

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

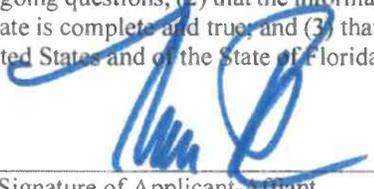
STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

Thomas C. Nash, II

who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.


Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of December, 2025.

Meghan Hamilton
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: _____

Personally Known OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced: _____

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

(seal)

PERSONAL INFORMATION1. Salutation: Mr. First: Thomas Middle: C. Last: Nash, II2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: Kelly Last: Nash3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No *If "yes", explain.*

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
6 Sunset Bay Drive	Belleair, FL 33756	1990 - current

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1961

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
none		

EDUCATION

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Clearwater Central Catholic	1979	
Undergraduate	University of the South	1983	Economics
Graduate	Cumberland School of Law	1986	Law
Other			

**If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*

EMPLOYMENT

1. Are you retired? Yes No

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen Job Title Attorney

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen	Attorney	August 1986 - present

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes No

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Did you serve in combat? Yes No Branch and Component _____

Dates of Service _____ Date and Type of Discharge _____

PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board _____

Number of meetings you attended _____

Number of meetings you missed _____

Reason(s) for your absence _____

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

ETHICAL DISCLOSURE

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed Expunged Not Applicable

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes No

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

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If "yes", explain. _____

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. I have been a practicing real estate and business attorney in the State of Florida for almost 40 years. I have been involved in management of Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen for the past 20 years and now serve as its Chairman.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. I would be expected to provide leadership to the Department of Transportation so as to meet the transportation needs of the State of Florida and maintain oversight and accountability for the Department of Transportation and other related transportation authorities.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. As a life long resident of the State of Florida, I am proud to serve and provide leadership to my state.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Attorney	1987	The Florida Bar	0642533

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes No

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Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Morton Plant Mease Hospital	Board of Trustees	1/1/2026 -

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Ray Ferrara	Provis Management	professional	[REDACTED]
Dan Doyle Jr.	DEX Imaging	professional	[REDACTED]
Brian Aungst	MFM	professional	[REDACTED]

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5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature.

/s/First Thomas Middle C. Last Nash Suffix II

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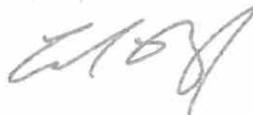
Ronald Howse

is duly appointed a member of the

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for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of December,
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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 Sixteenth day of January, A. D., 2026.*



Secretary of State

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State of Florida appears in small letters across the face of this 8 1/2 x 11 document.

RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

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DATE: 12/22/25

December 22, 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 20.23, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Ronald Howse
P.O. Box 237237
Cocoa, Florida 32923

as a member of the Florida Transportation Commission, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective December 22, 2025, for a term ending September 30, 2029.

Sincerely,



Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/dw

OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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County of Brevard

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 Transportation 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 [Handwritten Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence OR online notarization
this 23 day of December, 2025

Delphina K. Gutierrez
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

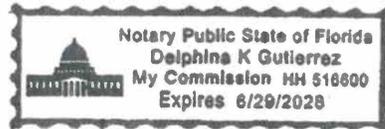
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Print Name _____

Title _____

Court _____

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)



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

PO Box 237237
Street or Post Office Box

Cocoa, FL 32923
City, State, Zip Code

Ronald Howse
Print Name

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

12/23/2025

Date Completed

1. Name: MR. HOWSE RONALD SOLO
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden
2. Business Address: 3815 N US 1 UNIT 34 COCOA, FL 32926
Street Office # City
PO BOX 237237 COCOA, FL 32923 321-636-3895
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: 3531 N INDIAN RIVER DR COCOA, FL 32926 BREVARD
Street City County
PO BOX 237237 COCOA, FL 32923 407-709-8002
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
- Specify the preferred mailing address: Business Residence
4. Fax # (optional) 321-636-3894 Email Address: RON@HOWSECO.COM
5. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Place of Birth: COOKEVILLE, TN
6. Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
7. Driver License Number: [REDACTED] Issuing State: FL
8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No If "Yes" explain:

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No If "No" explain:

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: _____

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1962
11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes No If "Yes" list:
A. County of Registration: BREVARD B. Current Party Affiliation: REPUBLICAN
12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:

NO.

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?
Yes No

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

N/A

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former |

and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):

- Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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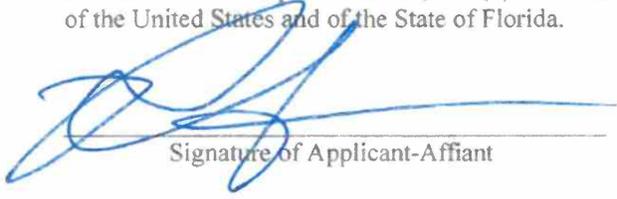
- Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s.119.071(2).j.)
- Other (list applicable statute): _____

FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Brevard

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

Ronald Howse
who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.


Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of December, 2025

Delphina K. Gutierrez
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

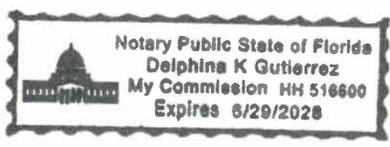
Delphina K. Gutierrez
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 6/29/2028

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: _____

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PERSONAL INFORMATION1. Salutation: Mr. First: RONALD Middle: SOLON Last: HOWSE2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: CAROLE Last: HOWSE3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
3531 N INDIAN RIVER DR	COCOA, FL 32926 (PRIMARY)	7/03 TO PRESENT
4600 GRANADA BLVD.	CORAL GABLES, FL 33146	1/22 TO PRESENT
6315 NW 45TH PLACE	GAINESVILLE, FL 32653	5/17 TO PRESENT
1107 CAMPO SANO AVE	CORAL GABLES FL 33146	9/12 TIL 5/17
4403 MONSERRATE ST	CORAL GABLES, FL 33146	6/18 TO 12/21

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1962

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
N/A		

EDUCATION

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL - ORLANDO, FL	1978	Advanced
Undergraduate	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA - ORLANDO, FL	1982	BS ENGINEERING
Graduate			
Other			

*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.

EMPLOYMENT

1. Are you retired? Yes No

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer HOWSECO, LLC Job Title ENGINEER

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
HOWSECO, LLC	ENGINEERING	10/20 TO CURRENT
REAL DEAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP	ENGINEERING	2005-CURRENT
SELF-EMPLOYED		

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment
CITY OF ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL	ASST PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR	1983-1984
CITY OF ST CLOUD, FL	CITY COUNCILMAN	1989-1991

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes No

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Did you serve in combat? Yes No Branch and Component _____

Dates of Service _____ Date and Type of Discharge _____

PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
COUNCILMAN	1989	1989-1991	CITY OF ST CLOUD, FL

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results
COUNCILMAN CITY OF ST CLOUD	1989	ELECTED

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
COMMISSIONER	2009 TO CURRENT	STATE APPT	FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
BOARD MEMBER	2015 TO CURRENT	DISTRICT APPT	ST JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT
TRUSTEE	2015 TO CURRENT	STATE APPT	EASTERN FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board FTC, SJRWMD- MONTHLY EFSC -QUARTERLY

Number of meetings you attended ATTENDED ALL MEETINGS

Number of meetings you missed NO MISSED MEETINGS

Reason(s) for your absence N/A

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office
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5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
FTC COMMISSION	2009-PRESENT	CONFIRMED
SJRWMD	2015-PRESENT	CONFIRMED
EFSC	2015-PRESENT	CONFIRMED

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

ETHICAL DISCLOSURE

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes No

If "yes", explain. 1991- NEEDED TO FILL OUT A QUARTERLY CLIENT DISCLOSURE FORM PAID \$250.00 FINE.

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed Expunged Not Applicable

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes No

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

TYPICAL CIVIL BUSINESS TYPE LITIGATIONS WITH NO ADVERSE FINDINGS.

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes No

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition
1991	NEEDED TO FILL OUT A QUARTERLY CLIENT DISCLOSURE FORM	PAID \$250 FINE

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
VARIOUS HOLDING COMPANYS	OWNER	PERMITTING & LAND CONDEMNATION

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
VARIOUS HOLDING COMPANYS - WIFE & DAUGHTER - OWNERS			PERMITTING & LAND CONDEMNATION

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes No

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes No

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED CIVIL ENGINEER, SURVEYOR AND MAPPER, AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER. I UNDERSTAND THE DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. I HAVE SERVED THREE TERMS ON THE COMMISSION AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years. CURRENT CHAIRMAN.

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. A COMMISSION MEMBER IS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN MEETING FLORIDA'S TRANSPORTATION NEEDS THROUGH POLICY GUIDANCE AND MAINTAINING OVERSIGHT AS WELL AS PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. AS WELL AS OTHER STATUTORILY SPECIFIED TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. I HAVE ENJOYED ASSISTING IN THE GROWTH AND FUTURE PLANNING OF THE FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION NETWORK AND WORKING WITH STAFF AND AGENCIES AS WELL AS GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND MY PROFESSION.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes No

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
SEE ATTACHED.			

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes No

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
BAHIA SHRINE	MEMBER	2002-CURRENT
SCOTTISH RITE	MEMBER	2002-CURRENT
MASONIC LODGE	MEMBER	2002-CURRENT

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
SCOTT GLOVER-	GOF WEALTH MANGMT-	BUSINESS/ PERSONAL ASSOC.	
JASON UNGAR-	GRAY ROBINSON-	BUSINESS/ PERSONAL ASSOC. jung	
MARK EZZARD-	SOUTHCREST HOMES-	BUSINESS/ PERSONAL ASSOC.	

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes No

If "yes", list their name.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes No

If "yes", explain. _____

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws. Initial here. RH

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. RH

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. RH

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature.

/s/First RONALD Middle SOLON Last HOWSE Suffix _____

Please save this document to upload with your board application.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email

appointments@ecg.myflorida.com

If you need more space, add additional pages at the end of the document.

Office of Gubernatorial Appointments

Appointments Questionnaire

Ronald Solon Howse

Additional Information

EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER	03/1988	DBPR	PE 39516
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR AND MAPPER	07/1994	DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	PSM 5369
PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY ASSOC. MGR	09/2009	DBPR	CAM 35560
PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE SALESMAN	01/1982	DBPR	SL 381986

CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 37
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Case No.:

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Judge:

Started: 2/10/2026 12:01:19 PM
Ends: 2/10/2026 12:36:41 PM **Length:** 00:35:23

12:01:21 PM Chair Massullo calls meeting to order
12:01:26 PM Roll call
12:01:38 PM Quorum announced
12:01:49 PM Chair Massullo with opening comments
12:02:23 PM Tab 2, SB 1274 by Senator DiCeglie, Transportation introduced by Chair Massullo
12:02:38 PM Amendment Barcode No. 181278 introduced by Chair Massullo
12:02:52 PM Senator DiCeglie explains the Amendment
12:03:51 PM Chair Massullo
12:04:13 PM Lucas Parsons, Municipal Parking Services, Inc. waives
12:04:18 PM Chair Massullo
12:04:22 PM Closure waived
12:04:25 PM Amendment adopted
12:04:30 PM Chair Massullo
12:04:37 PM Questions
12:04:42 PM Senator Arrington
12:04:51 PM Senator DiCeglie
12:05:10 PM Senator Arrington
12:05:48 PM Senator DiCeglie
12:05:53 PM Chair Massullo
12:06:08 PM Abby Hilley, Orange County Sheriff's Office waives
12:06:11 PM Chair Massullo
12:06:35 PM Senator DiCeglie with closure
12:06:49 PM Roll call
12:07:04 PM CS/SB 1274 reported favorably
12:07:19 PM Tab 3, SB 1310 by Senator Rodriguez, Railroad Safety introduced by Chair Massullo
12:07:25 PM Senator Rodriguez
12:07:36 PM Amendment Barcode No. 745812 introduced by Chair Massullo
12:07:45 PM Senator Rodriguez explains the Amendment
12:07:48 PM Chair Massullo
12:08:47 PM Speaker Andres Truvillo, SMART-TD
12:11:25 PM Chair Massullo
12:11:34 PM Andres Truvillo
12:11:53 PM Chair Massullo
12:12:09 PM Amendment adopted
12:12:12 PM Chair Massullo
12:12:25 PM Debate
12:12:29 PM Chair Massullo
12:12:50 PM Closure waived
12:12:55 PM Roll call
12:13:06 PM CS/SB 1310 reported favorably
12:13:35 PM Tab 1, SB 828 by Senator Leek, Sovereign Immunity for Public Transit Contractors introduced by Chair Massullo

12:13:39 PM Senator Leek explains the Bill
12:14:43 PM Chair Massullo
12:15:00 PM Amendment Barcode No. 208238 introduced by Chair Massullo
12:15:07 PM Senator Leek explains the Amendment
12:15:10 PM Chair Massullo
12:15:23 PM Closure waived
12:15:28 PM Amendment adopted
12:15:32 PM Chair Massullo
12:16:04 PM Speaker Andres Truvillo, SMART-TD
12:18:37 PM Speaker Bill Cotterall, Florida Justice Association
12:21:02 PM Speaker Justin Thompson, North American Transit
12:22:59 PM Ron Pierce, PSTA waives
12:23:03 PM Chair Massullo
12:23:10 PM Debate
12:23:14 PM Senator Arrington
12:23:41 PM Senator Martin
12:24:51 PM Chair Massullo
12:26:53 PM Senator Leek with closure
12:28:07 PM Roll call
12:28:18 PM CS/SB 828 reported favorably
12:28:45 PM Tab 4, SB 1378 by Senator Martin, Traffic Enforcement introduced by Chair Massullo
12:28:58 PM Senator Martin explains the Bill
12:29:27 PM Chair Massullo
12:29:42 PM Abby Hilley, Orange County Sheriff's office waives
12:29:46 PM Barney Bishop, Florida Smart Justice Alliance waives
12:29:53 PM Chair Massullo
12:29:59 PM Closure waived
12:30:02 PM Roll call
12:30:18 PM SB 1378 reported favorably
12:31:11 PM Tab 6, Confirmation Hearing for Appointments introduced by Chair Massullo
12:31:43 PM Senator Wright moves to recommend confirmation of all appointees, seconded by Senator Jones
12:31:56 PM Roll call
12:32:09 PM Confirmations of appointees recommend favorably
12:32:24 PM Chair Massullo
12:32:37 PM Tab 5, SB 1562 by Senator Trumbull, Motor Vehicle Dealers introduced by Chair Massullo
12:32:47 PM Senator Trumbull explains the Bill
12:33:19 PM Chair Massullo
12:33:23 PM Debate
12:33:26 PM Senator Wright
12:33:54 PM Chair Massullo
12:34:02 PM Senator Trumbull with closure
12:34:25 PM Roll call
12:34:34 PM SB 1562 reported favorably
12:34:42 PM Chair Massullo
12:34:59 PM Senator Wright would like to be shown voting in the affirmative on Tab 2, CS/SB 181278
12:35:08 PM Senator Jones would like to be showing voting in the affirmative on Tab 3, CS/SB 1310
12:35:21 PM Senator McClain would like to be shown voting in the affirmative on Tab 1, CS/SB 828, Tab 2, CS/SB 1274, Tab 3, CS/SB 1310 and Tab 4, SB 1378
12:35:27 PM Motion adopted
12:35:32 PM Chair Massullo

12:36:32 PM Senator Wright moves to adjourn

12:36:35 PM Meeting adjourned



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The Honorable Ralph Massullo, Jr.
Transportation, Chair
111 W. Madison Street
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Dear Chair Massullo,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the February 10, 2026, Transportation Committee meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tracie Davis".

Tracie Davis
State Senator
District 05