

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

ETHICS AND ELECTIONS
Senator Gaetz, Chair
Senator Bernard, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

TIME: 4:00—6:00 p.m.

PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Bernard, Vice Chair; Senators Avila, Bradley, Garcia, Grall, Polsky, and Rouson

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 564 Yarborough (Identical H 461)	Student Volunteers at Polling Locations; Providing that specified high school students who volunteer to assist poll workers are not subject to provisions prohibiting certain agencies and state and local officials from soliciting, accepting, or otherwise using private funds or certain personal services for election-related expenses, etc. EE 01/13/2026 Favorable ED RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
2	SB 572 Harrell (Identical H 603)	Ethics for Public Employees; Revising the definition of the term "relative" to include foster parents and foster children, etc. EE 01/13/2026 Favorable GO RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
3	SB 414 Bracy Davis (Identical H 361)	Use of Campaign Funds for Campaign-related Child Care Expenses; Authorizing a candidate to use funds on deposit in his or her campaign account to pay for campaign-related child care expenses under specified conditions; requiring a candidate to maintain specified records for a specified timeframe and provide such records to the Division of Elections upon request; requiring a candidate to disclose the use of campaign funds for campaign-related child care expenses in his or her regular campaign finance reports, etc. EE 01/13/2026 Temporarily Postponed JU RC	Temporarily Postponed
4	SB 620 Mayfield (Identical H 535)	Candidate Qualifying; Requiring certain candidates to provide the filing officer a statement disclosing dual citizenship for nomination and election to federal, state, county, multicounty, district, or judicial office or to a district school board, etc. EE 01/13/2026 Favorable JU RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

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5	SB 500 Avila (Identical H 401)	Security for Statewide Constitutional Office Candidates; Requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to provide certain candidates with a protective security detail for a specified time period, etc. EE 01/13/2026 Favorable ACJ FP	Favorable Yeas 6 Nays 2

6	CS/SB 92 Governmental Oversight and Accountability / Gaetz (Compare H 139, Linked S 1650)	Employee Protections; Providing that public officers, public employees, and local government attorneys commit a breach of the public trust when they initiate adverse personnel actions against specified agency employees or independent contractors under certain circumstances; prohibiting agencies and independent contractors from taking specified actions against employees or certain persons for disclosing certain information to the Commission on Ethics; requiring that information disclosed include specified violations or alleged violations; providing that specified provisions protect employees and persons who submit written complaints to the commission or provide information to an investigator during an investigation of a complaint or referral, etc. GO 12/09/2025 Fav/CS EE 01/13/2026 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
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Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointments to the offices indicated.

Board of Directors, Florida High School Athletic Association

7	Cervera, Adam ()	08/21/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
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Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority

8	Barrow, Bennett H. (Tampa)	07/01/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
	Cassidy, Vincent J. (Tampa)	07/01/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
	Nandam, Lakshmikanth (Valrico)	07/01/2029	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0

Commission for Independent Education

9	Litvack, Steven B. (Delray Beach)	06/30/2027	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
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Tampa Port Authority			
10	Allman, Patrick H. III (Tampa)	02/06/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
	Harrod, Chadwick William ()	11/14/2026	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
	Kaplan, Mark (Tampa)	02/06/2028	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0

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