

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**  
**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**Senator Harrell, Chair**  
**Senator Bradley, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026  
**TIME:** 1:30—4:30 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	<b>SB 1570</b> Gaetz (Identical H 1405)	Statewide Project for Missing Persons with Special Needs; Amending a provision relating to the missing persons with special needs statewide project; providing that the project is created through the centers for autism and related disabilities; requiring that participants for the project be selected based on certain criteria, etc.  HE 01/28/2026 Favorable AHE 02/25/2026 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0
2	<b>CS/SB 1376</b> Education Postsecondary / Burgess (Similar CS/H 1115)	Grants for Genetic Counseling Education; Creating the Genetic Counseling Education Enhancement Grant Program within the State University System; requiring the Board of Governors, subject to legislative appropriation, to award grant funds to state universities for specified purposes; requiring the program to reward excellence among genetic counseling programs based on specified criteria; prohibiting such funds from being used for specified purposes, etc.  HE 01/28/2026 Fav/CS AHE 02/25/2026 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0

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**Senate Confirmation Hearing:** A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.

**Board of Trustees, University of West Florida**

3	Bailey, Paul (Fort Walton Beach)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
4	Smith, Thomas Zachary ( )	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 4 Nays 1
5	Mason, Kevin Gregory (Destin)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
6	Kissel, Adam (Charleston)	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 4 Nays 1
7	Fleming, Edward P. (Pensacola)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0

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<b>Board of Trustees of Broward College</b>		
8      Yarbrough, Alexis M. (Fort Lauderdale)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of Chipola College</b>		
9      Lassmann, Thomas S. (Marianna)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of Chipola College</b>		
10     Young, Sherry (Bonifay)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida International University</b>		
11     Yakubov, Yaffa (Miami Beach)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys</b>		
12     Broton, Robert Michael (Key Largo)	05/31/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys</b>		
13     Downer, Michael J. (Key West)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando State College</b>		
14     Collura, Gino (Dade City)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College</b>		
15     Holzknecht, Richard A. (Pensacola)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
16     McDonald, Audrey Michele (Pensacola)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
17     Locklin, Oscar J. (Jay)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
18     Leonard, Todd C (Pensacola)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of Polk State College</b>		
19     Davis, Kyle Wayne ( )	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
20     Ross, Cynthia Hartley (Lakeland)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College</b>		
21     Butts, Jason (Palm Harbor)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
22     Marolf, Danielle ( )	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0

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23	Kidwell, Thomas (St. Petersburg)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
24	Cole, Katherine E. (Belleair)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees of Valencia College</b>			
25	Davis, John F. (Tallahassee)	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
26	Sasso, Michael Adam ()	05/31/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
27	Pullum, Frederick G. (Orlando)	05/31/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
28	Milligan, Sean P. (Orlando)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida A &amp; M University</b>			
29	Figgers, Natlie G. (Coral Springs)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
30	White, Michael David II (Tallahassee)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University</b>			
31	Bussani, Piero (Boca Raton)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida</b>			
32	Condello, Jeffrey (Windermere)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
33	Miklos, John A. (Orlando)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida State University</b>			
34	Roth, Justin (Kellogg)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
35	Gonzalez, Jorge (Inlet Beach)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
36	de las Cuevas-Diaz, Vivian (Coral Gables)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida State University</b>			
37	Alvarez, Maximo (Miami)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0

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<b>Board of Trustees of Broward College</b>			
52	Zanotti-Cavazzoni Riera, Mario Luis (Weston)	05/31/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0

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**Board of Trustees, Florida International University**

38	Falic, Tila (Hollywood)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
39	Gonzalez, Alan (Loch Ness)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0

**Board of Trustees, New College of Florida**

40	Bauerlein, Mark (Washington)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 4 Nays 1
41	Patterson, Donald (Sarasota)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
42	Jenks, Debra A. (Palm Beach Gardens)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0

**Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University**

43	Shapiro, Ilya (Falls Church)	06/30/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 3 Nays 1
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**Board of Trustees, University of North Florida**

44	Gol, John (Jacksonville)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
45	Skinner, Daniel E. ()	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
46	Shelton, Allison (Jacksonville)	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
47	Lazzara, Christopher (Jacksonville)	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0

**Board of Trustees, University of South Florida**

48	Carrere, Michael L. (Tampa)	01/06/2031	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
49	Weatherford, William (Tampa)	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0
50	Monbarren, Lauran ()	01/06/2030	Recommend Confirm Yeas 5 Nays 0

Remarks by Chair Harrell Not Considered

Other Related Meeting Documents