

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Harrell, Chair
 Senator Bradley, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

TIME: 3:45—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Harrell, Chair; Senator Bradley, Vice Chair; Senators Bracy Davis, Burgess, Calatayud, Davis, and Leek

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Issues Relating to: Department of Education Board of Governors		Not Considered
2	SB 720 Osgood	Resident Status for Tuition Purposes; Providing that a person may not lose his or her resident status for tuition purposes due to incarceration, etc. HE 01/13/2026 Favorable AHE 02/04/2026 Temporarily Postponed RC	Temporarily Postponed
3	SB 1246 Davis (Similar CS/H 1325)	Health Science Workforce Shortages; Revising legislative intent to address workforce needs in health science education programs, in addition to nursing education programs; revising the definition of the term "student"; authorizing the Linking Industry to Nursing Education Fund to be used to match certain contributions, etc. HE 01/21/2026 Favorable AHE 02/04/2026 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yea 7 Nay 0
TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<p>Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.</p> <p>Board of Trustees of Chipola College</p>			
4	Campbell, Christopher (Bristol)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nay 0
5	Shuler, Joseph (Hosford)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nay 0
6	Ryals, Daniel E. III (Altha)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nay 0
7	Reiff, Robert A. (Marianna)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nay 0
8	Paul, Joel F., Jr. (Ponce De Leon)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nay 0

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Board of Trustees of Palm Beach State College			
9	Epstein, Daniel (Boca Raton)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
10	Plean, Stacy L. (Boynton Beach)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando State College			
11	Pearson-Adams, Marilyn (Brooksville)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
12	Zetzsche, Toni ()	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College			
13	Tippett, Troy (Pensacola)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College			
14	Franz, Richard B. III (Clearwater)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees of Tallahassee State College			
15	Moore, Karen B. (Tallahassee)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yea 6 Nays 0

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