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Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

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Section II
Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-1.09401 Student Performance Standards

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To revise Florida's state academic standards for science. Districts will update learning and instruction to reflect the newly revised Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards for Science.

SUMMARY: This amendment includes revisions to Florida's state academic standards for science.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this rule 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 or business competitiveness, or increase regulatory costs or any other factor set forth in s. 120.541(2), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. This is based on the nature of the proposed rule and past experience when academic standards and course requirements were revised.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1003.41(4), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.03, 1003.41, F.S.

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

DATE AND TIME: December 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m. CT

PLACE: Bay District Schools, 1311 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jennifer Infinger, Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support, (850)245-0078 or Jennifer.Infinger@fldoe.org.

THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-1.09401 Student Performance Standards.

(1) Student Performance Standards in Florida are defined as state academic standards and establish the core content of the curricula to be taught and specify the core content knowledge and skills that K-12 public school students are expected to acquire. The state academic standards are rigorous and reflect the knowledge and skills students need for success in college and careers. The standards and benchmarks describe what students should know and be able to do at grade level progression for kindergarten to grade 8 and in grade bands for grade levels 9-12. The access points contained in the state academic standards provide access to the general education standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. These standards, benchmarks, and access points are contained in the following publications which are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Florida's B.E.S.T. Science ~~State Academic~~ Standards – 2026 ~~Science, 2016~~ (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20438 ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06754~~),

(d) through (q) No change.

Copies of these publications may be obtained from the Division of Public Schools, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(2) through (4) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1003.41(4) FS. Law Implemented 1001.03, 1003.41 FS. History–New 6-18-96, Amended 9-28-99, 3-1-07, 7-25-07, 11-25-07, 4-14-08, 9-22-08, 2-1-09, 1-6-10, 9-5-10, 2-8-11, 3-25-14, 7-22-14, 3-23-16, 6-23-16, 3-26-20, 8-27-20, 8-26-21, 5-3-22, 4-25-23, 5-23-23, 6-27-23, 8-22-23, 7-2-24, 8-27-24, 9-23-25, 12-21-25, 2-24-26, 3-26-26, 5-21-26, 8-3-26,

Florida's State Academic Standards – Science are being substantially reworded. See http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06754 for present text.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Paul Burns

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Henry Mack

DATE PROPOSED RULE WAS APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 20, 2026
DATE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 14, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
State Board of Education

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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To adopt the secondary and postsecondary career education programs prescribed in Sections 1004.92 and 1011.80, Florida Statutes, and listed as follows: "Health Science," "Information Technology," and "Transportation, Distribution & Logistics," all of which fall under the umbrella of the "Career and Technical Education Programs, Academic Year 2026-2027."
SUMMARY: 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.
SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:
The Agency has determined that this rule 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 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 rule is not expected to have any adverse impact one economic growth or business competitiveness, increased regulatory cost, or any other factor set forth in s. 120.541(2), F.S. This is based on the nature of the rule and previous experience in updating these frameworks.
Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication 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: December 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m. CT
PLACE: Bay District Schools, 1311 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401
THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Dr. Mark Baird, Associate Vice Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education, (850)245-9908, Mark.Baird@fldoe.org

THE 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://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19530) Effective June 2026,"
"Architecture & Construction (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19531) Effective June 2026,"
"Arts, A/V Technology & Communication (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19532) Effective June 2026,"
"Business, Management & Administration (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19533) Effective June 2026,"
"Education & Training (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19534) Effective June 2026,"
"Energy (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19535) Effective June 2026,"
"Finance (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19536) Effective June 2026,"
"Government & Public Administration

(http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19537) Effective June 2026,"
"Health Science (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20427 ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19538~~) Effective January 2027 ~~June 2026~~,"
"Hospitality & Tourism (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19539) Effective June 2026,"
"Human Services (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19540) Effective June 2026,"
"Information Technology (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20428 ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19541~~) Effective January 2027 ~~June 2026~~,"
"Law, Public Safety & Security (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19542) Effective June 2026,"
"Manufacturing (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19543) Effective June 2026,"
"Marketing, Sales & Service (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19544) Effective June 2026,"
"Engineering and Technology Education (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19545) Effective June 2026,"
"Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20429 ~~http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19546~~) Effective January 2027 ~~June 2026~~,"
"Additional CTE Programs/Courses (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19547) Effective June 2026," and
"Adult General Education (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19548) Effective June 2026."
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 https://origin.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/curriculum-frameworks/ and https://origin.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/adult-edu/.
(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, 1004.92(b)4. 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, 4-30-24, 9-24-24, 12-24-24, 5-13-25, 12-21-25, 6-17-26, Technical Change 6-19-26, Amended .

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Ashley Meros
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Henry Mack
DATE PROPOSED RULE WAS APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 20, 2026
DATE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 26, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
6A-10.0821	Safety Requirements for District Postsecondary Technical Colleges or Career Centers, Charter Technical Career Centers, and Adult Secondary Education

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To establish safety and security requirements for district-operated postsecondary technical colleges or career centers, charter technical career centers, and adult secondary education.
SUMMARY: To allow agencies to have continuity between the school safety requirements applicable to district postsecondary technical colleges or career centers, charter technical career centers, and adult secondary education.
SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:
The Agency has determined that this rule 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 economical growth business competitive, or any other factors linked in s. 120.541(2)(e), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. No increase in regulatory costs is anticipated as a result of this rule. This is based on the nature of the proposed rule and previous experiences with similar requirements.
Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal

for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.
RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1003.25(2), (4), 1006.601(5), F.S.
LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.44, 1002.34, 1003.25, 1004.93, 1006.601, F.S.
A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:
DATE AND TIME: December 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m. CT
PLACE: Bay District Schools, 1311 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401
THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Dr. Mark Baird, Associate Vice Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education, (850)245-9908, Mark.Baird@fldoe.org

THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-10.0821 Safety Requirements for District Postsecondary Technical Colleges or Career Centers, Charter Technical Career Centers, and Adult Secondary Education.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to establish requirements relating to safety, security, threat management, emergency preparedness, reporting, training, and compliance monitoring for public postsecondary workforce education providers pursuant to Section 1006.601, F.S., including district technical colleges, charter technical career centers, and district-operated adult general education programs.

(2) Definitions.

(a) "Active assailant" means any individual actively engaged in killing, attempting to kill, or posing an immediate and ongoing threat to kill or seriously injure persons in a public postsecondary educational institution setting.

(b) "Adult general education" means a district-operated adult education program that offers services as defined in Section 1004.93, F.S.

(c) "Campus" means any facility, site, center, branch, instructional location, or other real property owned, leased, operated, or controlled by a district school board or by a charter technical career center for the delivery of postsecondary workforce education.

(d) "Certified guardian" means an employee of a school district or charter technical career center, excluding students, who has been certified pursuant to Section 30.15(1)(k), F.S., and appointed to serve in a guardian capacity under Section 1006.601(2), F.S.

(e) "Charter technical career center" has the same definition as in Section 1002.34(3)(a), F.S.

(f) "District technical college" means a career center operated by a district school board pursuant to Section 1001.44, F.S., that offers postsecondary career and technical education or adult workforce education.

(g) "Division" means the Division of Career and Adult Education within the Florida Department of Education.

(h) "Education records" means records that are directly related to a student and that are maintained by an educational agency or institution or a party acting for or on behalf of the agency or institution, as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and 34 C.F.R. Part 99.

(i) "Florida Harm Prevention and Threat Management Model" or "Florida Model" means the Florida-specific behavioral threat management process used in K-12 public schools pursuant to Rule 6A-1.0019, F.A.C.

(j) "Florida Postsecondary Threat Management Protocol" or "Florida Postsecondary Protocol" means the threat management process and required documentation for threat management outlined in Rule 6A-14.012, F.A.C., wherein threats and reports of concerning behaviors or concerning communications are categorized as having a low, medium, or high level of concern.

(k) "Institution Safety Contact" means each district or charter career center's current employee who is the first person to report or to be contacted regarding campus safety threats or regarding compliance with this rule.

(l) "Public Safety Agency" has the same meaning as provided in Section 365.171(3)(d), F.S.

(m) "School district" or "district" means a Florida school district or district school board that operates a district technical college or provides adult general education.

(n) "Threat management" means the multipart process by which districts identify individuals exhibiting threatening or other concerning behavior, assess the risk of harm, and coordinate appropriate interventions and services for such individuals.

(o) "Triager" or "Triage team" means the person or team responsible for initial review of all reports of concerning behavior, concerning communication, or threats, no matter how initially received, and triaging those reports to the appropriate team within the district that is best equipped to handle the issue.

(p) "Violence" means an act or attempted act of force, threat, intimidation, harassment, stalking, assault, battery, weapons offense, or other conduct that poses a threat to the safety or well-being of students, faculty, staff, or visitors.

(3) Response Plans. Each district school board must adopt the following response plans, which may be included as a clearly delineated portion of its emergency preparedness plan or as a stand-alone plan, if it expressly addresses the technical college or adult education campuses:

(a) An active assailant response plan, which establishes procedures for immediate response to an active assailant incident, that:

1. Requires all faculty, staff, and students to annually complete active assailant preparedness training appropriate for their role;

2. Identifies personnel authorized to issue emergency alerts specifically by position title;

3. Provides procedures for evacuation, lockdown, shelter-in-place, incident command, communication, and post-incident recovery; and

4. Includes an emergency notification process, which, at a minimum, describes methods for issuing emergency notifications to the campus community on active threats and crimes considered to be a threat to students, faculty, and staff, as required by 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(3). The process must identify all personnel responsible for issuing such emergency notifications. Notifications must be provided in a manner that is timely, that withholds the names of victims as confidential, and that will aid in the prevention of similar occurrences.

(b) In cooperation with local law enforcement agencies and local government, a family reunification plan to reunite students and employees with their families in the event that an institution is closed or unexpectedly evacuated due to a natural or manmade disaster.

(4) Florida Postsecondary Threat Management Protocol (Florida Postsecondary Protocol). Each district school board must adopt policies and procedures for threat assessment as follows.

(a) Threat Management. The district must establish a Threat Management Team ("TMT") whose duties include the coordination of resources and assessment and intervention with students whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of the district technical college or adult education center, staff, or other students. Districts that have both technical colleges and adult education centers may opt to have one TMT that covers all postsecondary workforce education. Each TMT must be comprised of four (4) members ("Core Four"), at a minimum, including an administrator, a sworn law enforcement officer, a student services or counseling team member, and a member with expertise in instruction, which may be a faculty member or department head. The district school safety specialist is responsible for appointing TMT members.

1. If none of the team members are familiar with the student of concern, the TMT must attempt to consult with someone who is familiar with the student, whether on or off campus, to provide background information to the TMT. Consulting individuals do not have to complete Florida Postsecondary Protocol training and must not participate in the decision-making process.

2. For the 2026-2027 school year, TMT members must be appointed no later than January 15, 2027. Thereafter, TMT members must be appointed prior to the start of the fall term each year.

3. The school safety specialist must also designate a triager or triage team to receive, review, and triage all reports of concerning behavior, concerning communication, or threats, no matter how initially received. The triager will document basic information about the reported concern or threat and will determine if the report has a factual basis and whether it should be referred to the TMT or to another campus team, depending on the type of harm or risk. Those responsible for triage may be members of the TMT or may be separate, but must receive Florida Postsecondary Protocol training, as required by paragraph (4)(d).

4. An additional administrator, who is not part of the TMT, must be assigned to review and approve completed threat management documentation, including the final level of concern and disposition of the case. Administrators assigned to this reviewer role must receive Florida Postsecondary Protocol training, as required by paragraph (4)(d).

(b) Protocol. Each TMT must use the Florida Postsecondary Protocol process outlined in Rule 6A-14.012, F.A.C., to assess and document the behavior of students who may pose a threat of harm to others and to coordinate intervention and services for such students. All reported threats or concerning behaviors and communications, even those determined to be unfounded, must be documented, along with any resultant action.

(c) Meetings. At a minimum, the Core Four members of each TMT must meet as often as needed for the TMT to fulfill its duties, but no less than monthly. Institutions must adopt policies requiring TMTs to maintain documentation of their meetings, including meeting dates, team members in attendance, cases discussed, and actions taken. If the TMT has no active cases to discuss, they must document any other items discussed at their meeting and may use the time to discuss matters referred to other teams for response, to review patterns and clusters of reported behaviors, or to engage in additional training and tabletop exercises.

(d) Training. All assigned members of the TMT and those responsible for triage and final administrative review must receive initial training in the Florida Postsecondary Protocol, including information from the Florida Model that is appropriate for postsecondary review of records received from K-12 schools. For the 2026-2027 school year, training must be completed no later than April 30, 2027, with annual initial or refresher training, as appropriate, required thereafter prior to the start of fall term.

(e) K-12 Students in Career and Adult Education Courses. If the student of concern is a career dual enrollment student or

is a shared or co-enrolled K-12 student from a Florida public school, and the threatening or concerning behavior occurs on a technical college or adult education campus or in a technical college or adult education class, the technical college or adult education center must refer the matter to the student's K-12 school for the school to conduct the threat assessment and manage the student using the Florida Model with consultation from the technical college or adult education TMT. If the student was dual enrolled and the technical college determines that the student may no longer participate in dual enrollment, the student's K-12 school will determine next steps for student support.

(5) Student Mental Health and Behavioral Health Supports. Each district school board must adopt policies and procedures to support student mental health and behavioral health intervention, including:

(a) Required training for faculty to learn how to detect and respond to students exhibiting behavioral health concerns, including institution-specific direction for faculty on where to refer students with mental or behavioral health concerns;

(b) Procedures to connect students to institutional and community-based behavioral health services, including crisis intervention; and

(c) Posting and maintaining on its website and in conspicuous locations on each campus a mental health awareness and suicide prevention notice as specified in Section 1006.601(4), F.S.

(6) Student, Faculty, and Staff Victim Supports. Each district school board must adopt policies and procedures to support students, faculty, and staff who are victims of violence, attempted violence, or credible threats as defined in Section 784.048(1)(c), F.S.

(a) Such policies must include available support measures and procedures for timely communication and status updates to the affected person or persons regarding institution actions.

(b) Such policies may include, and are not limited to, options for work or class relocation, security escorts, and restrictions on access to campus locations by individuals who pose a threat.

(7) Florida Postsecondary Risk Assessment.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (7)(c), each school district that operates a technical college or provides adult general education, in collaboration with appropriate public safety agencies, must annually conduct a security risk assessment for each technical college and adult education site using the Florida Postsecondary Security Risk Assessment. Documented findings must be used by each institution to identify risks, vulnerabilities, and corrective actions; prioritize security improvements; and inform institutional safety planning and funding requests.

(b) In accordance with Section 119.071(3)(a), F.S., data and information related to the Florida Postsecondary Security Risk Assessment is confidential and exempt from public records requirements.

(c) District technical colleges or adult education centers that are co-located with a K-12 public school campus and are included in the K-12 School Security Risk Assessment required by Section 1006.07(6)(a)4., F.S., and paragraph 6A-1.0018(14)(c), F.A.C., do not have to complete the Florida Postsecondary Security Risk Assessment. Districts that meet this exception must notify the Division at DCAEsafety@fldoe.org by October 1 each year.

(d) Beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year, the security risk assessment must be submitted to the Division of Career and Adult Education no later than April 30, 2026. Beginning in the 2027-2028 academic year, the security risk assessment must be submitted to the Division no later than October 1 each year.

(8) Mobile Suspicious Activity Reporting Tool. Each district school board must implement a mobile suspicious activity reporting tool that allows students and the community to relay information anonymously concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities, to appropriate public safety agencies and school officials. Institutions may use FortifyFL for this purpose pursuant to Section 943.082, F.S. Institutions must promote the use of their adopted mobile suspicious activity reporting tool(s) by:

(a) Advertising the tool on the institution website;

(b) Installing the tool on institution-issued mobile devices; and

(c) Bookmarking or otherwise prominently linking the tool on institution-maintained computer devices.

(9) Guardian Program. School districts that operate a technical college or provide adult general education and charter technical career centers may participate in the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program ("Guardian Program") pursuant to Sections 30.15(1)(k) and 1006.601(2), F.S. An institution that elects to participate in the Guardian Program must:

(a) Adopt institutional policies governing appointment, supervision, and deployment of certified school guardians;

(b) Ensure each guardian is certified in accordance with Section 30.15(1)(k), F.S.;

(c) Ensure each guardian is appointed by the superintendent or equivalent;

(d) Maintain documentation of appointment, certification, annual qualification, and separation;

(e) Report required guardian data in the manner and timeline prescribed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and

(f) If contracting with a law enforcement agency for guardian training, provide required notice to the sheriff in the institution's county prior to execution of the contract.

(10) Threat Management Records. Threat management records include all corresponding documentation related to the reporting, evaluation, intervention, and management of threat assessment evaluations and intervention services. Threat management records also include psychological evaluations, therapeutic treatment plans, and therapy or progress notes, if those records are documented as evidence in or otherwise made a part of a threat assessment. Each district school board that operates a technical college or provides adult general education must adopt procedures for the secure receipt, handling, access, retention, and disclosure of threat management records that are consistent with FERPA and that include the following:

(a) Receipt and review of threat management records from K-12 schools. Procedures must include:

1. A process by which threat management records are requested from the school district where a student last attended or is currently attending if dual enrolled. Requests for threat management records must be made after enrollment. Upon availability, such requests to a district must be made through the Florida Safety and Threat Management Portal;

2. A process for review of K-12 threat management records that includes prioritization of student records based on the level of concern and recency of their threat assessment; and

3. A process for review of psychological evaluations, therapeutic treatment plans, and therapy or progress notes received from K-12 schools. Review of these records must be handled by appropriate staff with a legitimate educational interest in the records. These records must not be shared with the institution's disability services office, unless authorized by the student.

(b) Retention of K-12 records. Institutions are not responsible for maintaining copies of K-12 threat management records, as they will continue to be maintained in the Florida Safety and Threat Management Portal pursuant to Rules 6A-1.0019 and 6A-1.0955, F.A.C. If an institution attaches or otherwise incorporates copies of K-12 threat management records into a threat assessment being completed at the postsecondary level, the postsecondary threat management records must be maintained in accordance with paragraph (10)(e).

(c) Receipt and review of postsecondary threat management records. Procedures must include:

1. A process by which threat management records are requested from other postsecondary institutions, including state colleges and state universities upon enrollment at a district technical college, charter technical career center, or in adult education; and

2. A process for review of postsecondary threat management records, that includes prioritization of student records based on the level of concern and recency of their threat assessment.

(d) Transfer of postsecondary records. Procedures must include a process for securely transferring threat management records within five (5) business days to school districts, charter technical career centers, state colleges and state universities, upon request. Postsecondary psychological evaluations, therapeutic treatment plans, and therapy or progress notes are only transferred when they are documented as evidence in or otherwise made a part of a threat assessment.

(e) Retention of postsecondary records. Postsecondary threat management records must be maintained for a minimum of ten (10) years.

(11) When a district technical college or adult education center shares a campus, facility, or instructional space with a K-12 school, the district school board must establish written policies that prioritize coordinated campus safety and clearly identify the safety requirements applicable to each population. Such policies must minimize duplicative actions across both campuses, where possible.

(12) Charter Technical Career Centers. Each school district, Florida College System institution, or consortium that sponsors a charter technical career center must ensure that the safety requirements set forth in subsections (3)-(10) and (14) are met. If not sponsored by a school district, duties imposed on the district school board apply to the college board of trustees or other entity that functions in place of a school board. Duties assigned to a district school superintendent apply to the college president or the chief executive officer or administrator with general oversight authority for the school, including oversight of the administrator identified in subsection (13) responsible for overall implementation of this rule.

(13) Designated Safety Contact. The district school superintendent must designate an individual responsible for implementing this rule for each technical college and adult education center. The designee may be the district school safety specialist required by Section 1006.07(6)(a), F.S., or another administrator. By August 15 of each year, each district must report the name, phone number, and email address for their Safety Contact to the Division at DCAEsafety@fldoe.org. If the Safety Contact changes during the year, the institution must notify the Division within two business days.

(14) Reporting Requirements.

(a) By October 1 of each year, each school district must submit reports and certifications in the manner and format prescribed by the Division, including:

1. Annual certification that all employees and students have completed active assailant preparedness training;

2. Annual certification that the district school board has approved the active assailant response plan;

3. Annual certification that the district school board has approved the family reunification plan;

4. Annual certification that the threat management process has been reviewed, the members have been designated and trained, and individuals eligible to review student threat assessment records have been designated and trained; and

5. The annual Florida Postsecondary Security Risk Assessment pursuant to subsection (7) of this rule.

(b) For the 2026-2027 academic year, the reporting required under paragraph (a) must be submitted by April 30, 2026.

(15) Corrective Action and Enforcement.

(a) School districts must maintain sufficient records demonstrating that requirements of this rule have been met and must provide such records to the Division upon request.

(b) If the Division determines a district is not in compliance with applicable law or this rule, the Division shall notify the district and may require corrective action.

(c) Compliance with safety requirements set forth in Florida Statutes and this rule is subject to enforcement by the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education using mechanisms provided in Section 1008.32, F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1003.25(2), (4), 1006.601(5) FS. Law Implemented 1001.44, 1002.34, 1003.25, 1004.93, 1006.601 FS. History-New

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Ashley Meros

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Henry Mack

DATE PROPOSED RULE WAS APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 20, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 28, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-23.004 Standards of Apprenticeship

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To incorporate by reference templates for the standards of apprenticeship, requirements for apprenticeship sponsors, and related appendices in accordance with 29 C.F.R. Parts 29 and 30. The effect is to increase registered apprenticeship programs.

SUMMARY: New registered apprenticeship program sponsors will need to use new standardized forms as directed by this rule.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this rule 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 rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth or business competitiveness, increase regulatory costs, or any other factor set forth in s. 120.541(2), F.S. This is based on the nature of the rule and previous experience updating apprenticeship requirements.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 446.032(1), 446.041(13), 1002.02(1), (2)(n), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 446.032, 446.041, 446.071, 446.075, F.S.

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

DATE AND TIME: December 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m., CT

PLACE: Bay District Schools, 1311 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32401

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Dr. Mark Baird, Associate Vice Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education, (850)245-9908, Mark.Baird@fldoe.org

THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-23.004 Standards of Apprenticeship.

An apprenticeship program, to be eligible for approval and registration by the Department, must conform to the following Standards of Apprenticeship:

(1) No change.

(2) The program standards must contain provisions that address:

(a) through (r) No change.

(s) Authority for the cancellation of an apprenticeship agreement during the probationary period by either party without stated cause. Cancellation during the probationary period will not have an adverse impact on the sponsor's completion rate. Sponsors must notify the Department within forty-five (45) days of cancellation.

(t) through (v) No change.

(w) Provision for a participating employer's agreement: –

1. No change.

2. The program sponsor shall notify the Department within forty-five (45) days of any change in the status of each participating employer within the program. Where the program sponsor uses a participating employers' agreement, a copy of the agreement and the cancellation thereof, shall be furnished to the Department which will satisfy the requirements of this subsection;

(x) No change.

(y) All apprenticeship standards must ~~contain articles necessary to~~ comply with ~~Title~~ 29 C.F.R. Parts ~~Part~~ 29~~,~~ and ~~Title 29 C.F.R. Part~~ 30~~,~~ ~~Title 29 C.F.R. Parts 29 (effective October 29, 2008) (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10514) and 30 (effective December 19, 2016) (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10515) are hereby incorporated by reference. A copy of the C.F.R. provisions may be obtained by contacting Apprenticeship Programs, Division of Career and Adult Education, Department of Education, 325 W. Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.~~

(3) Beginning January 20, 2027, all apprenticeship program sponsors applying for registration with the Department must complete the Registered Apprenticeship Standards, Work Process Schedule and Related Technical Instruction Outline, and Participating Employer Agreement, which contain the required elements described in subsection (1) of this rule.

(4) Apprenticeship programs registered prior to January 20, 2027, must update their Registered Apprenticeship Standards, Work Process Schedule and Related Technical Instruction Outline, and Participating Employer Agreement when the sponsor initiates a program amendment in consultation with the program's assigned Apprenticeship Training Representative (ATR).

(5) All registered apprenticeship program sponsors must operate their programs in accordance with the Florida Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors. Failure to comply with the Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors and Registered Apprenticeship Standards are grounds for program deregistration pursuant to Rule 6A-23.006, F.A.C.

(6) The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400.

(a) Registered Apprenticeship Standards (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20430), effective January 2027.

(b) Appendix A – Work Process Schedule and Related Technical Instruction Outline (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20431), effective January 2027.

(c) Participating Employer Agreement (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20432), effective January 2027.

(d) Florida Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors (http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20433), effective January 2027.

Rulemaking Authority 446.032(1), 446.041(13), 1001.02(1), (2)(n) FS. Law Implemented 446.032, 446.041, 446.071, 446.075 FS. History–New 6-9-81, Amended 7-10-83, Formerly 38C-16.04, Amended 5-29-90, Formerly 38C-16.004, 38H-16.004, Amended 3-29-11, 6-25-19, 12-24-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Ashley Meros

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Henry Mack

DATE PROPOSED RULE WAS APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 20, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 26, 2026

Section III
Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
18-21.021 Applications for Aquacultural Activities

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following technical change has been made to the above rule:

18-21.021 Applications for Aquacultural Activities.

(1) Aquaculture lease application and review process.

(a) No change.

(b) The Application for a State Owned Sovereignty Submerged Land Aquaculture Lease (FDACS 15102, Rev. 09/20) is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and may be obtained on the Internet at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13090, or by writing to the Division of Aquaculture at 600 S. Calhoun Street, Suite 217, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(c) through (t) No change.

(u) Requests to renew leases shall be made on the Application to Renew an Aquaculture Lease Shellfish (FDACS 15160, Rev. 06/16) or Application to Renew an Aquaculture Lease Live Rock (FDACS 15412, Rev. 06/17). Applications to sublease shall be made on the Application for Sublease of Sovereignty Submerged Land Aquaculture Lease (FDACS 15114, Rev. 08/16 ~~08/16/09~~). Applications for transferring leases shall be made on Assignment and Assumption of Lease

(FDACS 15113, Rev. 04/14). The applications listed in this paragraph are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and may be obtained on the Internet at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10255, http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10260 and http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10261, or by writing to the Division of Aquaculture at 600 S. Calhoun Street, Suite 217, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(2) through (4) No change.

(5) Aquaculture management agreement applications and review process.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) Applications for aquaculture management agreements shall be submitted, using the Application for Sovereignty Submerged Lands Aquaculture Lease (FDACS 15102, Rev. 09/20 ~~08/16~~).

(e) through (f) No change.

(6) through (7) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 253.03(7) FS. Law Implemented 253.002, 253.04, 253.67-.75, 253.77, 373.427(2)(a), 597.010 FS. History–New 9-1-09, Amended 7-10-19, 6-10-21, Technical Change 11-23-26.

The following corrections were made to FDACS 15102, Application for a State Owned Sovereignty Submerged Land Aquaculture Lease:

A typographical error is being corrected in the revision date included on the form.

The following corrections were made to FDACS 15114, Application for Sublease of Sovereignty Submerged Land Aquaculture Lease:

A typographical error is being corrected in the revision date included on the form.

DEPARTMENT OF CITRUS

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
20-7.002 Request Procedure and Conditions
NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 52 No. 217, November 6, 2026, issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The following information is corrected to read as follows:

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this rule 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 relief upon and described herein: The Department used a checklist to conduct an economic analysis and determine if there is an adverse impact or regulatory costs associated with this rule that exceeds the economic criteria in section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. Based upon this analysis, the Department has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification.

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

Notice of Correction Text:

20-7.002 Request Procedure and Conditions.

(1) Any not-for-profit corporation meeting the requirements of Section 601.992, F.S., may request the Department to consider the issuance of an order to require licensed citrus fruit dealers to collect and remit dues, contributions, or other financial payments on behalf of that corporation pursuant to this Chapter 20-7, F.A.C. Such request shall be initiated by the requesting corporation submitting a written request, which request shall be executed by the president of the corporation under penalty of perjury as outlined in Section 837.06, F.S., and shall contain affirmations and, where applicable, proof or descriptions, as to each of the following:

(a) through (g) No change

(h) A statement affirming that the requesting corporation has at least 2,500 members who are engaged in growing citrus in Florida for commercial sale;

(i) through (l) No change.

(2) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 601.10(1), 601.992, ~~837.06~~ FS. Law Implemented 601.992 FS. History–New 1-15-07, Amended ____.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Construction Industry Licensing Board

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61G4-15.0022 Qualification of Joint Ventures
NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following technical change has been made to the above rule:

61G4-15.0022 Qualification of Joint Ventures.

(1) No Change.

(2) A joint venture, one or more of whose participants are not licensed contractors under Chapter 489, Part I, F.S., may

submit a bid on a construction project under the following circumstances:

(a) Through (d) No Change.

(e) If the joint venture is awarded the contract, the licensed contractor must qualify the joint venture within ninety ~~ninty~~ (90) days.

(3) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 489.119 FS. Law Implemented 489.105(3), (6), 489.119 FS. History–New 5-7-84, Amended 8-12-84, Formerly 21E-15.022, 21E-15.0022, Amended 7-18-94, 12-13-09, Technical Change 11-23-26.

Section IV
Emergency Rules

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Food Safety

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

5KER26-16 Requirement to Label Kratom Products

SPECIFIC FACTS AND REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE: On August 18, 2026, the Attorney General of Florida adopted Emergency Rule 2ER26-2, superseding Emergency Rule 2ER26-1 and providing that when 7-Hydroxymitragynine is concentrated at a level above 1,000 parts per million (1 mg/g for powders and solids or 1mg/mL for liquids) or when the product contains less than 100 parts of mitragynine per 1 part of 7-Hydroxymitragynine (alkaloid ratio), it is a Schedule I Controlled Substance as provided in subsection 893.03(1)(a), Florida Statutes. Kratom Products are food products sold in Florida that may contain 7-Hydroxymitragynine, including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers. In order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the Department is adopting the emergency rule to require labeling of Kratom Products that discloses the concentration of and alkaloid ratio for 7-Hydroxymitragynine, a compound commonly found in Kratom Products sold in Florida, and its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters and ethers in the product. Without this information clearly and conspicuously identified on the product label, consumers may not know how much of a potentially controlled substance they are consuming or that a product is adulterated, and businesses may not know whether they are buying and selling prohibited products. The emergency rule also reiterates that any controlled substance in a Kratom Product is an adulterant as provided in section 500.10, Florida Statutes.

REASONS FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE USED IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The Department finds the sale of Kratom Products in Florida containing 7-Hydroxymitragynine in high concentrations or imbalanced alkaloid ratios is an immediate danger to health, safety, or welfare as evidenced by the emergency scheduling of such substance as a drug by the Florida Attorney General. Adopting the emergency rule pursuant to procedures provided in section 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, is fair and justified because it provides at least the procedural protection given by other statutes, the State Constitution or the United States Constitution, takes only the actions necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring Kratom Products are properly labeled to put consumers on notice that the product contains certain compounds that are controlled substances in certain quantities or are adulterated, and addresses the immediate danger presented by certain Kratom Products to public health, safety and welfare by requiring disclosures on Kratom Products.

SUMMARY: Emergency Rule 2ER26-2, adopted by the Attorney General, makes certain amounts of 7-Hydroxymitragynine in Kratom Products a controlled substance. The rule provides labeling requirements for kratom products that inform consumers of the amount of 7-Hydroxymitragynine contained in the product.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Carson Zimmer, Carson.Zimmer@fdacs.gov; 3125 Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399; (850)245-5417

THE TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

5KER26-16 Requirement to Label Kratom Products.

(1) Kratom Products, as defined in Rule 5K-4.030, F.A.C., shall declare on the label the concentration of 7-Hydroxymitragynine - (methyl (E)-2-[(2S,3S,7aS,12bS)-3-ethyl-7a-hydroxy-8-methoxy-2,3,4,6,7,12b-hexahydro-1H-indolo[2,3-a]quinolizin-2-yl]-3-methoxyprop-2-enoate), including, when present in the Kratom Product, the isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation for each, expressed in milligrams per gram (mg/g) for solid or powdered Kratom Products and milligrams per milliliter (mg/mL) for liquid Kratom Products. The compound 7-Hydroxymitragynine shall be identified on the label as the concentration of "7-Hydroxymitragynine", "7-OH", or "7-Hydroxy". The concentration(s) of isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers shall be listed individually, if present.

(2) If the concentration(s) required in subsection (1) is/are below the method detection limit, the method detection limit shall be used as the stated concentration so long as the limit of quantitation or practical quantitation limit is below 1 mg/g or 1

mg/mL, for solids or liquids, respectively. If the concentration(s) is/are above the method detection limit, the actual concentration must be stated on the label. The method detection limit may be identified as the "method detection limit", "MDL", "Limit of Detection", or "LOD".

(3) Kratom Products shall declare the alkaloid ratio on the label. The alkaloid ratio is the mass, in milligrams, of mitragynine, to the mass, in milligrams, of 7-Hydroxymitragynine, including, when present in the Kratom Product, the isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, in the Kratom Product expressed in whole integral numbers. The alkaloid ratio is calculated as the mass of mitragynine present, divided by the mass of 7-OH including, when present in the Kratom Product, the mass of isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, in the Kratom Product. For example, a Kratom Product containing 2.0 mg of mitragynine and 0.02 mg of 7-Hydroxymitragynine would be calculated by dividing 2.0 mg mitragynine by 0.02 mg 7-OH and expressed as "Alkaloid Ratio 100 mg:1 mg". Standard rounding practices shall be used when determining the correct whole integral number.

(4) The concentration required by subsection (1) and the alkaloid ratio required by subsection (3) are required to be declared on Kratom Products, from manufacturing, through distribution, to retail sale.

(5) Labeling requirements. The concentration required in subsection (1) and the alkaloid ratio required by subsection (3):

(a) Shall be available to the customer prior to the purchase of the Kratom Product;

(b) Shall be permanently affixed to the Kratom Product package or container or available via a quick response code that is permanently affixed to the Kratom Product package or container;

(c) Shall be printed on the label or available via the quick response code in a clear and conspicuous manner, including using a color, type size, and contrasting background that render the information likely to be read and understood by the ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase and use;

(d) Shall not be provided by solely affixing the required information or quick response code to the bottom of the package or container; and

(e) When made available by quick response code, shall be made available in three or fewer steps.

(6) Controlled substances do not meet the definition of a Kratom Product as provided in s. 500.92, F.S., and Rule 5K-4.030, F.A.C., and are adulterants as provided in s. 500.10, F.S.

(7) The sale of Kratom Products in violation of Chapter 500, F.S., Rule 5K-4.030, F.A.C., or of this emergency rule shall be subject to penalties as provided in subsection 5K-4.030(5), F.A.C.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: November 23, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 500.09, 500.12, 500.92, 570.07(23) FS. Law Implemented 500.03, 500.04, 500.09, 500.10, 500.11, 500.12, 500.121, 500.13, 500.92, 500.172 FS. History–New 11-23-26.

THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.
EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/23/2026

NOTE: The full text of Emergency Rules that are currently in effect can be viewed by going to https://flrules.org/Notice/emergencyRules.asp.

Section V
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
Division of Hotels and Restaurants
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61C-4.010 Sanitation and Safety Requirements
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 20, 2026, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, received a petition for a An Emergency Variance from Masa01 LLC. located in Orlando.
Subparagraph 3-305.11(A)(2), 2017 FDA Food Code, Section 3-305.14, 2017 FDA Food Code, Section 6-202.15, 2017 FDA Food Code, Section 6-202.16, 2017 FDA Food Code, subsection 61C-4.010(1), Florida Administrative Code, and subsection 61C-4.010(6), Florida Administrative Code. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement for proper handling and dispensing of food. They are requesting to dispense bulk time/temperature control for safety foods from an open-air mobile food dispensing vehicle.
The Division of Hotels and Restaurants will accept comments concerning the Petition for 5 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received before 5:00 p.m.
A copy of the Petition may be obtained by contacting: Daisy.Aleman@myfloridalicense.com, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1011.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
Division of Hotels and Restaurants
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61C-4.010 Sanitation and Safety Requirements

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 20, 2026, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, received a petition for an Emergency Variance from Flight West Miami LLC located in South Miami.

Paragraph 61C-1.004(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, subsection 61C-4.010(7), Florida Administrative Code, subsection 61C-4.010(6), Florida Administrative Code, and Section 6-402.11, 2017 FDA Food Code. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement that at least one accessible bathroom on the same level be provided for use by customers and employees. They are requesting to utilize bathrooms located on a different level.

The Division of Hotels and Restaurants will accept comments concerning the Petition for 5 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m.

A copy of the Petition may be obtained by contacting: Daisy.Aleman@myfloridalicense.com, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1011.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G6-6.017 Examination Scores

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 06, 2026, the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, received a petition for a variance or waiver from Timothy Wills.

Petitioner is seeking a variance from subsection 61G6-6.017(1), F.A.C., which provides that test scores are valid for only 3 years. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition may be obtained by contacting: Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0791; (850)487-1395; Ruthanne.Christie@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B9-3.002 Qualifications for Examination

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 21, 2026, the Board of Nursing, received a petition for a variance or waiver from Anna Brungard.

Petitioner is requesting a variance or waiver from Rule 64B9-3.002, F.A.C., which states in part, for an applicant writing the examination for practical nurses on the basis of practical nursing education equivalency, a completed Practical Nurse Equivalence (PNEQ) Application Letter or an official certified transcript which sets forth graduation from an approved professional program is required.

A copy of the Petition may be obtained by contacting: Laura Jensen, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3252; MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Board of Nursing within 14 days of publication of this notice.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65C-46.011 Personnel and Staffing Requirements

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 20, 2026, the Department of Children and Families, issued an order closing Family Partnerships of Central Florida's request for a temporary waiver of subparagraph 65C-46.011(4)(a)7., Florida Administrative Code. Petitioner filed the request on November 9, 2026, and withdrew the request on November 18, 2026. Petitioner withdrew the request before notice was published in the Florida Administrative Register.

A copy of the Order may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe Street, Suite 400, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or Agency.Clerk@myflfamilies.com.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65C-46.011 Personnel and Staffing Requirements

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 20, 2026, the Department of Children and Families, issued an order closing the Devereux Foundation's request for a temporary waiver of subparagraph 65C-46.011(4)(a)7., Florida Administrative Code. Petitioner filed the request on November 9, 2026, and withdrew the request on November 16, 2026. The Notice of Petition for Waiver was published November 13, 2026, in Volume 52, Number 221 of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received.

A copy of the Order may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe Street, Suite 400, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or Agency.Clerk@myflfamilies.com.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of State Fire Marshal

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 19, 2026, the Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal (Department), Petitioner requested a waiver from the requirements of a statute, which the Department is not authorized to grant pursuant to Section 120.542(1), Florida Statutes. Because the Department is without authority to waive the requirements of a statute, the Petition is Denied.

A copy of the Order may be obtained by contacting: Sarah Marcos, Sarah.Marcos@myfloridacfo.com

Section VI
Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Historical Resources

The Division of Historical Resources announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 3, 2026, 12:00 noon - conclusion

PLACE: Mission San Luis, 2100 W Tennessee Street (alternately 2021 Mission Road), Tallahassee, Florida 32304, and via Zoom https://dos-myflorida.zoom.us/j/88607322998

Meeting ID: 886 0732 2998 Passcode: 427241

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Meeting of the Friends of Florida History, Inc., Citizen Support Organization

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Melissa Brock at (850)245-6449 or melissa.brock@dos.fl.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 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Melissa Brock at (850)245-6449 or melissa.brock@dos.fl.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).

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.

For more information, you may contact: Melissa Brock at (850)245-6449 or melissa.brock@dos.fl.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Aquaculture

The Division of Aquaculture announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 14, 2027, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 1911 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32608

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: At the meeting, Florida's Aquaculture Review Council will review and rank Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Statements of Interest, finalize the Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Full Proposal Instructions and make revisions to the Florida Aquaculture Plan and Research and Development Priorities.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Tara Lauder, Biological Administrator, (850)617-7600, ARC@FDACS.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 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Tara Lauder, Biological Administrator, (850)617-7600, ARC@FDACS.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).

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

The Division of Blind Services/Bureau of Business Enterprise announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 3, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Via Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2331239990418167?p=7WHGpeq2cAI1Y7lkjD

Meeting ID: 233 123 999 041 816 7

Passcode: 6Cb3h9eW

Dial in by phone

+1(850)583-5063, 887276048# United States, Tallahassee

Phone conference ID: 887 276 048#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion of agenda items for December Committee meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary Ellen Harding

maryellen.harding@dbs.fldoe.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 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Mary Ellen Harding

maryellen.harding@dbs.fldoe.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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For more information, you may contact: Mary Ellen Harding maryellen.harding@dbs.fldoe.org

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Division of Blind Services
The Division of Blind Services/Bureau of Business Enterprise announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: December 2, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Via Microsoft Teams meeting
Join:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/236545944779939 2?p=MRzXww6yvanqeuohqs
Meeting ID: 236 545 944 779 939 2
Passcode: Ex9KM9HG
Dial in by phone
+1(850)583-5063, 770797103# United States, Tallahassee
Phone conference ID: 770 797 103#
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Public Relations planning
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary Ellen Harding
maryellen.harding@DBS.fldoe.org
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maryellen.harding@DBS.fldoe.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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For more information, you may contact: Mary Ellen Harding maryellen.harding@DBS.fldoe.org

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's Nominating Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: December 10, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87672357820?pwd=OEWbUm9mR5geCZiNMPCDBwZbH6zdFp.1
Meeting ID: 876 7235 7820
Passcode: 885432
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To select the 2027 TBRPC Secretary/Treasurer position.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.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 4 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.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).
For more information, you may contact: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.org

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: December 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: City of Stuart Emergency Operations Center, 800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34994
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Treasure Coast Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold its quarterly meeting.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.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 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.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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For more information, you may contact: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.org

COMMISSION ON ETHICS
The Florida Commission on Ethics announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: Friday, December 4, 2026, 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: First District Court of Appeal, First Floor Conference Room, 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 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).

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WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Suwannee River Water Management District

The Suwannee River Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49 Live Oak, FL

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Governing Board Meeting, Public Hearings, and/or Committee Meetings. Consideration of Suwannee River Water Management District business. Information regarding viewing the meeting will be available on the District's website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com. NOTE: One or more Governing Board members may attend and participate in the meetings by means of communications media technology. The Suwannee River Water Management District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in any of its activities or programs, including any activity or program receiving assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency or programs covered by section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. The District has designated the following individual as its Civil Right Coordinator: District Ombudsman, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, Phone: (386)362-1001 Fax: (386)362-0418.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 (Florida only) or on the District's website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com, when published.

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: (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 (Florida only). 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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WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

St. Johns River Water Management District

The St. Johns River Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 8, 2026. 10:00 a.m., Governing Board meeting

PLACE: District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street (Hwy 100 West), Palatka, FL 32177

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion and consideration of District business including regulatory and non-regulatory matters. Staff may recommend approval of external amendments which affect the adopted budget.

NOTE: One or more Governing Board members may attend and participate in the meeting by means of communications media technology.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: St. Johns River Water Management District, Attention Heather Barnes, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177, or by phone at (386)329-4239, or by visiting the District's website at sjrwmd.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 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Civil Rights Coordinator at (386)329-4500. 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).

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Construction Industry Licensing Board

The Construction Industry Licensing Board announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, December 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at:

https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/231476159294081?p=e4wNBRCl6UepEMuz1K

Meeting ID: 231 476 159 294 081

Passcode: PY9Xf3kU

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1(213)458-8552

Phone conference ID: 661 479 720#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Continuing Education and Exams Committee of the Board

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jordan Jones, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1039, (850)717-1983 or online at

https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/construction-industry/board-meeting-information/

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 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Jordan Jones, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1039, (850)717-1983 or online at https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/construction-industry/board-meeting-information/. 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

Office of the Secretary

The Florida Greenways and Trails Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Virtual, Microsoft Teams: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2312287668217826?p=F0E8WoDv8oosSnrqLc

Meeting ID: 231 228 766 821 782 6, Passcode: Uo9zr2oA

Or +1(850)629-7330, passcode: 212214987#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Council will meet to conduct general business, vote on the adoption of updated bylaws, and hold an election for its next Chair and Vice Chair.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Delaney Goins, Office of Greenways and Trails, Division of Recreation and Parks, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 795, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, Delaney.A.Goins@FloridaDEP.gov, (850)245-3069.

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 DEP's Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting. If you have hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Dentistry

The Board of Dentistry Probable Cause Panel announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: CANCELLED November 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m., E.T.

PLACE: CANCELLED.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This notice will replace notice #31480882. This meeting has been CANCELLED .

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: N/A

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Medicine

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 16, 2026, 9:30 a.m., EDT, or soon thereafter.

PLACE: You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone through the following link: https://meet.goto.com/426560685. You may also join the meeting using your phone at the following number: (312)757-3121, access code: 426-560-685. 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 https://meet.goto.com/install.

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: Tamecia Blackman at (850)558-9895 or emailing her at Tamecia.Blackman.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: Tamecia Blackman at (850)558-9895 or emailing her at Tamecia.Blackman.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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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Medicine

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

DATE AND TIME: Friday, December 11, 2026, 2:30 p.m., ET, or soon thereafter.

PLACE: You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone through the following link: https://meet.goto.com/167078149. You may also join the meeting using your phone at the following number: (408)6500-3123, access code: 167-078-149. 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: Sheila Autrey at (850)558-9813 or emailing her at sheila.autrey@flhealth.gov.

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For more information, you may contact: Sheila Autrey at (850)558-9813 or emailing her at sheila.autrey@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Florida Department of Children and Families announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 18, 2027, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: https://meet.goto.com/654295517 You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 654-295-517 United States: +1(872)240-3212

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Department will post notice of any changes or additional meetings within VIP. Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. Introductions

II. Opening of Responses

III. Adjournment

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: joshua.burns@myflfamilies.com

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For more information, you may contact: joshua.burns@myflfamilies.com

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FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 10, 2026, 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time

PLACE: Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The workshop will also be available by webinar. The registration information for the webinar will be posted to the following website once available:

https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/2027/2027-220

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This workshop will discuss Request for Applications (RFA) 2027-220 Manufactured Housing Pilot Program with the opportunity for the public to provide comments and suggestions.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Bryan Barber (850)488-4197.

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BROWARD COLLEGE

The District Board of Trustees of Broward College announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 1, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Willis Holcombe Center, 111 East Las Olas Boulevard, Room 1208, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The District Board of Trustees of Broward College, Florida will hold its regular meeting. The purpose of the regular meeting is

for the Board of Trustees, the legal governing body, to conduct public business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: https://public.onboardmeetings.com/Organization/nRXYfuAkmbKiT4aBzQa%2F8%2F02PNh5QgTHuSSq1R%2FHKewA

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: Associate Vice President, Institutional Accessibility & ADA Coordinator at (954)201-6527 or email adacoordinator@broward.edu. 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: Board Clerk, at (954)201-7639 or email legalservices@broward.edu

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Consor North America

The Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority in cooperation with Florida Department of Transportation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: In person: Tuesday, December 1, 2026, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; In person: Thursday, December 3, 2026, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Virtually: Tuesday, December 8, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PLACES: December 1st: Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL 33578

December 3rd: Caloosa Golf & Country Club, 2115 Caloosa Blvd, Sun City Center, FL 33573

December 8th: GoTo Webinar: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6548501498732815961

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The meetings are being held to present information to and receive further public input from interested persons regarding the US 301 Study, which covers approximately 17 miles of US 301, from north of State Road 674 (Sun City Center Boulevard) to the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway (SR 618). The study is evaluating opportunities to improve mobility, enhance safety, reduce congestion, and accommodate future growth along this important corridor. Meeting materials will be available at the in-person meetings and for review and comment online. Comments are welcome at any time throughout the study process. However, to allow the study to continue moving forward, comments should be received or postmarked by December 18, 2026. Citizens may view and comment on all meeting materials online at the project website: www.selmonstudies.com/us-301-study. The Florida Department of Transportation may adopt this planning product into the environmental review process, pursuant to Title 23 USC § 168 (d) or the state project development process.

Comuniquese con nosotros

Si usted tiene preguntas o commentarios o si simplemente desea mas informacion sobre este proyecto, favor de ponerse en contacto con la señora Kris Carson al teléfono (813)272-6740 o correo electrónico Kris.Carson@Tampa-xway.com.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: NA

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: Kris Carson at Kris.Carson@Tampa-xway.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: THEA at (813)272-6740 or US301study@tampa-xway.com.

Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board has received the petition for declaratory statement from New Construction Co, LLC filed on September 28, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Chapter 489, Part II, F.S. as it applies to the petitioner. Petitioner is seeking a declaratory statement answering a series of questions which concern its particular proposed activities involving, among other things, marketing, customer acquisition, contractor-matching, and serving as a business-support network for licensed contractors. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director, Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0751, (850)487-1395, or by electronic mail - Ruthanne.Christie@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61G20-2.005 Alternative Plans Review and Inspection forms Adopted
NOTICE OF DISPOSITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Building Commission has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by My Amelia, Inc., on August 03, 2026.
The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition: Petitioner requested answers to the following questions, based upon the project described within its petition: 1. Does the addition of the word “explicit” to 553.791(2)(a) have any impact on the previously adopted Form 61G20-2.005-2.002-01 to provide a Notice to Building Official? 2. Is a separate owner authorization required if the fee owner signs the Commission’s Notice to Building Official Form 61G20-2.005-2.002-01? 3. Is the fee owner authorization required to include the scope of contractor’s work (similar to a Notice of Commencement) in order to be “explicit” under §553.791(2)(a)? 4. Are there any restrictions related to the method of execution for the explicit fee owner authorization, such as original wet-ink signatures, under oath, or notarization? 5. When registering under §553.791(4) is a Duly Authorized Representative for a Private Provider required to submit photo ID, residential address or date of birth? 6. Is a private provider still required to resubmit copies of the Duly Authorized Representative information and Certificate of Insurance with each NTBO? On October 13, 2026, the Commission provided the following answers: In response to Petitioner’s first question, Form 61G20-2.005-2.002-01 remains in effect, but, as noted in the notice of development published on July 27, 2026, in volume 52/144 of the Florida Administrative Register, rule 61G20-2.005, Florida Administrative Code, is currently under development in response to the identified statutory changes. In response to Petitioner’s second through sixth questions, the Commission is without jurisdiction to furnish an answer.
A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk’s Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)921-0342, AGC.Filing@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
Florida Building Commission
NOTICE OF DECLINATION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Building Commission has declined to rule on the petition for declaratory statement filed by Michael Price on August 26, 2026.
The following is a summary of the agency's declination of the petition: Petitioner presented the following questions: 1. Under the version of section 553.791 applicable to Petitioner's circumstances, where a qualified Private Provider has completed plan review, determined that revised construction documents comply with the applicable codes, and provided the required Plan Compliance Affidavit, may Petitioner rely upon that completed Private Provider plan review in determining how to proceed with the projects if the local enforcement agency independently conducts or proposes to conduct a technical Code-compliance review of those same plans for the purpose of determining whether the Private Provider's Code-compliance determination is correct? 2. For purposes of determining Petitioner's rights and obligations in proceeding under section 553.791, does an independent technical examination by the local enforcement agency of plans already reviewed for Code compliance by Petitioner's Private Provider constitute replication of the Private Provider's plan review within the meaning of section 553.791(1)(b)? 3. In light of section 553.791(1)(d), which included review of building plans within "building code inspection services," do the audit requirements of section 553.791(20) apply when a local enforcement agency audits Private Provider plan-review services? 4. If section 553.791(20) applies to Private Provider plan-review services, may Petitioner's Private Provider plan review be subjected to an audit or technical re-review by a local building-code enforcement agency that has not established the standard operating Private Provider audit procedures required by that subsection? 5. If section 553.791 otherwise authorizes the local enforcement agency to identify an alleged deficiency in Private Provider-reviewed plans as Petitioner seeks authorization to proceed, what written identification of the specific deficiency and applicable Code provisions is required under Petitioner's circumstances? On October 13, 2026, the Commission declined to answer the petition, for the following reasons: In response to Petitioner’s first question, in addition to the Commission’s jurisdictional limitations on the subject matter, whether he may “rely” on the private provider’s plan review in determining how to proceed with his projects is too general of an inquiry for the Commission to answer. If the question is intended to solicit a statement imposing constraints on, or requirements concerning, the conduct of other entities, it is not the appropriate subject of a declaratory statement. With respect to questions two through five, they pertain to the conduct of entities other than the petitioner. Furthermore, the courts have stated that “a petition for a declaratory statement which seeks approval or disapproval of conduct which has already occurred is properly denied.” Novick v. Dep’t of

Health, 816 So. 2d 1237, 1240 (Fla. 5th DCA 2002) (citing Chiles v. Dep't of State, Div. of Elections, 711 So. 2d 151 (Fla. 1st DCA 1998). The Commission is thus unable to issue a declaratory statement pertaining to the past conduct of other individuals.

A copy of the Order Declining the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk's Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)921-0342, AGC.Filing@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Building Commission has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Michael Price on August 26, 2026.

The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition: Petitioner presented the following questions: 1. Under section 553.791(15), when a qualified Private Provider determines that revised construction documents comply with the applicable codes while the local Building Official maintains that they do not and the projects remain subject to Stop Work Orders, is that type of unresolved disagreement a dispute subject to the procedure established by section 553.791(15)? 2. When such a dispute remains unresolved and the fee owner seeks to invoke section 553.791(15)(a), does that subsection require the local Building Official to be available to meet with the Private Provider within two business days for the purpose of attempting to resolve the dispute? 3. If a dispute subject to section 553.791(15) cannot be resolved between the local Building Official and Private Provider, what procedure does section 553.791(15)(b) provide for Petitioner to pursue resolution so that Petitioner may determine how to proceed with the projects? On October 13, 2026, the Commission declined to answer the petition, for the following reasons: In response to Petitioner's first and third questions, the only provision in chapter 553, Florida Statutes (2026), which provides for the appeal of a local building official to the Commission is section 553.775(3)(c), Florida Statutes (2026), which states that "[t]he commission shall review decisions of local building officials and local enforcement agencies regarding interpretations of the Florida Building Code or the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction after the local board of appeals has considered the decision, if such board exists, and if such appeals process is concluded within 25 business days" (underlining provided). This is the process that would be implicated by section 553.791(17), Florida Statutes (2026). Petitioner's second question pertains to the conduct of other individuals and is thus not the appropriate subject of a declaratory statement.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk's Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)921-0342, AGC.Filing@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

NOTICE OF DECLINATION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Building Commission has declined to rule on the petition for declaratory statement filed by Michael Price on August 26, 2026.

The following is a summary of the agency's declination of the petition: Petitioner presented the following questions: 1. Where a qualified Private Provider has completed plan review, determined that submitted plans comply with the applicable codes, and submitted the required Plan Compliance Affidavit, what legal effect does the provider's subsequent withdrawal or termination of future services, by itself, have under section 553.791 upon the previously completed plan review and Plan Compliance Affidavit as Petitioner seeks to proceed with the pending applications? 2. Where the Private Provider's subsequent withdrawal or termination of future services is not based upon any identified error, deficiency, or Code-compliance issue in the completed plan review or Plan Compliance Affidavit, under what circumstances, if any, does section 553.791 permit that completed plan review or affidavit to be rescinded, withdrawn, invalidated, or rendered ineffective? 3. For purposes of determining how Petitioner may proceed with the pending applications, does section 553.791 authorize the local enforcement agency to treat a Private Provider's withdrawal or termination of future services, by itself, as rendering an existing permit application unable to proceed after plan review has been completed and the Plan Compliance Affidavit submitted? 4. Under Petitioner's present circumstances, may the fee owner retain another qualified Private Provider, update the Notice to Building Official to identify the replacement provider and services to be performed, and maintain the existing permit application rather than initiate a new permit application solely because the prior Private Provider ceased providing further services? On October 13, 2026, the Commission declined to answer the petition, for the following reasons: Petitioner's first and fourth questions address the consequences of conduct that has already occurred, and the courts have stated that "a petition for a declaratory statement which seeks approval or disapproval of conduct which has already occurred is properly denied." Novick v.

Dep't of Health, 816 So. 2d 1237, 1240 (Fla. 5th DCA 2002) (citing Chiles v. Dep't of State, Div. of Elections, 711 So. 2d 151 (Fla. 1st DCA 1998). Petitioner's second and third questions both concern the conduct of entities other than the Petitioner, and are thus not the appropriate subject for a declaratory statement. For the foregoing reasons, the Commission declines to answer the petition.

A copy of the Order Declining the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk's Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)921-0342, AGC.Filing@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

NOTICE OF DECLINATION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Building Commission has declined to rule on the petition for declaratory statement filed by Michael Price on August 31, 2026.

The following is a summary of the agency's declination of the petition: Petitioner presented the following questions: 1. Under Petitioner's present circumstances, where construction has already commenced on permitted single-family residential projects and Petitioner presently requires plans review of revised construction documents, may Petitioner elect a qualified Private Provider under section 553.791 to perform that plans review and provide the Plan Compliance Affidavit required by subsection (7)? 2. If the answer to Question 1 is yes, and the local enforcement agency has a policy pursuant to section 553.791(2)(a) requiring a fee owner or contractor who uses a Private Provider for plans review to also use a Private Provider for required building inspections, how does that requirement apply to Petitioner when construction has already commenced and subsection (6) separately addresses the election of a Private Provider for inspection services after commencement of construction? On October 13, 2026, the Commission declined to answer the petition, for the following reasons: Aside from the creation of certain related forms that will be used statewide, the Legislature did not task the Commission with creating, enforcing, or interpreting any of the provisions pertaining to the utilization of private providers. As the Commission does not have authority over these provisions, it cannot issue a declaratory statement regarding their application. Additionally, rule 28-105.002, Florida Administrative Code, requires that the petition be signed by the petitioner or their representative, and dated, and this petition was unsigned and undated. Accordingly, the Commission declines to answer the petition.

A copy of the Order Declining the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk's Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)921-0342, AGC.Filing@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Acupuncture

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Acupuncture has received the petition for declaratory statement from Dao Collective LLC and Poney Chiang filed on November 04, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Chapter 457, F.S. as it applies to the petitioner. The Petitioner asks the Board to clarify if the chapter requires a Florida acupuncture license for an acupuncturist licensed in another U.S. jurisdiction to perform the supervised instructional needling described in this petition within Petitioner's continuing education course. 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: Brittany Auclair, Executive Director, Board of Acupuncture, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, MQA.Acupuncture@flhealth.gov, or by telephone at (850)245-4161.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Finance

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Office of Financial Regulation has received the petition for declaratory statement from FindHonestWork LLC filed on November 13, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Chapter 560, Florida Statutes, as it applies to the petitioner. The petition seeks a declaratory statement from the Office on whether Petitioner's proposed business activities (to offer a website for payment transactions through Stipe Inc. The site will match homeowners in need of small home jobs with independent repairmen.) requires licensure as a money transmitter under Chapter 560, Florida Statutes. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

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:

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Sales and Use Tax, Surtax, Surcharge, and Fees; Communications Services Tax

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
12A-1.097 Public Use Forms
NOTICE OF DISPOSITION

AMUSEMENT MACHINE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA
Petitioner
vs.
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Respondent
CASE NO.: 26-4757RX
RULE NO.: 12A-1.097
Invalid

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 AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
Division of Aquaculture
ANNOUNCEMENT 2027-2028, FLORIDA AQUACULTURE REVIEW COUNCIL, CALL FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

The Florida Aquaculture Review Council announces a Call for Statements of Interest to perform aquaculture research and development projects during fiscal year 2027-2028. Project funding is subject to the State of Florida's budget process. Statements of Interest will be reviewed by the Council and selected investigators will be invited to submit full proposals. Full proposals will be evaluated by the Council and those proposals that are favorably reviewed will receive funding, contingent upon budget approval by the Legislature.

The Council has identified specific applied research topics and requires post-project transfer of technology or results to Florida aquaculturists. The full Call for Statements of Interest (including research topics and submission instructions) can be obtained by contacting Tara Lauder, Division of Aquaculture, Biological Administrator, (850)617-7600 or ARC@FDACS.gov.

The deadline for submitting a completed Statement of Interest is December 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., EST. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Questions and completed applications should be directed to Tara Lauder, Division of Aquaculture, Biological Administrator, 600 S. Calhoun St, Suite 217, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)617-7600 or ARC@FDACS.gov.

BBICMINC
UF Keys Complex HVAC Renovations

BBI Construction Management, Inc. will be accepting bids for subcontractor participation on the UF Keys Complex HVAC Renovations, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida for the following trades:

02 Selective Demolition, 02A Final Cleaning, 02B Ground Penetrating Radar, 07 Sprayed Insulation, 09A Framing and Drywall, 09B Acoustical Ceilings, 09C Painting, 22 Plumbing, 23 HVAC, 26 Electrical

PRE-BID MEETING: will be held Tuesday, December 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the University of Florida Keys Residential Complex Commons Building (Bldg. #1001), 2191 Stadium Rd., Gainesville, FL 32612. Trades must have experience with projects of a similar scope, similar size, complexity, and timeframe. All trades are strongly encouraged to attend to

familiarize themselves with the site and to learn more about the project. Pre-bid questions are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2026.

Parking- Parking information for surface lots and parking garages can be found at https://taps.ufl.edu/ or by calling (352)392-7275. Daily parking passes for green, orange and blue lots can be secured digitally: https://taps.ufl.edu/visitors/daily-visitor-pass/visitor-daily-permit/ Parking Map that shows green, orange and blue lots: https://taps.ufl.edu/customer-resources/parking-map/

To obtain documents, pre-qualification information, and directions, please email Parker Ross at p.ross@bbi-cm.com ((703)585-6241) or Jeremy Criscione at criscionej@bbi-cm.com ((352)317-1378).

Bids exceeding $150,000 must be sealed and either MAILED or HAND DELIVERED to: BBI Construction Management, Inc., 4639 NW 53rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32653. ALL BIDS DUE NO LATER THAN Wednesday, December 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Construction will begin at the end of the UF spring semester, early May 2027 and conclude in mid-July, 2027.

The University of Florida and BBI are committed to SmallHUB Zone/Minority/Small Disadvantaged/Veteran/Service-Disabled Veteran/& Women-Owned businesses and encourages their participation. The University of Florida and BBI Construction Management, Inc. reserves the right to reject or accept any bid if considered to be in best interest of the project.

Section XII
Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraphs 120.55(1)(b)7. – 8., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
1S-2.009	11/17/2026	12/7/2026
1S-2.0091	11/17/2026	12/7/2026
1S-2.042	11/17/2026	12/7/2026
5KER26-16	11/20/2026	11/23/2026
12-6.030	11/18/2026	1/1/2027
12-6.032	11/18/2026	1/1/2027
12-13.001	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12-13.009	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12-13.010	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12-18.001	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12-21.002	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12-24.011	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12-26.001	11/19/2026	1/1/2027
12-26.002	11/19/2026	1/1/2027
12-26.003	11/19/2026	1/1/2027
12-26.008	11/19/2026	1/1/2027
12-29.003	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12-29.004	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12A-1.007	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12A-1.0371	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12A-1.053	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12A-1.097	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12A-1.110	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12A-1.117	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12B-5.150	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12B-8.003	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12C-1.051	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12C-3.0015	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12C-3.006	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12C-3.008	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
12C-3.010	11/18/2026	12/8/2026
62-40.310	11/19/2026	12/9/2026
68DER26-1	11/19/2026	11/19/2026
69K-1.003	11/19/2026	12/9/2026
69K-1.007	11/19/2026	12/9/2026
LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES		
Rule No.	**File Date**	**Effective Date**
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

The establishment of M&S Scooters LLC

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

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Pasando Resources, Inc., intends to allow the establishment of M&S Scooters LLC, as a dealership for the sale of

motorcycles manufactured by CHONGQING ASTRONAUTIC BASHAN MC MANUF CO LTD and distributed by Pasando Resources, Inc. (line make- BASH) at 14673 US Hwy 301 S, Starke, (Bradford County), Florida, 32091, on or after December 28, 2026.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of M&S Scooters LLC are dealer operator(s): Mahmoud Montaser, 14673 US Hwy 301 S, Starke, Florida 32091, principal investor(s): Mahmoud Montaser, 14673 US Hwy 301 S, Starke, Florida 32091.

The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of less 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, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room A-312 MS65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0635.

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Firas Abunabah, Pasando Resources, Inc., 9300 Harwin Dr Ste C, Houston, Texas, 77036.

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 HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

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The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of M&S Scooters LLC are dealer operator(s): Mahmoud Montaser, 14673 US Hwy 301 S, Starke, Florida 32091, principal investor(s): Mahmoud Montaser, 14673 US Hwy 301 S, Starke, Florida 32091.

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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 HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

The establishment of Tigon Golf Carts LLC

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

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Aries Ev Corporation, intends to allow the establishment of Tigon Golf Carts LLC, as a dealership for the sale of low-speed vehicles manufactured by Aries EV Corporation (line make AREV) at 299 E Gulf To Lake Hwy, Lecanto, (Citrus County), Florida, 34461, on or after December 28, 2026.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Tigon Golf Carts LLC are dealer operator(s): Jared Stokes, 299 E Gulf To Lake Hwy, Lecanto, Florida 34461-9391, principal investor(s): Jared Stokes, 299 E Gulf To Lake Hwy, Lecanto, Florida 34461-9391.

The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of less 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, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room A-312 MS65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0635.

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Albizu Moctezuma, Aries EV Corporation, 1540 N Frontage Rd Ste 108, Plant City, Florida, 33563.

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 HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

The establishment of Art's Golf Cars Inc, line make AREV

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 Aries EV Corporation, intends to allow the establishment of Art's Golf Cars Inc, as a dealership for the sale of low-speed vehicles manufactured by Aries EV Corporation (line make AREV) at 29630 Hwy 27, Dundee, (Polk County), Florida, 33838, on or after December 28, 2026.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Art's Golf Cars Inc are dealer operator(s): April Pearson, 29630 Hwy 27, Dundee, Florida 33838-4289; principal investor(s): April Pearson, 29630 Hwy 27, Dundee, Florida 33838-4289.

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, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room A-312 MS65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0635.

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Albizu Moctezuma, Aries EV Corporation, 1540 N Frontage Rd Ste 108, Plant City, Florida, 33563.

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.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

State Plan Amendment

The Agency for Health Care Administration is correcting the contact information provided in the public notice published on November 19, 2026, in Volume 52, Number 225 of the Florida Administrative Register regarding an amendment to Florida's Title XIX Medicaid State. The amendment updates the reimbursement methodology for Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program (SIPP) services.

For further information, interested parties may contact: Timothy Buehner, Agency for Health Care Administration, Bureau of Medicaid Policy, 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop 23, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407; telephone: (850)412-3734, or email: Timothy.Buehner@ahca.myflorida.com.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FLORIDA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NOTICE (FCEN)

CHERRY LAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the Cherry Lake Utilities Corporation's project, located in Madison County, for the installation of permanent auxiliary generators and the upgrade/elevation of electrical panels and control equipment above the 100-year flood level.is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The total estimated construction cost is $1,010,700. The project may qualify for a Drinking Water SRF loan composed of federal and state funds. DEP will consider public comments about the environmental impacts of the proposed projects that are postmarked or delivered at the address below within 30 days of this notice. A copy of the FCEN can be obtained by writing to: Crystal Fukushima, DEP, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 3505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 3000, or calling (850)245-2863 or emailing crystal.fukushima@floridadep.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Economic Development

Notice of Application Period

The Department announces the opening of the application period for those entities applying for certification to receive funding for the construction or renovation of a Major League

Baseball spring training baseball facility under Section 288.11631, Florida Statutes.
OPENING DATE: Wednesday, July 1, 2026
CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, June 30, 2027
GENERAL INFORMATON: Applications for certification must be submitted to the Florida Sports Foundation, 1203 Governor's Square Boulevard, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32301, as specified in Rule 73A-2.001, Florida Administrative Code.
For more information, please contact: Florida Department of Commerce, Division of Economic Development at (850)717-8984.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Division of Community Development
Commerce Final Order No. COM-26-048
FINAL ORDER
APPROVING CITY OF MARATHON ORDINANCE NO. 2026-27
The Florida Department of Commerce ("Department") hereby issues its Final Order, pursuant to Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes, approving land development regulations adopted by the City of Marathon (the "City"), Ordinance No. 2026-27 (the "Ordinance").
FINDINGS OF FACT
1.The Florida Keys Area is designated by Section 380.0552, Florida Statutes, as an area of critical state concern. The City is a local government within the Florida Keys Area.
2.The Ordinance was adopted by the City and rendered to the Department on October 13, 2026.
3.The Ordinance amends Table 103.15.1 and Section 104.05 of the City's Code of Ordinances to include airports within the list of locations that are eligible to obtain an alcoholic beverage use permit.
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
4.The Department is required to approve or reject land development regulations that are adopted by any local government in an area of critical state concern. See Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes.
5. "Land development regulations" include local zoning, subdivision, building, and other regulations controlling the development of land. Section 380.031(8), Florida Statutes. The regulations adopted by the Ordinance are land development regulations.
6. The Ordinance is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan as required by Section 163.3177(1), Florida Statutes, generally, and is specifically consistent with Policies 7-3.1.1. and 7-3.1.6.
7. All land development regulations enacted, amended, or rescinded within an area of critical state concern must be consistent with the principles for guiding development for that area. See Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes.
8. The Principles for Guiding Development for the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern are set forth in Section 380.0552(7), Florida Statutes.
9. The Ordinance is consistent with the Principles for Guiding Development in Section 380.0552(7), Florida Statutes and is specifically consistent with the following Principle:
(a) Strengthening local government capabilities for managing land use and development so that local government is able to achieve these objectives without continuing the area of critical state concern designation.
WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Department finds that the City of Marathon Ordinance No. 2026-27 is consistent with the City of Marathon's Comprehensive Plan and the Principles for Guiding Development for the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern and is hereby APPROVED.
This Final Order becomes final 21 days after publication in the Florida Administrative Register unless a petition is timely filed as described in the Notice of Administrative Rights below.
DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Florida.
/s/ Leo Garcia
Leo Garcia, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Division of Community Development, Florida Department of Commerce
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS
ANY PERSON WHOSE SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER HAS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.569, FLORIDA STATUTES.
FOR THE REQUIRED CONTENTS OF A PETITION CHALLENGING AGENCY ACTION, REFER TO RULES 28-106.104(2), 28-106.201(2), AND 28-106.301, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.
DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT MATERIAL FACTS ARE DISPUTED IN THE PETITION, A HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO EITHER SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, OR SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(2), FLORIDA STATUTES.
ANY PETITION MUST BE FILED WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE FINAL ORDER BEING PUBLISHED IN THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER. A PETITION IS FILED WHEN IT IS RECEIVED BY:
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YOU WAIVE THE RIGHT TO ANY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING IF YOU DO NOT FILE A PETITION WITH THE AGENCY CLERK WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE FINAL ORDER BEING PUBLISHED IN THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order has been filed with the undersigned designated Agency Clerk, and that true and correct copies have been furnished to the following persons by the methods indicated this 20th day of November 2026.
/s/ Karis De Gannes
Agency Clerk, Karis De Gannes, Florida Department of Commerce, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 110, Tallahassee, FL 32399-4128
By U.S. Mail:
The Honorable Debra Struyf, Mayor, City of Marathon, City Council, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050
Diane Clavier, City Clerk, City of Marathon, City Clerk, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050
Brian Shea, Planning Director, City of Marathon, Planning Department, 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Division of Community Development
Notice of Funding Availability: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Funding Opportunity Title: Community Development Block Grant Program
Funding Opportunity Number: CDBG-FFY 2026
Announcement Type: Competitive
Release Date: November 13, 2026
Application Cycle Opening Date: December 14, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., ET
Application Deadline: January 22, 2027
Anticipated Award Announcement: March 1, 2027
Period of Performance: Up to thirty-six (36) months from the effective date of the executed Subgrant Agreement, unless otherwise authorized by FloridaCommerce.
SECTION I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
A. Program Overview
FloridaCommerce announces the availability of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for non-entitlement units of local government.
The CDBG Program is authorized, pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 5301 et seq.; 24 CFR Part 570, Subpart I), and is administered by FloridaCommerce in accordance with the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Act (§§ 290.0401–290.048, Fla. Stat.) and Chapter 73C-23, F.A.C. FloridaCommerce seeks applications for projects that address documented community development needs and advance the goals and priorities established in the State's HUD-approved Consolidated Plan. For this funding cycle, awards will be made to eligible non-entitlement applicants (as identified on FloridaCommerce's Small Cities CDBG Eligible Communities list at www.FloridaJobs.org/CDBGApplicantInfo).
B. Program Goals
Projects funded under this NOFA shall advance one or more of the following goals:
Benefit low- and moderate-income persons;
Address conditions that threaten public health, safety, and/or welfare;
Improve the availability, accessibility, or sustainability of community assets;
Demonstrate measurable and long-lasting community impact; or
5. Support local and regional economic vitality.
C. Funding Categories
FloridaCommerce will accept applications in the following four funding categories:
Funding Category 1: Commercial Revitalization
Eligible activities may include: water system improvements; wastewater system improvements; stormwater improvements; roadway improvements; construction of senior centers, food banks, youth centers, parks and recreational centers, childcare centers, abused and neglected children facilities, health facilities, and sidewalks; transportation services, and legal services; building acquisition, construction or rehabilitation.
Funding Category 2: Neighborhood Revitalization
Eligible activities may include: water system improvements; wastewater system improvements; stormwater improvements; roadway improvements; construction of senior centers, food banks, youth centers, parks and recreational centers, childcare centers, public safety facilities (such as fire stations or neighborhood emergency facilities, excluding buildings used for the general conduct of government), abused and neglected children facilities, health facilities, and sidewalks; establishing or expanding transportation services, and legal services; building acquisition, construction or rehabilitation; street improvements; tree planting; asbestos removal; screening for lead based paint/lead hazards.
Funding Category 3: Economic Development
Eligible activities may include: public infrastructure improvements, commercial/industrial building rehabilitation, or assistance to private, for-profit businesses in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(17), 24 CFR § 570.482, § 290.046(2)(a), Fla. Stat., and Rule 73C-23.0048, F.A.C., to support job creation, job retention, or business expansion (provided that assistance to a private, for-profit business may not be provided

unless sufficient evidence demonstrates that without such public assistance the creation or retention of such jobs would not occur).

Funding Category 4: Housing Rehabilitation

Eligible activities may include: decent, safe and sanitary housing assistance for Single-Unit or Multi-Unit housing rehabilitation; acquisition of properties through a voluntary buyout program.

SECTION II. AWARD INFORMATION

A. Estimated Funding Availability

FloridaCommerce anticipates the availability of approximately $15,000,000 in CDBG funds for this funding cycle, subject to any emergency or natural disaster set-aside authorized under § 290.044(5), Fla. Stat.]. Funding availability is contingent upon federal appropriations and state budget authority. In accordance with Rule 73C-23.0041(2)(c), F.A.C., and the State's HUD-approved Consolidated Plan, if sufficient eligible applications are not received in a category to exhaust its initial allocation, or as necessary to ensure timely commitment and expenditure of federal funds, FloridaCommerce reserves the right to reallocate unobligated funds among program categories or subsequent funding cycles to ensure timely commitment and expenditure of federal funds.

Pursuant to Rule 73C-23.0031(5), F.A.C., estimated initial allocations for each grant program category for this cycle are as follows:

· Neighborhood Revitalization: $3,000,000
· Commercial Revitalization: $3,000,000
· Housing Rehabilitation: $3,000,000
· Economic Development: $5,000,000

B. Estimated Award Amounts

Under the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Act (Sections 290.0401-290.048) and 73C-23, FAC, there are funding caps for each category.

Pursuant to paragraph 73C-23.0041(1)(b), F.A.C., Economic Development funding requests must be based either on the number of jobs to be created or retained pursuant to the Federal Public Benefit Standard (24 CFR § 570.482(f)) or on the Urgent Need National Objective (24 CFR § 570.483(d)).

Pursuant to paragraph 73C-23.0041(1)(c), F.A.C., the funding ceilings set forth in paragraphs (1)(a) and (1)(b) do not apply to projects that eliminate or mitigate conditions posing an immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare, provided the applicant submits a written waiver request with the application supported by: (1) documentation from a licensed engineer, public health official, or regulatory authority verifying that the condition constitutes a documented health, safety, or welfare hazard; and (2) documentation demonstrating that the proposed activity is the most cost-effective means of eliminating or mitigating the threat to public health, safety, or welfare. Under § 290.047(8), Fla. Stat., grant ceilings shall be reduced for any applicant with a Section 108 loan in default requiring Department payment of debt service.

Pursuant to § 290.047(3),Fla. Stat., the maximum percentage of CDBG funds that may be expended on administrative costs is 15% for Housing Rehabilitation, 8% for Neighborhood Revitalization, 8% for Commercial Revitalization and 8% (not to exceed $120,000) for Economic Development. Architectural and engineering costs are governed by § 290.047(6), Fla. Stat., and the Rural Development/Rural Utility Service (RD/RUS) fee schedule in Rule 73C-23.0051(8), F.A.C. (Form COM-73C-23, effective 04/2026).

Application requests for Neighborhood Revitalization, Commercial Revitalization and Housing Rehabilitation funding requests are limited to a maximum of $3,000,000, and application requests for Economic Development are limited to $5,000,000.

C. Award Type

Awards issued under this NOFA will be Subgrant Agreements between FloridaCommerce and the eligible applicant.

D. Period of Performance

The standard period of performance shall be up to 36 months from the effective date of the executed Subgrant Agreement unless otherwise authorized by the Department.

SECTION III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are HUD-designated non-entitlement units of general local government in Florida (generally non-entitlement counties with populations under 200,000 and non-entitlement municipalities with populations under 50,000), as identified on the FloridaCommerce Small Cities CDBG Eligible Communities list available at www.FloridaJobs.org/CDBGApplicantInfo.

Pursuant to §§ 290.046(2)(b)–(c) and 290.0475(5), Fla. Stat.:

• A unit of local government with an open Housing Rehabilitation, Neighborhood Revitalization, or Commercial Revitalization subgrant is not eligible to apply for another Housing Rehabilitation, Neighborhood Revitalization, or Commercial Revitalization grant until administrative closeout of its existing contract; however, it may apply for an Economic Development grant only if its existing subgrant activities are on schedule in accordance with the expenditure rates and accomplishments described in the contract.

• A unit of local government with an open Economic Development subgrant whose activities are on schedule in accordance with the expenditure rates and accomplishments described in the contract as of the application deadline may apply for a Housing Rehabilitation, Neighborhood Revitalization, or Commercial Revitalization grant, or an additional Economic Development grant.

B. Eligible Activities

Applications must propose activities eligible under applicable CDBG statutes, regulations and state program requirements.
Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:
Public facilities;
Public infrastructure;
Housing activities;
Transportation, childcare, senior care and legal services
Economic development activities;
Acquisition, clearance, demolition and code enforcement activities (where eligible under 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a) and 24 CFR § 570.482); and
Planning and design activities (when undertaken as part of an eligible project or as otherwise authorized under 24 CFR §§ 570.482 and 570.483(b)(5)).
C. National Objective Requirement
Each proposed activity must meet one of the following National Objectives:
1. Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Income Persons
The activity benefits low- and moderate-income persons through area benefit, limited clientele benefit, housing benefit or job creation/retention. For area-benefit activities, at least 51% of residents in the service area must be Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) persons as documented using HUD Census data or an approved 95%-confidence-level random sample survey pursuant to paragraph 73C-23.0051(9)(b), F.A.C.
2. Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight
The activity addresses conditions of slum or blight on an area or spot basis.
Urgent Need
The activity addresses existing conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, are of recent origin or recently became urgent (generally developed or became critical within 18 months preceding the local government's certification), and the applicant is unable to finance the activity on its own and other sources of funding are not available (24 CFR § 570.483(d)).
D. Ineligible Activities
The following activities are generally ineligible:
Buildings used for the general conduct of government;
General government expenses;
Political activities;
Operating and maintenance expenses, except where specifically authorized;
For Economic Development projects, working capital, inventory, supplies, grants to non-public entities, purchasing assets from an entity owned in part by a Participating Party's officer/principal, infrastructure beyond what is required as a prerequisite for job creation, and refinancing existing debt (Rule 73C-23.0048, F.A.C.);
Direct income payments; and
Other activities prohibited by federal law, regulation or FloridaCommerce policy.
SECTION IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION
A. Submission Requirements
Electronic applications will be accepted online. Communities seeking funding consideration must visit https://floridajobs.org/community-development/small-cities-and-rural-communities and complete the "Small Cities – Cycle Alpha" link request form. Upon submission of your link request(s), a member of the Small Cities Team will generate a dedicated application submission link for each project requested. The team member will then provide the unit of local government with the applicable application template and the dedicated submission link for each project to be submitted for funding consideration.
Note: The application and any/all appendices being submitted for funding consideration must be combined into one pdf file and submitted to FloridaCommerce via the dedicated link provided for each project. Any application received that is not combined into one file and/or is submitted through a link not dedicated to the specific project, may be subject to rejection and no further funding consideration.
All application link requests must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., ET on January 20, 2027. Additionally, all applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., ET on January 22, 2027. Pursuant to § 290.0475(1), Fla. Stat., applications not received by the deadline are ineligible and will not be scored or considered for funding.
B. Required Application Components
Applications shall include the following:
1. Executive Summary which includes a concise overview of:
· Project scope;
· Funding request;
· Beneficiaries;
· National Objective; and
· Expected outcomes.
2. Project Narrative must address:
· Community Need - the condition or problem to be addressed
· Proposed Solution - project activities and implementation strategy
· Beneficiaries - the population served
· Outcomes - anticipated measurable outcomes and key milestones;
· Sustainability – the long-term operation and maintenance plans; and
· For public improvement projects requiring connection/hookup fees or periodic service fees, the estimated one-time and periodic costs to be paid by non-LMI beneficiaries (paragraph 73C-23.0051(10)(c), F.A.C.).
3. Budget Narrative must include:

· Detailed project budget;
· Cost assumptions; and
· Leveraged resources (if applicable).

4. Project Schedule

Applicants shall provide up to a 36-month estimated project timeline including:

· Environmental review completed, including required public notices, submission of the Request for Release of Funds (HUD Form 7015.15), and issuance of the Authority to Use Grant Funds (AUGF, HUD Form 7015.16), within six months of the executed Subgrant Agreement. Notice of Choice-Limiting Action Prohibition (24 CFR § 58.22): Upon submission of an application (federal nexus), neither the applicant nor any project partner may commit or expend HUD or non-HUD funds or undertake any choice-limiting action (including property acquisition, leasing, demolition, rehabilitation, construction, site preparation, or execution of construction contracts) until environmental clearance and the AUGF have been issued;
· Procurement;
· Design;
· Permitting;
· Construction;
· Completion; and
· Closeout.

5. Required Attachments

Applicants shall submit:

· Maps of the location of the proposed project;
· Evidence of compliance with the two-public-hearing citizen participation requirement prior to application submission (§ 290.046(4), Fla. Stat.; 24 CFR § 570.486(a)(5)), including: (i) proof of public notice (affidavits of publication or website publication records compliant with § 50.0311, Fla. Stat., and federal standards) and certified minutes for the initial public hearing on community development and housing needs; (ii) proof of publication of the summary of the proposed application and public comment period; and (iii) proof of public notice and certified minutes for the second public hearing on the proposed application;
· Signed certifications by the Chief Elected Official or authorized representative (including compliance with citizen participation, Fair Housing/Civil Rights, Section 3, URA/Residential Anti-Displacement Plan, Conflict of Interest under Rule 73C-23.0051(7), F.A.C., consistency with the local comprehensive plan under §§ 163.3184 and 290.0475(4), Fla. Stat., and, if applicable, Urgent Need certification under 24 CFR § 570.483(d));
· For public improvement projects requiring hookups or connection/service fees, documentation of required pre-application written fee notifications to beneficiaries pursuant to paragraphs 73C-23.0051(10)(c)–(d), F.A.C.;
· Cost estimates;
· Commitment letters; and
· National Objective documentation.

SECTION V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

A. Threshold Review

FloridaCommerce will conduct an initial threshold review. Pursuant to §§ 290.046 and 290.0475, Fla. Stat., applications shall be deemed ineligible without scoring if they fail to:

1. Be received by the application deadline (§ 290.0475(1), Fla. Stat.);
2. Be submitted by an eligible non-entitlement applicant that complies with open-subgrant and on-schedule requirements (§§ 290.046(2)(b)–(c) and 290.0475(5), Fla. Stat.);
3. Propose an eligible activity (§ 290.0475(3), Fla. Stat.);
4. Meet one of the three National Objectives (§ 290.0475(2), Fla. Stat.);
5. Be consistent with the local government's comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to § 163.3184, Fla. Stat. (§ 290.0475(4), Fla. Stat.);
6. Comply with the two-public-hearing citizen participation and public notice requirements of HCDA §§ 104(a)(1)–(2) and 106(d)(5)(C), § 290.046(4), Fla. Stat., and 24 CFR § 570.486 (§ 290.0475(6), Fla. Stat.);
7. Include all required application components and required certifications; and
8. Be free of any misrepresentation affecting eligibility or scoring, other than a mathematical error discoverable and correctable from numbers or formulas provided in the application (§ 290.0475(7), Fla. Stat.).

B. Scoring Criteria

FloridaCommerce will review and score each application as follows:

Economic Development	
Criterion	Points
Community Need	30
Project Readiness	25
Project Impact	20
Special Designations	20
Administrative Capacity	10
Total	105

Housing Rehabilitation	
Criterion	Points
Housing Readiness	45
Special Designations	30
Project Impact	20

Economic Development	
Criterion	Points
Administrative Capacity	10
Total	105

Commercial Revitalization	
Criterion	Points
Benefit to LMI Persons	30
Project Readiness	25
Project Impact	20
Special Designations	20
Administrative Capacity	10
Total	105

Neighborhood Revitalization	
Criterion	Points
Benefit to LMI Persons	30
Project Readiness	25
Project Impact	20
Special Designations	20
Administrative Capacity	10
Total	105

Scoring Methodology & Tie-Breakers:

Each funding category has an application which describes the application scoring methodology. Generally, the scoring methodology includes:

· Proposed projects that serve 80% or higher of all LMI persons for the least amount of funding will score up to 30 points. The lesser percentage of LMI persons served, the fewer points awarded.

· Proposed projects that are shovel-ready to include a project design and ready to submit AUGF documentation will score up to 25 points. The less developed the project, the fewer points awarded.

· Proposed projects that support phased activity with supplemental or braided funding will receive up to 20 points. Fewer points will be awarded to proposed projects without a phased approach.

· Proposed housing rehabilitation projects with a list of single or multi-family units identified and ready for rehabilitation will score up to 40 points. Fewer points will be awarded for proposed housing projects where single family or multi-family units are not identified.

· Proposed projects from applicants who successfully completed a CDBG, CDBG-DR, CDBG-MIT or RIF project on time and on budget since 2021 will be awarded up to 2 points per each successfully completed project. Applicants with a history of significant delays and over-budget CDBG, CDBG-DR, CDBG-MIT or RIF projects will be awarded fewer points.

· For all program categories, applications from exceptionally small communities (jurisdictions with populations under 2,500) will be ranked and compared against one another rather than against larger communities in accordance with §§ 290.046(3)(a) and 290.047(1), Fla. Stat.

· Eligible applications from communities listed in the original 2018 Opportunity Zones and the newly designated 2027 Opportunities Zones will be awarded 5 additional points.

· Eligible applications will be ranked by score within each category and may be selected for funding in rank order, subject to available funds.

· If more than one project in a category is tied for a score, FloridaCommerce in its sole discretion may elect to fully fund, partially fund, or provide no funding to any of the projects with the tie.

SECTION VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

A. Award Notifications

Pursuant to § 290.046(2)(d) and (6), Fla. Stat., before approving an application and issuing a grant award, FloridaCommerce will: (1) conduct a pre-award site visit to verify the information contained in the local government's application; and (2) determine that the applicant has the administrative capacity to carry out the proposed activities and has performed satisfactorily in carrying out past CDBG activities (provided that an application may not be denied solely on the basis of past performance if the local government has taken actions deemed sufficient by FloridaCommerce to correct the causes of past unsatisfactory performance). If, based upon review of the application or a site visit, FloridaCommerce determines that any information provided in the application which affects eligibility or scoring has been misrepresented, the application shall be rejected pursuant to §§ 290.046(2)(d) and 290.0475(7), Fla. Stat. Following completion of scoring, site visits, and funding selections, applicants will receive written notification of selection, partial funding, or non-selection, together with notice of administrative hearing rights pursuant to Chapter 120, Fla. Stat., and any special conditions. Pursuant to Rule 73C-23.0051(1)(a), F.A.C., no CDBG funds may be obligated or disbursed until a formal Subgrant Agreement is executed by both parties.

B. Regulatory Requirements

Recipients shall comply with all applicable federal and state requirements, including:
2 CFR Part 200;
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.);
Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing requirements (42 U.S.C. § 5304(b)(2)), and the Florida Fair Housing Act (§§ 760.20–760.37, Fla. Stat.);
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794; 24 CFR Part 8);
Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) and Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 4151 et seq.);
Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq.; 49 CFR Part 24) and Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5304(d); 24 CFR Part 42);
Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (40 U.S.C. § 3141 et seq.; 42 U.S.C. § 5310), Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, where applicable;
Build America, Buy America requirements (Pub. L. 117-58, §§ 70901–70927; 2 CFR Part 184);
Environmental Review requirements (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.; 24 CFR Part 58; 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508);
HUD CDBG program requirements (42 U.S.C. §§ 5301 et seq.; 24 CFR Part 570, Subpart I);
Florida Slum and Blight standard (§§ 163.340(7) and (8), F.S.) and federal slum and blight area criteria under 24 CFR § 570.483(c)(1), which additionally require that at least 25% of properties throughout the area exhibit specified blight conditions (or that public improvements be in a general state of deterioration) and that the designation be redetermined every 10 years;
Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Act (§§ 290.0401–290.048, Fla. Stat.);
Chapter 73C-23, F.A.C. (including the requirement under subsections 73C-23.0051(5) and 73C-23.0082(7), F.A.C., to submit a complete administrative closeout package within 45 days after completion of activities or expiration/termination of the Subgrant Agreement);
Section 50.0311, Fla. Stat. (if a local government relies on § 50.0311, Fla. Stat., for website publication in lieu of newspaper publication, it must still satisfy federal public-notice conditions, including 24 CFR §§ 570.486(a)(5), and 24 CFR §§ 58.43(a) and 58.45,);
Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. § 1701u; 24 CFR Part 75, applicable to projects exceeding the HUD Section 3 financial assistance threshold under 24 CFR § 75.3(a)(2));
Section 109 of the HCDA of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5309) & Age Discrimination Act of 1975;
Lead-Based Paint regulations (24 CFR Part 35, where applicable to housing rehabilitation activities);
Floodplain Management & Flood Disaster Protection Act (24 CFR Part 55; E.O. 11988; 42 U.S.C. § 4001 et seq.);
Florida procurement/conflict laws required by Rule 73C-23.0051(4) & (7), F.A.C. (§§ 287.055, 255.0525, 290.047(5), and 112.3143, Fla. Stat., and 24 CFR § 570.489(h));
Florida Single Audit Act (§ 215.97, Fla. Stat.) & § 215.971, Fla. Stat.;
Florida Public Records Law (Ch. 119, Fla. Stat.) & Sunshine Law (§ 286.011, Fla. Stat.); and
E-Verify (§ 448.095, Fla. Stat.).

SECTION VII. AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions concerning this NOFA must be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m., ET on January 15, 2027, to CDBG@commerce.fl.gov or visit www.FloridaJobs.org/CDBGApplicantInfo.
Responses to questions may be posted publicly to ensure equal access to information for all applicants. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Persons using TTY/TDD equipment may contact FloridaCommerce via the Florida Relay Service at 711. All applications and communications are public records.

SECTION VIII. OTHER INFORMATION

Nothing in this NOFA obligates FloridaCommerce to issue an award or expend funds. FloridaCommerce reserves the right to:
Amend this NOFA at any time, with notice of any material amendment published in the Florida Administrative Register and on FloridaCommerce's website;
Waive minor technical irregularities in an application, provided such waiver does not alter mandatory statutory or regulatory eligibility requirements under §§ 290.046 and 290.0475, Fla. Stat., or confer a competitive advantage;
Request additional information;
Partially fund applications;
Negotiate project scope;
Enforce funding caps and consider statutory or rule-based ceiling exceptions in accordance with § 290.047, Fla. Stat., § 120.542, Fla. Stat., and paragraph 73C-23.0041(1)(c), F.A.C.;
Reallocate funds among categories;
Withdraw this funding opportunity; and
Reject any or all applications.

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.