



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR WILTON SIMPSON
Republican President Designate

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Wilton Simpson
SUBJECT: Leadership Appointments
DATE: November 6, 2020

As we prepare for the 2020 Organization Session next week, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the following leadership appointments for the 2020-2022 Legislative Term.

President Pro Tempore

I ask you to join me in voting for Senator Aaron Bean to serve as our Senate President Pro Tempore. As you know, Senator Aaron Bean has a contagious energy, boundless compassion for our state's most vulnerable, and an abiding respect for each person he meets. First and foremost a family man, devoted to his wife Abby and their boys Bradley, Gray and Walker, Senator Bean brings a diverse range of personal and professional experiences to the Senate that allow him to relate to people from all walks of life and to build consensus without compromising principle.

There is no question the impacts of the ongoing pandemic will change the look and feel of these next two years in ways none of us could have imagined when we first decided to run for office. Senator Bean's authenticity, positivity and optimism, combined with his deep knowledge and experience in the legislative process, make him a perfect fit for the critical role of President Pro Tempore.

Senate Committee on Rules

Senator Passidomo has agreed to serve as our Rules Chair. With over four decades of experience practicing law and ten years of service in the state legislature, she is well-qualified to assume this critical leadership position. Throughout her years of public service, Senator Passidomo has gained the respect of Senators on both sides of the political aisle by listening to the concerns each Senator brings forward and working to build consensus. She has exhibited sound judgment and a fair-minded, reasonable and thoughtful approach to decision making that, I am confident, will be a great benefit to the Senate over the next two years. Another important quality that often goes unseen is her dedication to maintaining a personal connection with her constituents, which I believe serves the Senate well.