

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Harrell, Chair
Senator Bradley, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026
TIME: 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon
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		Discussed
2	CS/SB 1694 Education Postsecondary / Avila (Compare CS/CS/H 1503)	Technology Education; Providing requirements for general education core courses with a technology component; requiring high school computer science courses to include instruction on artificial intelligence, etc. HE 02/04/2026 Fav/CS AHE 02/18/2026 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.			
Board of Trustees of Palm Beach State College			
7	Kerner, David M. ()	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys			
3	Batty, Peter Edward (Key West)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
4	Kertis, Edward John, Jr. (Key West)	05/31/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees of Hillsborough Community College			
5	Bunch, Stephen M. (Tampa)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College			
6	Smith, David ()	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees of Tallahassee State College			
8	Bayliss, Sara (Tallahassee)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

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9	Rees, Jonathan Jeffrey (Tallahassee)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University			
10	Shah, Prerak ()	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University			
11	Youngquist, Sandra Stilwell (Fort Myers)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida International University			
12	McDowell, W. Patrick (Miami Beach)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
13	Voccola, Fred (Miami-Dade)	01/06/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, New College of Florida			
14	Meyer, Urban F. (Sarasota)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University			
15	Beelaert, Jeffrey (Boise)	06/30/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
17	Harrell, Jack R. III (Lakeland)	06/30/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
18	Bassett, Christine ()	06/30/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University			
16	Kincart, Robert O. (Lakeland)	07/15/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of North Florida			
19	Hudson, Andrew (Arlington)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
20	Mayo, Michael Alan (Jacksonville)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of South Florida			
21	Mizelle, Chad ()	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
22	Williams, Andrea Gonzmart ()	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University			
23	Jones, Kenneth P. (Evanston)	01/01/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

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Board of Trustees, University of Florida			
24	Heavener, James W. (Winter Park)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 7 Nays 0

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