

**Section I**  
**Notice of Development of Proposed Rules**  
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**Section II**  
**Proposed Rules**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**State Board of Education**

**RULE NO.:** 6A-6.0571  
**RULE TITLE:** Career and Technical Education and Adult General Education Standards and Industry-Driven Benchmarks

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** To adopt updated secondary and postsecondary career education programs prescribed in Sections 1004.92 and 1011.80, Florida Statutes, and listed as follows: “Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources,” “Architecture & Construction,” “Arts, A/V Technology & Communication,” “Business, Management & Administration,” “Education & Training,” “Energy,” “Finance,” “Government & Public Administration,” “Health Science,” “Hospitality & Tourism,” “Human Services,” “Information Technology,” “Law, Public Safety & Security,” “Manufacturing,” “Marketing, Sales & Service,” “Engineering and Technology Education,” “Transportation, Distribution & Logistics,” and “Additional CTE Programs/Courses.” In addition, to adopt the “Adult General Education Standards and Curriculum Frameworks 2024-2025.”

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to s. 1004.92, F.S., the Department is responsible for developing program standards and industry-driven benchmarks for career and technical education and adult general education programs. The criteria for qualification of individual courses for inclusion in secondary and postsecondary career education programs and adult general education programs prescribed in Workforce Education programs are annually adopted by the State Board and are published by the Commissioner on the Department’s website. These criteria are hereby incorporated by this rule and made a part of the rules of the State Board of Education.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:**

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The Career and Technical Education Standards and Industry-Driven Benchmarks and Adult General Education Standards provide secondary and postsecondary district institutions and the Florida College System institutions a framework for providing these educational programs. These frameworks contain rigorous standards and benchmarks determined to be necessary for student success in college and careers in the selected programs. The adverse impact or regulatory cost, if any, does not exceed nor would be expected to exceed any one of the economic analysis criteria set forth in Section 120.541(2)(a), Florida Statutes.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 1001.02(1), (2)(n) 1003.4282(11) 1004.92(2)(b)3., F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 1003.4282, 1004.92(2)(b)(4), F.S.

**A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:**

**DATE AND TIME:** March 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Winter Park High School, 2100 Summerfield Road, Winter Park, FL 32792.

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS:** Tara Goodman, Vice Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education, 325 West Gaines Street, #714, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400, (850)245-9062.

**THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:**

**6A-6.0571 Career and Technical Education and Adult General Education Standards and Industry-Driven Benchmarks.**

(1) Section 1004.92, F.S., requires the Department of Education to develop program standards and industry-driven benchmarks for career and technical education and adult and community education programs. The criteria for qualification of individual courses for inclusion in the classification of secondary career education programs prescribed in Section 1011.80, F.S., or Workforce Development Education programs as prescribed in Section 1011.62, F.S., are annually adopted by the State Board and shall be published by the Commissioner in the curriculum frameworks, as follows:

“Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15296>) Effective April 2024 ~~May 2023~~,”

“Architecture & Construction  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15297>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Arts, A/V Technology & Communication  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15298>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Business, Management & Administration  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15299>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Education & Training  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15300>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Energy  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15301>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Finance  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15302>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Government & Public Administration  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15303>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Health Science  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15304>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Hospitality & Tourism  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15305>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Human Services  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15306>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Information Technology  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15307>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Law, Public Safety & Security  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15308>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Manufacturing  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16013>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~November 2023~~,”

“Marketing, Sales & Service  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15310>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Engineering and Technology Education  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15314>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Transportation, Distribution & Logistics  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15312>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,”

“Additional CTE Programs/Courses  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15313>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~,” and

“Adult General Education  
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15314>) Effective ~~April 2024~~ ~~May 2023~~.”

These frameworks are hereby incorporated by reference in this rule. Copies of these publications may be obtained from the Division of Career and Adult Education, Department of Education, The Turlington Building, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399 or from the Department’s website at <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/curriculum-frameworks/2024-25-frameworks> ~~<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/curriculum-frameworks/2023-24-frameworks>~~ and <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/adult-edu/2024-25-adult-edu-curriculum-frameworko.stml> ~~<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/adult-edu/2023-24-adult-edu-curriculum-frameworko.stm>~~.

(2) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1003.4282(11), 1004.92(2)(b)3. FS. Law Implemented 1004.92(2)(b)4., 1003.4282 FS. History—New 10-30-78, Amended 10-23-79, 5-29-80, 7-9-81, 7-6-82, 5-29-83, 6-14-84, 7-10-85, Formerly 6A-6.571, Amended 7-9-86, 7-22-87, 8-30-88, 7-31-90, 7-31-91, 7-31-92, 7-31-93, 7-31-94, 4-30-96, 1-23-00, 7-21-08, 4-21-09, 5-3-10, 10-25-11, 6-18-12, 5-21-13, 5-18-14, 5-19-15, 6-23-16, 4-25-17, 4-30-18, 9-18-18, 6-25-19, 6-16-20, 2-16-21, 7-14-21, 11-23-21, 6-5-22, 5-23-23, 11-21-23.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Tara Goodman, Vice Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 22, 2024

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: February 2, 2024

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**State Board of Education**

RULE NO.: 6A-14.0810      RULE TITLE: Emergency Opioid Antagonists in Florida College System Institution Housing

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Chapter 2023-184, Laws of Florida requires Florida College System institutions to have a supply of emergency opioid antagonists in each of the residence halls and dormitory residences they own and/or operate. The rule will implement the new statute.

SUMMARY: The rule clarifies language and defines terms “administer”, “administration”, “emergency opioid antagonist”, and “Institution housing”. It outlines policies and procedures and provides guidance on the location of and administration of the opioid antagonists.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The proposed rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness or any other factors listed in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. No increase in regulatory costs is anticipated as a result of this rule. This is based upon the nature of the proposed rule.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), (6), 1004.0971(6), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1004.0971, F.S.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: March 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Winter Park High School, 2100 Summerfield Road, Winter Park, FL 32792.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Lisa Cook, Division of Florida Colleges, (850)245-9487, Lisa.Cook@fldoe.org

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**6A-14.0810 Emergency Opioid Antagonists in Florida College System Institution Housing**

(1) This rule serves to implement the requirements of section 1004.0971, Florida Statutes, governing the accessibility of emergency opioid antagonists in Florida College System institution housing.

(2) Definitions.

(a) “Administer” or “administration” means to introduce an emergency opioid antagonist into the body of a person. Any administration should be accomplished by campus or other law enforcement officers who are trained in the administration of emergency opioid antagonists.

(b) “Emergency opioid antagonist” means naloxone hydrochloride or any similarly acting drug that blocks the effects of opioids administered from outside the body and that

is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of an opioid overdose.

(c) “Institution housing” refers to a residence hall or dormitory residence owned or operated by a Florida College System institution.

(3) Each institution’s housing, as defined in paragraph (2)(c), must have a supply of emergency opioid antagonists with an autoinjection or intranasal application delivery system in each residence hall or dormitory residence owned or operated by the institution for the administration of emergency opioid antagonists to a person believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose.

(4) Each institution must place the emergency opioid antagonists in a clearly marked location within each residence hall or dormitory residence. The emergency opioid antagonist must be easily accessible to campus or other law enforcement officers who are trained in the administration of emergency opioid antagonists.

(5) Public and private partnerships are encouraged to cover the cost associated with the purchase and placement of such emergency opioid antagonists. Institutions will not charge students a fee for receiving such emergency opioid antagonists supplied by funding from the Opioid Settlement Trust Fund.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any campus or other law enforcement officer trained in the administration of emergency opioid antagonists who administers or attempts to administer an emergency opioid antagonist in compliance with ss. 381.887 and 768.13, F.S., and this rule, are immune from civil or criminal liability as a result of such administration or attempted administration of an emergency opioid antagonist.

(7) Institutions not required to meet the provisions of this rule may choose to make opioid antagonists available, provided the institution follows all provisions of this rule.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), (6), 1004.0971(6) FS. Law Implemented 1004.0971 FS. History—New

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Lisa Cook, Division of Florida Colleges.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 22, 2024

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: February 6, 2024

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Division of Early Learning

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:  
6M-8.204 Uniform Attendance Policy for Funding the VPK Program

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The rule amendment provides clarification on when temporary emergency closures are payable and under what circumstances, which will allow for consistent application of the rule throughout the state. Additional revisions include updates to the rule language and reorganization of the rule text to provide clarification of existing policy and procedures.

SUMMARY: The rule establishes a uniform attendance policy for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, as required by s. 1002.71(6)(d), F.S. The uniform attendance policy adopted in the rule is used only for funding purposes and does not prohibit a provider from adopting and enforcing its own attendance policy. VPK class schedule requirements are established in the rule to ensure that each program is providing the required instructional hours and is eligible to receive payment for services. Temporary closures policy is established in the rule to provide requirements around what types of closures are payable and under what circumstances.

## SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The division's economic analysis of the adverse impact or potential regulatory costs of the proposed rule does not exceed any of the criteria established in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S. and will not require legislative ratification.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(2)(n), 1002.79, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1002.71(6)(d), F.S.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: March 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Winter Park High School, 2100 Summerfield Rd., Winter Park, FL 32792.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Katerina Maroney, Deputy Director of Programs and Policy, Division of Early Learning, 325 West Gaines Street., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)717-8614; Katerina.Maroney@del.fldoe.org.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**6M-8.204 Uniform Attendance Policy for Funding the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program.**

(1) Attendance and Absences.

(a) For payment purposes, a VPK private provider must ~~or school district shall~~ report that a student attended all of the instructional hours offered for a day if the student attends any portion of the day, ~~whether the private provider or school district is determined to be in compliance or out of compliance with VPK statutes and rules for the day.~~

(b) A VPK private provider or school district may not receive payment for absences that occur a student prior to the student's first day of attendance or after the student's last day of attendance.

(2) Monthly Payment and Final Reconciliation. Each early learning coalition must shall pay VPK private providers or school districts on a monthly basis for each VPK classroom in accordance with this rule, unless a private provider or school district chooses to accept advance payments under Rule 6M-8.205, F.A.C. Early learning coalitions must shall make monthly payments by the last day of the month following the month for which the provider is receiving payment. ~~Each~~ Early learning coalitions must shall calculate and reconcile monthly classroom payments using the Division Office of Early Learning statewide information system.

(a) Monthly payments must shall be equal to the sum of the following calculation for each student who has attended the VPK class: the county's allocation per full-time equivalent student (calculated in accordance with Section 1002.71(3)(b), F.S.) divided by the number of hours for the VPK program type (540 hours for school-year or 300 for summer) multiplied by the lesser of:

1. The sum of the hours within the month ~~which~~ each student attends the VPK ~~provider program~~ divided by .8; or
2. The hours the student is enrolled in the class for the month.

(b) The total program payment must shall be equal to the sum of the following calculation for each student who has attended the VPK class, except that the school district's payment must shall be rounded in accordance with Section 1002.71(3)(d), F.S.: the county's allocation per full-time equivalent student divided by the number of hours for the VPK program type (540 hours for school-year or 300 for summer) multiplied by the lesser of:

1. The sum of all ~~the~~ hours the student attends ~~the program~~ with the VPK provider divided by .8; ~~or-~~

2. The hours the student is enrolled with the VPK provider for the program type.

(c) If the sum of the monthly payments made to the VPK ~~private provider or school district~~ under paragraph (2)(a) is:

1. Less than the total program payment to the ~~private provider or school district~~, the early learning coalition must ~~shall~~ make a final reconciliation payment to the provider equal to the total program payment minus the sum of the monthly payments.

2. Greater than the total program payment to the ~~private provider or school district~~, the difference must ~~shall~~ be deemed an overpayment.

(d) If a VPK ~~private provider or school district~~ disputes the calculation of the total program payment based on inaccurate attendance or absence reporting or calculation, the provider ~~it~~ must submit a request for an adjustment of a prior payment no later than the last day of the month following the calendar month in which it receives payment.

(3) Establishing VPK Class Schedules. To ensure that VPK ~~private providers or school districts~~ receive accurate payment for a student's attendance and absences when permissible under this rule, a ~~private provider~~ must ~~or school district shall~~ submit a VPK class schedule for each VPK class to its early learning coalition in the Provider Portal at writing no later than the time the provider submits its class application. ~~Private providers and school districts~~ are not eligible to receive payment for ~~hours of services provided outside the scheduled unless the services are rendered during~~ hours indicated on their approved the VPK class schedule. A provider's VPK class schedule must indicate the dates and times instructional hours are offered and shall:

(a) For school-year programs: Be comprised of 540 hours for the school year VPK program and 300 hours for the summer VPK program.

1. Comprise 540 total instructional hours for the program; and

2. Begin instruction on or after the uniform district start date established in Section 1001.42(4)(f)1., F.S., and complete instruction by June 30.

(b) For summer programs: Indicate the dates and times which instructional hours will be offered.

© For the school year program:

1. Comprise 300 instructional hours for the program; and

Not begin instruction more than 14 days before Labor Day or, if the uniform date fixed by a district school board under Section 1001.42(4)(f), F.S., for the opening of public schools for regular school programs occurs in a county more than 14 days before Labor Day, a school year program in the county may not begin instruction before the uniform date.

2. Begin instruction on or after May 1, per Section 1002.61(2)(b), F.S., and complete instruction before the date established in Section 1001.42(4)(f)1. Complete instruction by June 30.

~~(d) For the summer program, not begin instruction before May 1 and complete instruction before the date established in Section 1001.42(4)(f)1. The uniform date fixed by the district school board under Section 1001.42(4)(f), F.S., for the opening of public schools for regular school programs in the county.~~

(4) Modifying VPK Class Schedules Due to Temporary Closures. A closure is temporary if the VPK provider or class resumes instruction following the closure.

(a) Temporary Closures Due to a Declared State of Emergency. A closure is due to a declared state of emergency when a federal, state, or county official for the area in which the VPK provider is located declares a state of emergency. Such closure must result in the complete closure of the provider's physical location or the closure of one or more VPK classes.

1. A student is considered to have attended all VPK program hours offered during such closure for a combined total of five (5) instructional days, or the number of total days authorized by the Florida Department of Education (Department) if the provider submits the notification described in paragraph (5)(a). A provider may revise its class schedule to restore the VPK instructional days lost as a result of such closure instead of accepting payment for the closure.

2. For lost VPK instructional days exceeding five (5) or the number of total days authorized by the Department, a provider must revise its class schedule as described in paragraph (5)(b).

(b) A temporary closure not due to a declared state of emergency as described in paragraph (4)(a) is not payable.

(5) Modifying VPK Class Schedules Following a Temporary Closure.

(a) A provider may modify its schedule as frequently as necessary to restore VPK instructional days lost as a result of a temporary closure due to a declared state of emergency. No later than two (2) business days following resumption of VPK instruction, the provider must submit a resumption notification to the early learning coalition indicating the provider's name and address, the VPK class(es) resuming instruction, the date(s) which each VPK class did not offer instruction as previously scheduled, and a revised class schedule which indicates the date(s) and times added to the schedule as revised to restore the hours lost as a result of the closure.

(b) When a closure is beyond the control of the VPK provider and is not due to a declared state of emergency or is a partial closure, a provider may modify its class schedule up to three (3) times. A provider must revise its class schedule to receive payment for VPK instructional days it restores following all other temporary closures.

1. On the provider's first closure day and before the early learning coalition's close of business, the provider must submit an initial notification indicating the provider's name and address, the date(s) of the closure, the VPK class(es) affected by the closure, and, if available, an estimate of the date upon which the affected class(es) will resume instruction.

2. No later than two (2) business days following resumption of VPK instruction, the provider must submit a resumption notification as described in paragraph (5)(a).

(c) If a VPK provider fails to modify its class schedule, or provide timely written notification as required in this rule, the provider will forfeit the opportunity to revise its class schedule to restore the lost VPK instructional hours and will be ineligible to receive payment for those closures.

(4) Modifying VPK Class Schedules.

(a) A private provider or school district may modify its schedule up to two times for any reason other than a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances as described in subsection (5). A private provider or school district may modify its schedule as frequently as necessary to restore instructional days lost as a result of a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances.

(b) To modify a VPK class schedule, a private provider or school district shall submit notice in writing to the coalition.

1. If the modification of the class schedule results from a closure other than a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances, as described in subsection (5), a private provider or school district shall submit:

a. An initial notification of the closure before the coalition's close of business on the first day of the closure. Initial notification shall indicate the provider's name and address, the date(s) of the closure, the VPK class(es) affected by the closure, and, if available, an estimate of the date upon which the affected VPK class(es) will resume instruction.

b. A notification of schedule modification no later than two business days following resumption of VPK instruction. Notification of schedule modification and resumption of instruction shall indicate the provider's name and address, the class(es) resuming instruction, the date(s) which each VPK class did not offer instruction as previously scheduled, and a revised class schedule which indicates the date(s) and times added to the schedule as revised to restore the hours lost as a result of the closure.

2. If the modification of the class schedule results from a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances, the private provider or school district shall submit a notification of schedule modification as described in sub-subparagraph (4)(b)1.b.

(c) If a private provider or school district fails to modify a VPK class schedule as required in this rule or fails to comply with the deadlines established for submission of notifications,

~~the private provider or school district shall be ineligible to receive payment for those closures and shall forfeit the opportunity to revise its class schedule to restore the lost instructional hours for those closures.~~

~~(5) Closures.~~

~~(a) Temporary Closures Caused by Emergency Circumstances.~~

~~1. A student is considered to have attended all VPK program hours offered during a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances for a combined total of five (5) instructional days for each VPK class if the private provider or school district submits notification in writing to the coalition the dates which the provider was closed.~~

~~a. A closure is temporary if the provider resumes instruction following the closure.~~

~~b. A closure is caused by emergency circumstances when a state of emergency is declared by federal, state or local officials for the area in which the provider is located.~~

~~2. A temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances is not payable for any student who does not attend a VPK instructional day following the closure.~~

~~3. A private provider or school district shall revise its class schedule to restore VPK instructional days which are lost due to temporary closures caused by emergency circumstances in excess of a total of five (5) instructional days for a VPK class.~~

~~4. A private provider or school district may revise its class schedule to restore the instructional days lost as a result of a temporary closure caused by emergency circumstances instead of accepting payment for a temporary closure.~~

~~(b) Temporary Closures Caused by Other Circumstances. A temporary closure is not payable unless it is caused by emergency circumstances. A private provider or school district shall revise its VPK class schedule and receive payment for days it restores in accordance with subsection (4) following a closure.~~

~~(6) Overpayment.~~

~~(a) If the early learning coalition determines that a VPK private provider or school district received payment in an amount greater than the amount earned by the provider, resulting in a negative reconciliation payment calculation, the coalition must shall make reasonable efforts to collect the overpayment from the provider. Reasonable efforts may include, but are not limited to, informing the provider of the full amount owed, making written requests for repayment, offering to negotiate a repayment schedule, or and offsetting the overpayment against any future payments for early learning programs.~~

~~(b) If the early learning coalition is unable to arrange for collection of the overpayment within ninety (90) calendar days of determining that the VPK provider has received an overpayment, and after making a reasonable effort to collect the~~

overpayment, as determined by the Department Agency, the early learning coalition ~~must shall~~ provide all information necessary for the Department Agency to act to collect the overpayment. The Department Agency retains the ability to require the coalition to make continued efforts toward recovery of the overpayment or to consider the overpayment to be a disallowed expenditure of the coalition.

*Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(2)(n) ~~1001.213(2)~~, 1002.79 FS. Law Implemented 1002.71(6)(d) FS. History—New 8-17-06, Amended 5-24-07, 9-14-09, Formerly 60BB-8.204, Amended*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Katerina Maroney, Deputy Director of Programs and Policy.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 23, 2024

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 26, 2024

### Section III

#### Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

NONE

### Section IV

#### Emergency Rules

#### DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

##### Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
65CER22-1	Standards for Unaccompanied Alien Children and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programs

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE: On September 28, 2021, the Governor of the State of Florida signed Executive Order 21-223, declaring that the Biden administration’s refusal to faithfully enforce federal immigration laws has led to an unprecedented surge of illegal border crossings at the southwest border of the United States. In July 2021 alone, over 213,000 persons attempted to illegally enter the United States at the southwest border, the highest number in more than 20 years, and another 209,840 persons attempted to illegally enter in August. Note 1. For the entire federal fiscal year of 2021, over 1.7 million foreign nationals were encountered at the southwest border attempting to enter the country illegally. Note 2. In the first quarter of this federal

fiscal year, the reported number of such encounters stands at more than 518,000. Note 3. By contrast, in the last full federal fiscal year of the previous administration (federal fiscal year 2020), there were fewer than 460,000 such encounters, and in the fiscal year before that (federal fiscal year 2019), there were fewer than 980,000 encounters. Note 4.

The Biden administration has taken numerous actions to cause and further exacerbate this border crisis. It terminated the previous administration’s Migrant Protection Protocol (MPP) program (also known as the “Remain in Mexico” policy), reinstated a “catch and release” policy, ended further construction of a border wall, and declined to detain and remove certain categories of illegal aliens who had been convicted of committing crimes. The administration’s unlawful termination of MPP was successfully challenged in court, see *Texas v. Biden*, No. 21-10806 (5th Cir. Dec. 21, 2021), but the Biden administration is currently working to reimplement the program. Its other actions, however, remain in effect.

Notwithstanding that federal immigration law generally requires that aliens entering the United States without a clear right to be admitted (including applicants for asylum) must be detained pending further proceedings, see 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A), *id.* § 1225(b)(1)(B), the Biden administration has instead been releasing into the interior of the United States large numbers of illegal aliens apprehended at the southwest border. The U.S. Border Patrol released 60,559 illegal aliens from the southwest border in July 2021 alone and another 44,122 in August 2021, a massive increase from the 17 illegal aliens released in December 2020, the last full month of the previous administration. Note 5. During federal fiscal year 2021, the Border Patrol released in total more than 248,000 aliens apprehended at the southwest border, almost all of which occurred after January 2021. Note 6. This number does not reflect additional releases by other elements of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In an October 20, 2021 letter, DHS confirmed that at least 5,900 single illegal alien adults who were released at the southwest border have reported to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) field office in Florida. This number likely vastly underreports the number of released illegal aliens from the southwest border who have resettled in Florida because approximately 80% of aliens who are released at the border and are directed to report to an ICE office within 60 days reportedly fail to do so. Note 7. Because the Federal Government does not actively coordinate or consult with the State of Florida concerning the illegal aliens that it releases from the southwest border into the interior of the United States, the State of Florida has no knowledge about the backgrounds, criminal history, immigration status, or the status of removal proceedings for the aliens who have resettled in Florida. The State of Florida has brought a legal challenge to the Biden administration’s unlawful “catch and release” policy,

which is now pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. See First Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, *State of Florida v. United States*, No. 3:21-cv-01066-TKW-EMT (N.D. Fla. Feb. 1, 2022) (articulating harms to the State of Florida because of the Biden administration's "catch and release" policy).

The surge of foreign nationals attempting to enter illegally at the southwest border has included a large number of Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC), defined by federal law as a child who has no lawful immigration status; has not attained 18 years of age; and, with respect to whom, there is no parent or legal guardian in the United States, or no parent or legal guardian in the United States available to provide physical custody and care, see 6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2). Over 146,000 encounters at the southwest border for federal fiscal year 2021 involved UAC or single minors, compared to approximately 33,000 in fiscal year 2020 and 80,000 in fiscal year 2019. Note 8. For federal fiscal year 2022, the number of such encounters has already reached more than 85,000. Note 9. Under existing federal law, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must take custody of these UAC and attempt to place them with sponsors in the United States until the UAC's immigration proceedings are completed. While the UAC await placement with a sponsor, HHS will often house the UAC in group home facilities or foster homes that are operated by private entities or individuals under contract with HHS and licensed by the states where the facilities or homes are located. It is estimated that at least 4,284 UAC were housed in group home facilities or foster homes in Florida over the last year. During federal fiscal year 2021, 11,145 UAC were placed with sponsors in Florida, more than the 10,773 UAC placed in California, a substantially larger state. Note 10. So far during federal fiscal year 2022, 6,659 UAC have already been placed in Florida. Note 11.

Neither DHS nor HHS actively coordinates or consults with the State of Florida, including the Department, on the UAC that are resettled in Florida. The State does not receive meaningful, if any, advance notice when UAC are transported to Florida and is not meaningfully consulted on the number of UAC that the State's child-caring resources and capacity could feasibly support without adversely affecting children already present in Florida and under the State's protection and care. Recently, the State of Florida discovered that, between May and October 2021, there were 78 flights that arrived in Florida likely transporting UAC. This occurred without advance notice to the Department and without the State's consent. The State is given no opportunity to object to the transportation or resettlement of UAC in Florida.

Moreover, the State receives no information on the background, criminal history, immigration status, status of removal proceedings, or the sponsors of the UAC brought to Florida.

See, e.g., Letter from Governor Ron DeSantis to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, Resettlement of Illegal Aliens in Florida, Aug. 26, 2021; Letter from Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson to Governor Ron DeSantis, Oct. 20, 2021; Letter from DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to Governor Ron DeSantis, Nov. 24, 2021. UAC are regularly placed with sponsors without adequate follow-up by HHS or the placement entities to ensure the safety and welfare of the UAC. According to a recent report, between January and May 2021, federal contractors responsible for placing UAC with sponsors across the United States were unable to reach the minor or the sponsor in roughly one of every three attempts. Note 12. Nor does the State have any assurance that the UAC are, in fact, minors. As a result of the chaos at the southwest border, there is a significant risk of insufficient and inaccurate vetting of people claiming protection as UAC. Many UAC are male teenagers nearing adulthood, and some are gang members when they arrive or later become gang members. Note 13. Recently, a 24-year-old Honduran national was charged with murder in Florida after having falsely represented his age and having been released into the United States as a UAC. Note 14. In short, the Federal Government has failed to provide the State of Florida with sufficient answers to its requests for information on the resettlement of illegal aliens, including UAC, so that their safety and the safety and welfare of Florida's citizens, including children already present in Florida, can be secured. The Federal Government's failure to enforce federal immigration law and secure the border, as well as the absence of meaningful coordination and consultation concerning the resettlement of UAC in Florida, are an immediate danger to the safety and welfare of Floridians, including its most vulnerable children, as well as recently arrived UAC. (The Federal Government's conduct with respect to the resettlement of UAC in Florida stands in stark contrast to the Federal Government's conduct with respect to the resettlement of Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM), where the Federal Government has a cooperative agreement in place with the State of Florida.)

To date, the Department has generally granted licenses to facilities that sought to house UAC brought to Florida by HHS. In light of the crisis described above, Section 8 of Executive Order 21-223 directed the Department to "determine whether the resettlement of unaccompanied alien children in Florida from outside of the state constitutes 'evidence of need' under section 409.175(5)(b)(1), Florida Statutes, sufficient to justify the award of a license under Florida law to family foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, or child-placing agencies that seek to provide services for unaccompanied alien children." "To the extent that such resettlement of unaccompanied alien children in Florida is determined not to constitute 'evidence of need' under Florida law," the executive order directed the Department to "amend, if necessary, Florida Administrative Code Rule 65C-46.022, 'Standards for Unaccompanied Alien



Children (UAC) Homes and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programs,' in accordance with state law, to reflect the Department's determination." In this Emergency Rule, the Department determines that an application for issuance or renewal of a license to house UAC or URM, who are being resettled in Florida from outside of the state, does not constitute "evidence of need," § 409.175(5)(b)1, Florida Statutes, "to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all children in the state" cared for by residential child-caring agencies, § 409.175(1)(a), Florida Statutes, in the absence of a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the Federal Government in which the State of Florida is entitled, at a minimum, to advance notice and meaningful consultation before the resettlement of such UAC or URM in Florida. The Emergency Rule also prohibits existing licensees from adding to their existing UAC population and imposes additional requirements to ensure that such licensees protect the safety and welfare of UAC that they place with sponsors in the state. Given the ongoing crisis at the border, including the Federal Government's failure to enforce federal immigration law and to secure the border, the resettlement of UAC in Florida, its ongoing refusal to provide meaningful coordination and consultation, its failure to provide adequate protection for and supervision of UAC once they are placed with sponsors in the state, and its failure to adequately screen purported UAC (as evidenced by the recent murder charge brought against an adult foreign national who misrepresented his age to gain entry to the United States), emergency rulemaking is justified and necessary.

Note 1: Rebecca Beitsch, US-Mexico July Border Crossings Hit 20 Year High, *The Hill* (Aug. 12, 2021), <https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/567647-us-mexico-july-border-crossings-near-20-year-high>; see U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Southwest Land Border Encounters, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters> (last updated May 3, 2022) (showing 213,593 for July and 209,840 for August).

Note 2: U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Southwest Land Border Encounters, *supra* note 1.

Note 3: *Id.*

Note 4: *Id.*

Note 5: See U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Custody and Transfer Statistics FY2021, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/custody-and-transfer-statistics-fy2021> (last accessed May 23, 2023).

Note 6: See *id.*

Note 7: See Mark Krikorian, Immigration Enforcement on the Honor System, <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/immigration-enforcement-on-the-honor-system/> (July 16, 2021). In addition, between federal fiscal year 2008 and 2019, "32 percent of aliens

referred to [immigration courts] absconded into the United States" and did not report to their hearings. See Memorandum Opinion and Order, *Texas v. Biden*, No. 2:21-CV-067-Z, 2021 WL 3603341, at \*4 (N.D. Tex. Aug. 13, 2021).

Note 8: See U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Southwest Land Border Encounters, *supra* note 1.

Note 9: See *id.*

Note 10: See Office of Refugee Resettlement, Unaccompanied Children Released to Sponsors by State (June 24, 2021), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/grant-funding/unaccompanied-children-released-sponsors-state>.

Note 11: See *id.*

Note 12: See Stef W. Knight, Exclusive: Government Can't Reach One-in-Three Released Migrant Kids (Sept. 1, 2021), <https://www.axios.com/migrant-children-biden-administration-a597fd98-03a7-415c-9826-9d0b5aaba081.html>.

Note 13: See Camilo Montoya-Galvez, U.S. Shelters Received a Record 122,000 Unaccompanied Migrant Children in 2021, CBS News (Dec. 23, 2021), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-122000-unaccompanied-migrant-children-us-shelters-2021/> (stating that nearly three-quarters of unaccompanied minors encountered at the border during the 2021 fiscal year were believed to be ages 15 to 17 and roughly two-thirds of the total were males); Kerry J. Byrne, The Number of Adult Migrants Posing as Children at Border Surging, *N.Y. Post* (Nov. 13, 2021), <https://nypost.com/2021/11/13/the-number-of-adult-migrants-posing-as-children-at-border-surging/> (reporting that about "30% of the MS-13 members arrested in recent years by ICE originally entered the U.S. as unaccompanied minors"); see also Written testimony of CBP U.S. Border Patrol Acting Chief of Carla Provost for a Senate Committee on the Judiciary hearing titled "The MS-13 Problem: Investigating Gang Membership As Well As Its Nexus to Illegal Immigration, and Assessing Federal Efforts to End the Threat", Department of Homeland Security (June 21, 2017), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/06/21/written-testimony-cbp-senate-committee-judiciary-hearing-titled-ms-13-problem#fn3>; Unaccompanied child immigration loophole releases MS-13 gang members, *AP News* (Jan. 13, 2019), <https://apnews.com/article/5d2784fb7c909b43791d6aea63339a6c>.

Note 14: See Adam Shaw, Honduran Illegal Immigrant Charged with Murder Entered US Falsely Claiming to be Unaccompanied Minor: Report (Nov. 4, 2021), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/honduran-illegal-immigrant-charged-murder-entered-us-unaccompanied-minor>. REASON FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The procedure is fair under the circumstances because the Emergency Rule ends

the State's practice of facilitating the Federal Government's UAC resettlement program without terminating existing licenses or otherwise permanently foreclosing the issuance of licenses for UAC in the future. Instead, going forward, the State will require a meaningful cooperative agreement with the Federal Government, including a commitment to resume full enforcement of the immigration laws and to secure the border, before issuing or renewing licenses for housing UAC. (The same principle will apply for licenses to house URM, but there is a cooperative agreement with the Federal Government already in place.) In the meantime, existing licensees will not be permitted to add to their existing UAC population and will be subject to additional obligations to ensure the welfare and safety of the UAC whom they place with sponsors in Florida, but their existing licenses will not be cancelled.

**SUMMARY:** The Emergency Rule addresses licensing requirements for any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home seeking to provide services for UAC or URM. The Department has adopted Rule 65C-9.004, F.A.C., but it is awaiting legislative ratification. This rule provides that the resettlement of UAC or URM by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) into Florida does not constitute "evidence of need" under section 409.175(5)(b)1, Florida Statutes, "to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all children in the state" cared for by residential child-caring agencies, § 409.175(1)(a), in the absence of a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the Federal Government. The Emergency Rule also prohibits existing licensees from adding to their UAC population and requires such licensees to conduct welfare checks of the UAC whom they place with sponsors in Florida.

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:** Elizabeth Floyd at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com

**THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:**

**65CER22-1 Standards for Unaccompanied Alien Children and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programs (Renewal).**

(1) Any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home, as those terms are defined in 409.175(2), F.S., seeking to provide services for Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) and Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) must meet licensing requirements herein in addition to the program standards for the type of license sought.

(2) For purposes of section 409.175(5)(b)1, F.S., which requires "evidence of need" to obtain a license, and section 409.175(1)(a), F.S., which provides that the purpose of the licensure requirement is to "protect the health, safety, and well-

being of all children in the state" who are cared for by residential child-caring agencies or family foster homes, or placed by child-placing agencies, the planned and organized resettlement of UAC or URM by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services does not constitute evidence of need as required for issuance or renewal of a license for a residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home that seeks to provide services to such UAC or URM, unless such resettlement is governed by a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the United States Government. In the absence of such cooperative agreement, no license will be issued or renewed with respect to any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home that applies to provide services for UAC or URM resettling to Florida, and any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home providing such services under a current license to UAC or URM who have already resettled in Florida may not further place or take placement of any additional UAC or URM until a cooperative agreement is entered. For purposes of this rule, the term "resettlement" means the transportation of persons to Florida for the purpose of temporarily or permanently residing in Florida. The Department has no obligation to enter or renew a cooperative agreement with the United States Government for the resettlement of UAC or URM to Florida, and the Department may revoke or decline to enter or renew such agreement.

(3) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency, whichever is applicable, must ensure a contractual or grant agreement was executed between ORR and the child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency in order to provide care and services to UAC.

(4) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency, whichever is applicable, must ensure a contractual or grant agreement was executed between the U.S. Government and the State of Florida in order to provide care and services to URM.

(5) Care and supervision of UAC, URM, and dependent youth may not be provided in the same home or under the same license. The child-placing agency must ensure foster parents comply with this requirement.

(6) For a residential child-caring agency, the director and direct care staff must sign and comply with the plan applicable to the licensed setting. For a foster home, the child-placing agency must ensure the foster parents sign and comply with the plan applicable to the licensed setting. Residential child-caring agencies, child-placing agencies, or foster homes that provide services for UAC must use the "Plan for Unaccompanied Alien Children" Form, CF-FSP 5488, February 2022, incorporated by reference and available at

<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14108>. Residential child-caring agencies, child-placing agencies, or foster homes that provide services for URM must use the “Partnership Plan for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors,” Form CF-FSP 5487, February 2022, incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14107>.

(7) The residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency, whichever is applicable, must conduct in-person welfare checks of any UAC that it places, or assists in placing, with a sponsor after the effective date of this rule to ensure each child’s safety and well-being.

(a) The welfare checks must be completed a minimum of once every six months until one of the following occurs:

1. The child reaches the age of 18;
2. The child permanently leaves Florida;
3. The child is removed from the United States;
4. The child is granted lawful immigration status; or
5. The residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency closes or is no longer licensed.

(b) The welfare checks must include:

1. Verifying the identity of the child through previously submitted photographs obtained by the child-placing or residential child-caring agency;

2. Taking a photograph of the child;

3. Looking for any unusual marks on visible parts of the body;

4. Speaking with the child about any issues he or she may be experiencing; and

5. Speaking with the caregiver about the child’s well-being and basic needs.

(c) The child-caring or child-placing agency must report the results of the welfare checks to the Department or, if applicable, the Florida Abuse Hotline as follows:

1. Suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect must be immediately reported to the Florida Abuse Hotline in accordance with Chapter 39, F.S.

2. If the welfare check does not reveal any of the incidents described in (7)(c)1. of this rule, then the report must be made no later than the fifth (5th) day of the month following the date the welfare check was conducted, e.g., if a welfare check is completed on January 15, then the report must be made no later than February 5. The report must include the following:

a. Name of the child and date of birth.

b. Date the welfare check was conducted.

c. Name of the child’s caregiver.

d. Location of the in-person welfare check.

e. Statement affirming that there were no presenting issues or concerns.

f. Any indication that the child is no longer residing in or is temporarily relocated from the sponsor’s home, to include that the child has been determined to be missing or the child’s whereabouts are unknown.

(8) Any child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency that provides care to URM must adhere to all contractual and federal case management requirements when conducting in-person child welfare checks.

(9) The residential child-caring agency must ensure all direct care staff complete training hours on immigration in child welfare, cultural awareness, and human trafficking related topics, as outlined in section 4.3.6. of the Office of Refugee and Resettlement UAC Program Policy, March 11, 2019, incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13072>. The child-placing agency must ensure foster parents complete training hours outlined in 65C-45.002, F.A.C.

(10) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency must provide a copy of its education plan outlining how education will be provided.

(11) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency must develop policies and procedures on the administration and management of medication. A licensed health care provider must write or verbally order all nonprescription medications. Verbal orders must be documented in the child’s file. The residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency must align all health and safety policies with ORR guidelines.

(12) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency must notify the Department of any changes in the contract/grant agreement with ORR, and submit an updated copy, to include ORR’s decision to no longer utilize the facility.

(13) For purposes of this rule, the term “Unaccompanied Alien Child” has the same meaning as in 6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2), and the term “Unaccompanied Refugee Minor” means an unaccompanied minor, as defined in 45 C.F.R. §400.111, who has met the federal eligibility standards for placement into the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program.

(14) This Emergency Rule will expire on May 27, 2024.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2024.

*Rulemaking Authority 409.175(5) FS. Law Implemented 409.175 FS.*

THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 2024

**Section V**  
**Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule**  
**Variance or Waiver**

NONE

**Section VI**  
**Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public**  
**Hearings**

**COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

The Commission on Ethics announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, March 8, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: First District Court of Appeal, 3rd Floor Courtroom, 2000 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, FL.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Commission on Ethics Regular Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [www.ethics.state.fl.us](http://www.ethics.state.fl.us) or (850)488-7864.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)488-7864. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

**WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS**

South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 7, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Resiliency Study – Project Delivery Team (PDT) Public Workshop

PLACE: This meeting will be conducted via Zoom, a media technology free for the public to use.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This public workshop will be held to provide updates on the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Resiliency Study, as well as summary of the feedback received during the October 24, 2023, workshop regarding the performance metrics and how they will be integrated into the study. Additionally, the public and stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide feedback

on Hydrologic & Hydraulic model output data sharing/formatting in preparation for future modeling results workshops. The SFWMD and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (USACE) are also interested in understanding specific areas of vulnerability that may be of interest such as peak inundation, duration, flow rates and more. The public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to view and comment on the public workshop utilizing the following link: <https://sfwmd.link/3SsNHfY>. The link will go live at approximately 1:00 p.m. on March 7, 2024.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Nicole Cortez at (561)682-2597 or [ncortez@sfwmd.gov](mailto:ncortez@sfwmd.gov). The agenda will be posted to the District’s website, [www.SFWMD.gov/meetings](http://www.SFWMD.gov/meetings), seven days prior to the meeting.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

##### Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation

The Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Via-Zoom or Telephone. To attend the meeting by telephone toll-free, please call (888)475-4499 US or (855)703-8985 Canada and enter meeting ID 429 115 1196 and pass code 412913 when prompted. Or to join the meeting via-Zoom please access the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/4291151196?pwd=YIJNUWd3Vjhwakx0VERXdzhjM3NGQT09>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board will address official business of the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation which will include, among other matters, a review of mobile homeowner applications for compensation and/or abandonment due to a change in use of the land comprising of the mobile home park, and such other businesses as may come before the Board. A schedule of future meetings will be determined.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Fran Gilbert at (888)320-0322 or [fran@fmhrc.org](mailto:fran@fmhrc.org).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Fran Gilbert at (888)320-0322 or [fran@fmhrc.org](mailto:fran@fmhrc.org). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Water Quality Protection Program Steering Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Marathon City Hall, 9805 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050

This meeting will also be broadcast for listen-only attendance via GoToWebinar. Advance registration for the webinar is available at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3103467664290165590>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The Webinar ID number is 452-130-491. You also have the option to join by telephone audio by dialing 1(631)992-3221 and using access code: 700-309-851. You can find instructions on registering for and joining a Go-To-Webinar here: <https://support.goto.com/webinar/how-to-join-attendees>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of this meeting is to update the members of the Steering Committee and the general public on the progress of ongoing Water Quality Protection Program Projects in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and discuss future actions.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The meeting agenda and other supporting materials will be posted at

[http://ocean.floridamarine.org/FKNMS\\_WQPP/steering.htm](http://ocean.floridamarine.org/FKNMS_WQPP/steering.htm).

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact Stacie Taylor at (850)245-2118 or [LEP@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:LEP@FloridaDEP.gov) at least ten (10) days before the meeting. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

For more information, you may contact: Nicholas Parr, (305)289-7083; [Nicholas.Parr@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Parr@FloridaDEP.gov) or Karen Bohnsack, (305)304-2196, [Karen.Bohnsack@noaa.gov](mailto:Karen.Bohnsack@noaa.gov).

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

##### Board of Medicine

The Board of Medicine – North Probable Cause Panel announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, March 22, 2024, 2:30 p.m., EST.

PLACE: You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone through the following link:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/841195637>. You may also join the meeting using your phone at the following number: (646)749-3122, access code: 841-195-637. To maximize your access to the meeting, the Department highly recommends that you download the GoToMeeting app on your computer, tablet, or smartphone prior to the meeting.

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** The panel will conduct a meeting related to public disciplinary cases.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: April Houston at (850)558-9858 or emailing her at [April.Houston@flhealth.gov](mailto:April.Houston@flhealth.gov).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: April Houston at (850)558-9858 or emailing her at [April.Houston@flhealth.gov](mailto:April.Houston@flhealth.gov). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: April Houston at (850)558-9858 or emailing her at [April.Houston@flhealth.gov](mailto:April.Houston@flhealth.gov).

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Division of Children's Medical Services

The Child Abuse Death Review Circuit 13 Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** March 13, 2024, 01:00 p.m., Eastern Time

**PLACE:** Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/2rqj4rGN4f55225T0QoZCdf1-9fvV>

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Committee will address administrative issues, review cases, and discuss the CADR Action Plan. A portion of the meeting is required by Section 383.412(3) (a), F.S. to be closed to the public to allow the Committee to discuss information that is confidential and exempt from public meetings and public records. This portion of the meeting will be announced at the meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Carry Simons, RN - [carry.simons@flhealth.gov](mailto:carry.simons@flhealth.gov)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Carry Simons, RN - [carry.simons@flhealth.gov](mailto:carry.simons@flhealth.gov). If

you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Carry Simons, RN - [carry.simons@flhealth.gov](mailto:carry.simons@flhealth.gov)

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support  
The Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, March 7, 2024, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., EST

**PLACE:** Via Webinar and Conference Call

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 287 418 106 619

Passcode: 3sZusC

[Download Teams | Join on the web](#)

Join with a video conferencing device

[teams@meetme.flhealth.gov](mailto:teams@meetme.flhealth.gov)

Video Conference ID: 114 303 229 9

Alternate VTC instructions

Or call in (audio only)

+1 850-792-1375, 663495985# United States, Tallahassee

Phone Conference ID: 663 495 985#

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** To conduct general business of the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kimberly Robinson by email: [Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov), or by phone: (850) 245-4967.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: [Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov), or by phone: (850) 245-4967. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: [Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov), or by phone: (850) 245-4967.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

OIR – Insurance Regulation

The Office of Insurance Regulation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** Pursuant to Section 120.525, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the American Traditions Insurance Company Rate Hearing is scheduled for March 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Access via webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2408698361326590043>

Access via telephone dial: 1(877) 309-2074, Access Code: 288-516-589

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** American Traditions Insurance Company has requested statewide average rate changes for its Mobile Home Multi-Peril and Mobile Home Physical Damage Only lines of business. The below identifies the proposed rate change that has been filed with the OIR:

FILE NUMBER: 23-029554, Use and File

LINE OF BUSINESS: Mobile Home Multi-Peril

PROGRAM NAME: MHO-3

OVERALL PROPOSED RATE CHANGE: 24.6%

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 2023, for new business and renewal business

FILE NUMBER: 23-049304, Use and File

LINE OF BUSINESS: Mobile Home Physical Damage

PROGRAM NAME: MHO-DP1

OVERALL PROPOSED RATE CHANGE: 26.3%

EFFECTIVE DATES: November 20, 2023, for new business and renewal business

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** If you choose to access the hearing via telephone, or if you are unable to participate in this public hearing, please forward your comments to the Office of Insurance Regulation at [ratehearings@flor.com](mailto:ratehearings@flor.com); the subject line of your e-mail should read "American Traditions Insurance Company" The record will be open for public comment until March 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., ET.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [www.FLOIR.com/events](http://www.FLOIR.com/events)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Shiloh Elliott, [Shiloh.Elliott@flor.com](mailto:Shiloh.Elliott@flor.com). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Shiloh Elliott, [Shiloh.Elliott@flor.com](mailto:Shiloh.Elliott@flor.com)

**MOFFITT CANCER CENTER & RESEARCH INSTITUTE**  
The H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 5, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Moffitt Cancer Center, Stabile Research Building Trustees Boardroom

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** To conduct the general business of the Board of Directors.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kathia Fernandez at (813) 745-7705, 12902 Magnolia Drive, CSB 8 ADM, Tampa, FL 33612

**QUINCY-GADSDEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

The Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, March 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: In-person at the Quincy Municipal Airport Terminal Building Conference Room, 1300 Airport Drive, Quincy, FL. Online access to the meeting will be 1(984)204-1608, Phone Conference ID: 789 023 055#

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** To hold the regular monthly meeting of the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority (QGAA) and to accept public comments on the QGAA's proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal of 1.46% for FAA funded contracts/agreements. The proposed goal pertains to federal fiscal years 2023 through 2025. The QGAA invites comments from stakeholders for the purpose of obtaining information relevant to the DBE goal-setting process.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Janice Watson, QGAA, P.O. Box 1905, Quincy, FL 32352, [quincyairport@tds.net](mailto:quincyairport@tds.net), (850)643-7752. Comments on the DBE plan will be accepted until March 26, 2024 and should sent to Janice Watson at any of the contact avenues listed above.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

**QUINCY-GADSDEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

The Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, March 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Quincy Municipal Airport Terminal Building Conference Room - 1300 Airport Drive, Quincy, FL

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** To hold an executive session of the Quincy-Gadsden Airport Authority for the purpose of interviewing contractors to provide airport management services.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Janice Watson, QGAA, P.O. Box 1905, Quincy, FL 32353, [quincyairport@tds.net](mailto:quincyairport@tds.net), (850)643-7752

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

**FLORIDA SURPLUS LINES SERVICE OFFICE**

The Florida Surplus Lines Service Office, Investment Committee, announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, April 25, 2024, 11:00 a.m., ET

**PLACE:** Hotel Duval, Autograph Collection, 415 N Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** To review investment matters.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Georgie Barrett at gbarrett@fslso.com

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Jennifer Mills at jmills@fslso.com or (800)562-4496, x101. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

**GLOBAL 5 COMMUNICATIONS**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Wednesday, March 6, and Thursday, March 7, 2024, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** In-Person at the Rosen Event Center and virtually using GoToWebinar

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** A public meeting will be held regarding project plans on the Interstate 4 (I-4) and Sand Lake Road (State Road (S.R.) 482) interchange project (FPID No. 444315-1); the I-4 and Daryl Carter Parkway interchange improvement project (FPID No. 441113-1); and extensions to I-4 Express (FPID No. 444315-3). (FPID Nos.: 444315-1, 444315-3, 441113-1)

The purpose of these projects is to provide operational and safety improvements to the I-4 corridor at these consecutive interchanges in southern Orange County and to extend I-4 Express from the existing express lanes near Kirkman Road to west of S.R. 536. Additional details are available in the attached project information handouts. The public meeting is being held to present information and receive community feedback.

FDOT encourages community involvement and is offering this public meeting in a hybrid format to provide more ways to participate. All attendees, regardless of which platform they choose, will receive the same information.

**In-Person Open House Option:** Participants may attend in person by going to the Rosen Event Center, 11184 S Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32836 any time between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, to view a looping presentation and project displays, speak with project team members, and submit comments or questions. If attending in

person, please remember to follow all safety and sanitation guidelines. If you are feeling unwell, please consider attending the meeting virtually or by phone.

**Virtual Option:** Interested persons may join over the Internet from a computer, tablet or mobile device on Wednesday, March 6, any time between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. For this option, advance registration is required by visiting [fdot.tips/14Meeting](https://fdot.tips/14Meeting). Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online. If using a mobile device, use the GoToWebinar app to be able to view the presentation and submit comments. If joining online, please allow adequate time to log in to view the presentation in its entirety.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can view all meeting materials, including the presentation, and provide comment through the project website at [I4Beyond.com](https://I4Beyond.com) prior to the meeting. You may also contact the FDOT project manager directly at the phone number listed below.

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners, business owners, interested persons and organizations to provide the opportunity to offer comments and express their views regarding this project and the proposed improvements.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Melissa McKinney, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator, at [Melissa.McKinney@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Melissa.McKinney@dot.state.fl.us).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Not applicable.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Michael Citro at (407)571-6766, or by email at [michaelcitro@global-5.com](mailto:michaelcitro@global-5.com). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: FDOT Project Manager Ryan Flipse, P.E. by phone at (321)319-8134, by email at [ryan.flipse@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:ryan.flipse@dot.state.fl.us), or U.S. mail at Florida Department of Transportation, 719 South Woodland Blvd., M.S. 542 DeLand, FL 32720. Information about this project is also available online at [www.cflroads.com](https://www.cflroads.com). Simply type 444315-1, 444315-3, 441113-1, 448914-1, or 449771-1 in the search box, click "go" and then select the project. We encourage you to participate in the I-4 Improvements in Orange County public meeting.



CARPE DIEM COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC.  
 The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 12:00 noon, (CDT)

PLACE: Online, [www.nwflroads.com/calendar](http://www.nwflroads.com/calendar)

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a virtual project update to present information and gather feedback concerning the resurfacing improvements to U.S. 98 from the Santa Rosa County line to west of Josie Road in Okaloosa County.

This virtual project update can be viewed beginning at 12:00 noon, (CDT) Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at [www.nwflroads.com/calendar](http://www.nwflroads.com/calendar).

The intent of this project is to resurface all existing travel lanes, auxiliary lanes, bike lanes, median crossovers, turn lanes and paved shoulders. Additional improvements include:

- Extending the left-turn lane at Avenue Du Fontaine Bleau.
- Constructing a westbound right-turn lane at A-21 Road.
- Improving safety by reducing the right-turn lane at Green Drive to eliminate it as a through travel lane.

No additional right-of-way is required. Bids for construction are scheduled to occur spring 2025.

Maps, drawings, and other information is available online at 12:00 noon, (CDT) Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at [www.nwflroads.com/calendar](http://www.nwflroads.com/calendar). The project materials may also be viewed by contacting the FDOT Project Manager at the below information.

FDOT representatives are available to discuss the proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

Persons wishing to submit written comments may contact Dean Mitchell, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, at (850)415-9016, or via email at [dmmitchell@hntb.com](mailto:dmmitchell@hntb.com), or by mail at 1282 Office Park Drive, Chipley, FL 32428. The deadline to submit official comments related to this project update is Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Public participation is held without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the FDOT Project Manager using the information above.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the FDOT Project Manager using the information above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Ian Satter, FDOT District Three Public Information Director, at (888)638-0250, ext. 1205 or via email at [ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us).

## Section VII Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Nursing has received the petition for declaratory statement from Deena Perl, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, on February 23, 2024. The petition seeks the agency’s opinion as to the applicability of Section 464.003(2), F.S., as it applies to the petitioner.

The Petitioner seeks a Declaratory Statement from the Board as to whether the Board would grant Petitioner as an autonomous nurse practitioner, to hire registered nurses (RNs) at Petitioner’s salon suites, to perform aesthetic injections, including neuromodulators (Botox, Jeuveau, Xeomin, Dysport, Daxxify) and dermal fillers/collagen stimulators. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after the publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Joe R. Baker, Jr., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, [MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov](mailto:MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov), or by telephone at (850)245-4125.

## Section VIII Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

## Section IX Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

**Section X**  
**Announcements and Objection Reports of**  
**the Joint Administrative Procedures**  
**Committee**

NONE

**Section XI**  
**Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and**  
**Purchasing**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

D4 Phase Design Build- Contract E4V72

Notice of Advertisement/Public Meetings, Phase Design Build E4V72

In accordance with 120.525 F.S., the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces public meetings associated with the subject procurement, to which all persons are invited.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Florida Department of Transportation (Department) has issued this Request for Qualification (RFQ) to solicit Letters of Response for the design and construction of I95/SW 10th Street Connector Interchange Project Broward County, FL

For complete advertisement information including the agenda for all public meetings and any scheduled updates please refer to the Procurement Internet Site:

Procurement Development Application - Ad Detail (fdot.gov)

PARRISH MCCALL CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

Alachua County School Board: Littlewood Elementary School Redesign & Redevelopment

Parrish McCall Constructors, Inc, the construction manager, is soliciting competitive bids and pre-qualification for the following project:

Alachua County School Board: Littlewood Elementary School Redesign & Redevelopment Anticipated bid packages include the following: Cast-In-Place Concrete, Masonry, Structural Steel Framing, Miscellaneous Steel, PEMB Steel Canopy, Architectural Wood Casework, Roofing Systems, Waterproofing, Doors/Frames/Hardware,

Entrances/Storefront/Glazing, Framing and Drywall, Acoustical Ceilings, Flooring, Fluid Applied Flooring, Painting, General Trades, Aluminum Canopies, Elevators, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Low Voltage Systems, Security Systems, Access Control, Earthwork, Fencing, Landscape and Irrigation

Bid documents can be found on the project page on BuildingConnected under 'Files'. Link is included below. All bids in excess of \$75,000 should be submitted to the Parrish

McCall main office in sealed envelopes. All other bids should be submitted via BuildingConnected. Bid documents are expected to be issued March 2024. <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5b1eafc8a11cdd0010a863a7>

All subcontractors under consideration for a package in excess of \$100,000 will be required to complete the SCORE system qualification process. Please visit the following link to enroll in the SCORE system.

<https://parrish-mccall.com/subcontractors/>

PARRISH MCCALL CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

Santa Fe College: Cellon Institute

Parrish McCall Constructors, Inc, the construction manager, is soliciting competitive bids and pre-qualification for the following project:

Santa Fe College: Cellon Institute Anticipated bid packages include the following: Cast-In-Place Concrete, Masonry, Structural Steel Framing, Miscellaneous Steel, PEMB Steel Canopy, Architectural Wood Casework, Roofing Systems, Waterproofing, Doors/Frames/Hardware,

Entrances/Storefront/Glazing, Framing and Drywall, Acoustical Ceilings, Flooring, Fluid Applied Flooring, Painting, General Trades, Aluminum Canopies, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC, Fume Extraction System, Electrical, Low Voltage Systems, Access Control, Earthwork, Fencing, Landscape and Irrigation

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**Section XII**  
**Miscellaneous**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraph 120.55(1)(b)6. – 7., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 19, 2024, and 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 23, 2024.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
53ER24-7	2/22/2024	2/26/2024
53ER24-8	2/22/2024	2/26/2024
53ER24-9	2/22/2024	2/26/2024
53ER24-10	2/22/2024	2/26/2024
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65A-4.216	2/22/2024	3/13/2024
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66B-1.014	2/20/2024	3/11/2024
66B-1.015	2/20/2024	3/11/2024
66B-2.008	2/20/2024	3/11/2024
66B-2.014	2/20/2024	3/11/2024
66B-2.015	2/20/2024	3/11/2024
<b>LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES</b>		
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40B-400.091	2/8/2024	**/**/****
40C-4.091	3/31/2023	**/**/****
40C-41.043	3/31/2023	**/**/****
40E-4.091	6/26/2023	**/**/****
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****

62-330.010	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.050	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.055	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.301	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.310	4/28/2023	**/**/****
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**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES**

Division of Motor Vehicles

Establishment of Cart World, Inc., DBA Cart World Golf Cars-Ocala for line make GARI

Notice of Publication for a New Point Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of More than 300,000 Population

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Garia Inc, intends to allow the establishment of Cart World, Inc., DBA Cart World Golf Cars-Ocala as a dealership for the sale of low-speed vehicle manufactured by Garia Inc (GARI) at 8585 SW State Rd 200 # 1B, Ocala, (Marion County), Florida, 34481, on or after March 24, 2024.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Cart World, Inc. DBA Cart World Golf Cars-Ocala are dealer operator(s): West Andrews, at 8585 SW State Rd 200 # 1B, Ocala, Florida, 34481; principal investor(s): Bill Andrews, 133 West Hermosa Street, Lady Lake, Florida 32159. The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of more than 300,000 population, according to the latest population estimates of the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

Certain dealerships of the same line-make may have standing, pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes to file a petition or complaint protesting the application.

Written petitions or complaints must be received by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice and must be submitted to: Sondra L. Howard, Administrator, Dealer License Section, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Room A-312 MS65, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0635.

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Mark Rickell, Garia Inc, 14820 North Freeway Suite 200, Houston, Texas, 77090.

If no petitions or complaints are received within 30 days of the date of publication, a final order will be issued by the

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approving the establishment of the dealership, subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
NOTICE OF GRANT SUBMISSION PERIOD FOR LAND  
AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND + READINESS  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION  
PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE PROGRAM

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) will accept Fiscal Year 2024-25 grant applications for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) + Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Partnership Challenge Program as follows:

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION PERIOD:** The Department is accepting applications from March 15, 2024 through April 15, 2024. Completed applications must be received in office on or before 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2024.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Eligible applicants include state agencies and local units of government (e.g., state political subdivisions such as cities, counties, and special purpose districts such as park districts) with a REPI Partnership Agreement or located within a Sentinel Landscapes Area.

**INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Although federally-recognized Indian Tribes are eligible for LWCF grants, they are not eligible to receive funds under 10 U.S.C 2684a, therefore REPI program funds could not be used to satisfy the non-federal cost share requirements for projects proposed to occur on tribal land. Individuals, nonprofit organizations, and other private entities are not eligible as applicants or subrecipients.

**APPLICATION LIMIT PER SUBMISSION CYCLE:** The maximum number of applications a project sponsor may submit is limited to one (1) submission per applicant.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES:** The primary purpose of the project must be the acquisition, or acquisition and development, of real property interests or water rights for property in the vicinity of, or ecologically related to, a military installation, range, or airspace.

Acquisition of land may be in fee simple or a lesser interest if sufficient rights, including the right for the public to access and recreate on the site and excluding rights for non-recreation uses, in perpetuity, would be provided.

If the project will include compatible recreation development, LWCF assistance is available for a range of outdoor recreation uses and the facilities needed to support the use and enjoyment of these areas. These include community parks, sports fields and courts, picnic areas, swimming pools, trails, campgrounds, etc. Indoor recreation and other buildings are not eligible but supporting facilities, such as restrooms or changing areas, that

facilitate the public's use of a recreation area, can be eligible. If funds received by a State or local government under the REPI program are to be used to satisfy in whole or in part the non-federal cost share requirements of the LWCF Act, project proponents must coordinate any proposed development or use of facilities with the appropriate military installation(s) to ensure that any development or use is compatible with military mission activities and DOD natural resource management requirements. **ELIGIBLE PROJECT SITES:** To be eligible for either an acquisition or combination grant, the project must involve publicly owned land and the project sponsor must secure sufficient legal title and control of the property to ensure that it can be managed and maintained for outdoor recreation in perpetuity and otherwise remain compliant with the conversion provisions of the LWCF Act and regulations (see 54 U.S.C. 200305(f)(3) and 36 CFR 59). The site must be located within an active REPI Partnership Agreement boundary or within a Sentinel Landscapes Area. In addition, if funds provided to a State or local government under the REPI Program are used pursuant to the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2684a(h) to satisfy in whole or in part the non-federal cost share requirements of the LWCF Act, the legal title, control, and use of the property must also comply with the requirements of 10 U.S.C. 2684a, as described below and in Section H. LWCF-assisted outdoor recreation areas and facilities must be open to the public and not limited to special groups (for example, a project open to military families only would not be allowable). Chapter 3 of the LWCF Manual describes project eligibility requirements in detail.

**MAXIMUM GRANT REQUEST:** The maximum grant amount per project is \$5,000,000, and the minimum grant amount per project is \$250,000. Grant awards are distributed on a reimbursement basis and are contingent upon an apportionment from the National Park Service (NPS) and Department of Defense (DOD), as well as expenditure authorization by the Florida Legislature.

**MATCH REQUIREMENTS:** A matching share meeting the 1:1 minimum required must be secured or firmly committed at the time of application and must be supported by a signed letter from the partner confirming the type (cash, in-kind, etc.) and amount or value of the contribution. If the project match exceeds the 1:1 requirement, the budget must indicate how the additional funds/in-kind contributions will be used. Further information about eligible costs and cost-sharing requirements can be found in Chapter 5 of the LWCF Manual, 10 U.S.C. 2684a, and 2 C.F.R. 200.306.

**APPLICATION PACKETS AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS:** LWCF + REPI grant application packets and additional grant details may be obtained electronically at <https://floridadep.gov/Grants> or contacting Land and Recreation Grants Section staff via email at

Lauren.Cruz@floridadep.gov, by phone (850)245-2681 or U.S. Mail at Department of Environmental Protection, Land and Recreation Grants Section, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 585, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. See also, Fla. Stat. § 260.016, and F.A.C. Rule 62S-2 for specific application requirements, processing, and evaluation criteria.

APPLICATION WEBINAR: LWCF + REPI staff will host a webinar to assist potential grant applicants in understanding the application processes for both acquisition and acquisition/development combination projects.

DATE and TIME: March 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Interested parties may participate via GoToWebinar: Please register in advance at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1145577203877404505>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from [customercare@gotowebinar.com](mailto:customercare@gotowebinar.com) containing information about joining the webinar.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact Lauren Cruz at (850)245-2681, 850-245-2118 or [LEP@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:LEP@FloridaDEP.gov) at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

**BABCOCK RANCH COMMUNITY INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY BABCOCK RANCH COMMUNITY INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT**

In accordance with Chapter 2007-306, Laws of Florida, as amended, the Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District (“District”) hereby gives notice of its intention to develop amended and supplemented Schedule of Fees to the Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District Design and Specification Manual, Volume 1, 2 and 3 as well as fees associated with the right-of-way and stormwater acceptance process. The purpose and effect of the proposed rates, fees and charges is to provide for efficient and effective administration of District construction, maintenance and operations within the boundaries of the District.

It is anticipated that a public hearing will be conducted by the District on March 28, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Babcock Ranch Field House Cafeteria, 43281 Cypress Parkway, Babcock Ranch, Florida 33982.

Specific legal authority for the rule includes Chapter 2007-306, Laws of Florida, as amended, and section 120.054, Florida

Statutes. A copy of the proposed rates, fees and charges may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, Craig Wrathell, at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561)571-0010, or by visiting the District’s website at <http://www.babcockranchliving.com/153/Independent-Special-District>.

**Section XIII  
Index to Rules Filed During Preceding  
Week**

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it will be published on Wednesday of that week.