

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

**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

**AMENDMENT DEADLINE:** The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.

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

Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Issues Relating to:  
 Department of Education  
 Board of Governors

**CS/SB 1694** by Education Postsecondary / Avila—Technology Education

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

OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING
<b>Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys</b>	
Batty, Peter Edward (Key West)	05/31/2029
Kertis, Edward John, Jr. (Key West)	05/31/2028
<b>Board of Trustees of Hillsborough Community College</b>	
Bunch, Stephen M. (Tampa)	05/31/2027
<b>Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College</b>	
Smith, David ()	05/31/2029
<b>Board of Trustees of Palm Beach State College</b>	
Kerner, David M. ()	05/31/2029
<b>Board of Trustees of Tallahassee State College</b>	
Bayliss, Sara (Tallahassee)	05/31/2026
Rees, Jonathan Jeffrey (Tallahassee)	05/31/2029
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida A &amp; M University</b>	
Shah, Prerak ()	01/06/2031
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University</b>	
Youngquist, Sandra Stilwell (Fort Myers)	01/06/2031

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<b>Board of Trustees, Florida International University</b>	
McDowell, W. Patrick (Miami Beach)	01/06/2031
Voccola, Fred (Miami-Dade)	01/06/2028
<b>Board of Trustees, New College of Florida</b>	
Meyer, Urban F. (Sarasota)	01/06/2031
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University</b>	
Beelaert, Jeffrey (Boise)	06/30/2030
Harrell, Jack R. III (Lakeland)	06/30/2030
Bassett, Christine ( )	06/30/2029
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University</b>	
Kincart, Robert O. (Lakeland)	07/15/2030
<b>Board of Trustees, University of North Florida</b>	
Hudson, Andrew (Arlington)	01/06/2031
Mayo, Michael Alan (Jacksonville)	01/06/2031
<b>Board of Trustees, University of South Florida</b>	
Mizelle, Chad ( )	01/06/2031
Williams, Andrea Gonzmart ( )	01/06/2031
<b>Board of Trustees, Florida A &amp; M University</b>	
Jones, Kenneth P. (Evanston)	01/01/2031
<b>Board of Trustees, University of Florida</b>	
Heavener, James W. (Winter Park)	01/06/2031

Other Related Meeting Documents