

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	<b>CS/SB 1694</b>	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.	Favorable Yea 7 Nay 0

**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  
Years 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

Kertis, Edward John, Jr. (Key West)

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Board of Trustees of Hillsborough Community College  
Burch, Stephen M. (Tampa) 05/31/2027 Recommend/Confirm

Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College

<b>Board of Trustees of Tallahassee State College</b>			
8	Bayliss, Sara (Tallahassee)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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