

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION
Senator Diaz, Chair
Senator Montford, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 3, 2020
TIME: 1:30—3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Diaz, Chair; Senator Montford, Vice Chair; Senators Baxley, Berman, Cruz, Perry, Simmons, and Stargel

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 appointments to the offices indicated.			
Board of Governors of the State University System			
1	Lamb, Brian D. (Mason)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Scott, Steven M. (Boca Raton)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Silagy, Eric E. (Palm Beach Gardens)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Stermon, Kent (Jacksonville)	01/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University			
2	Harper, Kristin R. (Lewis Center)	01/06/2021	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University			
3	Dennis, Michael T.B. (Palm Beach)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Morris, Elycia (Boca Raton)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida			
4	McAlpin, Caryl C. (Orlando)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Mills, Harold F. (Windermere)	01/06/2021	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Okaty, Michael A. (Maitland)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida State University			
5	Sasser, Bobby L. (Virginia Beach)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Thiel, John William (Clearwater)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0

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Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University			
6	Coone, Ashley (Arcadia)	01/06/2021	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Morton, Edward Allen (Naples)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Semrod, Jaye (Naples)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida International University			
7	Lowell, Natasha (Coral Gables)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, New College of Florida			
8	Christaldi, Ronald A. (Tampa)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Ruiz, Mary (Bradenton)	01/06/2021	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University			
9	Sasser, W. Earl, Jr. (Winter Park)	07/15/2024	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of Florida			
10	Brandon, David Lee (Palm Harbor)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Zucker, Anita G. (Charleston)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of North Florida			
11	Davis, Jill Smith (Jacksonville)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Patel, Nikul (Jacksonville)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of South Florida			
12	Callahan, Sandra W. (St. Petersburg)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Griffin, Michael E. (Tampa)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of West Florida			
13	Scott, Alonzie III (Philadelphia)	01/06/2023	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	Singer, Jill Anne (Reston)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0
	White, Stephanie S. (Pensacola)	01/06/2025	Recommend Confirm Yeas 6 Nays 0

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14	SB 1320 Cruz (Similar H 819)	Postsecondary Fee Waivers; Providing specified fee waivers for graduate students who meet certain requirements, etc. ED 02/03/2020 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 0
15	SB 1402 Diaz (Similar CS/H 613, Compare S 72)	Higher Education; Revising standards for the preeminent state research universities program; requiring the Board of Governors to establish standards and measures for specific state university competencies; revising the performance-based metrics for state universities to include specific data beginning in a certain fiscal year; requiring innovative pricing techniques and payment options to include an opt-out provision; prohibiting the growth rate of administrators at a state university from exceeding the growth rate of faculty at such university, etc. ED 02/03/2020 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 0
16	SB 1438 Harrell (Identical H 1411)	Dyslexia; Requiring public schools to screen all students in kindergarten through grade 3 for dyslexia within a certain timeframe; requiring public school students with a substantial deficiency in reading to be placed in an intensive remedial intervention program; requiring public schools to have at least one person on staff trained in the instruction of students with dyslexia; creating the Dyslexia Task Force within the Department of Education, etc. ED 02/03/2020 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 0
17	SB 1578 Hutson (Compare H 953, H 7065)	Education; Requiring the Department of Education to collect certain information about career preparation and placement in this state; authorizing state universities designated by the State Board of Education to sponsor a charter school; providing that charter schools operated by a municipality, a public entity, or a private, not-for-profit organization are eligible for a 15-year charter if approved by the sponsor; requiring that any arrangement entered into to borrow or otherwise secure funds for a charter school from certain sources indemnify the sponsor, rather than the school district; authorizing charter schools to offer career and professional academies, etc. ED 02/03/2020 Fav/CS AED AP	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 1

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18	SB 1746 Stargel (Similar H 1335)	Florida Virtual Education; Providing that certain employees of the Florida Virtual School are entitled to sovereign immunity; revising the students given priority by the Florida Virtual School; authorizing the Florida Virtual School to accrue supplemental revenue from a specified organization; providing that all Florida Virtual School employees are subject to specified policies; deleting a requirement that certain school districts provide a specified number of virtual instruction options, etc. ED 02/03/2020 Favorable JU AP	Favorable Yeas 6 Nays 0
19	SB 1784 Gainer (Compare CS/H 901)	Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Revising information that the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation must include in its annual performance report to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring the division to provide preemployment transition services to certain eligible persons with disabilities; providing eligibility requirements for the provision of preemployment transition services; revising the composition of the Florida Rehabilitation Council, etc. ED 02/03/2020 Favorable AED AP	Favorable Yeas 6 Nays 0
20	SB 7000 Children, Families, and Elder Affairs	Reporting Abuse, Abandonment, and Neglect; Relocating existing provisions relating to the central abuse hotline of the Department of Children and Families; revising when a person is required to report to the central abuse hotline; providing penalties for the failure to report known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; providing responsibilities for child protective investigators relating to animal abuse and neglect; requiring the Education Practices Commission to suspend the educator certificate of certain personnel and administrators for failing to report known or suspected child abuse, etc. ED 02/03/2020 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 6 Nays 0

Other Related Meeting Documents