Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-1.004 School District Budget Requirements

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To revise Form ESE 139, which is incorporated by reference in the rule.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: School district budget submission procedures.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1001.42(12)(b), 1011.01(2)(a), (3)(a), 1011.60(1), (5), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 200.065, 1001.42(12)(b), 1011.01(2)(a), (3)(a), 1011.02, 1011.03, 1011.60(1), (5)., F.S. IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Li Liu, Chief, Bureau of School Business Services, Finance and Operations, (850)245-0351. To comment on this rule development or to request a rule development workshop, please go to https://web02.fldoe.org/rules or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Available at https://web02.fldoe.org/rules.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-1.0071 Fiscal Reporting Dates

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To revise form ESE 348, Report of Financial Data to the Commissioner of Education, and eliminate form ESE 145, Superintendent's Annual Financial Report, from the reporting requirements. The effect is that districts will have updated annual financial reporting forms.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Annual financial reporting submission procedures.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1011.01(2)(a), (3)(a), 1011.60(1), (5), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1011.01(3)(a), 1011.60(1), (5), F.S. IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-1.0451 Florida Education Finance Program Student

Membership Surveys

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To incorporate by reference the full-time equivalent (FTE) student membership reporting instructions publication, "Full-time Equivalent (FTE) General Instructions, 2025-26," including an appendix with eligibility and reporting requirements for student transportation funding, for fiscal year 2025-26.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Florida Education Finance Program student membership surveys and transportation student member surveys.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1011.60(1), 1011.62(1), 1011.68, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1011.62(1), 1011.68, F.S.

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THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Available at https://web02.fldoe.org/rules.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-1.045111 Hourly Equivalent to 180-Day School Year

and 250-Day School Year for Juvenile

Justice Education Programs

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To delete the hourly and instructional time requirements for a school district to participate in the FEFP for residential juvenile justice education programs, which will be operated by the Department of Juvenile Justice under the Scholars Academy as provided in section 985.619, F.S.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Required minimum instructional days for Juvenile Justice education programs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), 1001.42(12)(a), 1001.51(11)(a), 1003.01(14)(a), 1003.02(1)(g), 1003.621(2)(g), 1011.60(2), 1011.61, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.42(12)(a), 1001.51(11)(a), 1003.01(14)(a), 1003.02(1)(g), 1003.621(2)(g), 1011.60(2), 1011.61, F.S.

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THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Available at https://web02.fldoe.org/rules.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68-1.003 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission Grants Program

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rule change is to remove unused and unnecessary fishing grant program rule language. The grant-based funding mechanisms for the specified education and outreach program described in rule are not being utilized and can be removed.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Sport Fish Restoration-R3 Fishing Grant Program

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Section 379.106, Florida Statutes

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Section 379.106, Florida Statutes IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Thomas Graef, Director, Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management, 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399; Thomas.Graef@myfwc.com or (863)430-9091

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

Section II Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B4-5.001 Disciplinary Guidelines

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes a rule amendment that updates the disciplinary guidelines.

SUMMARY: The proposed amendment updates the rule requirements for disciplinary guidelines.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board concluded that this rule change will not have any impact on licensees and their businesses or the businesses that employ them. The rule will not increase any fees, business costs, personnel costs, will not decrease profit opportunities, and will not require any specialized knowledge to comply. This change will not increase any direct or indirect regulatory costs. Hence, the Board determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No

person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.079, 491.004(5) FS. LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.072, 456.079, 491.009 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Ashleigh K. Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-08, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B4-5.001 Disciplinary Guidelines.

- (1) When the Board finds an applicant, licensee, registered intern, provisional licensee, or certificate holder whom it regulates under Chapter 491, F.S., or a telehealth provider registered under section 456.47(4), F.S., has committed any of the acts set forth in Section 456.072(1) or 491.009(1), F.S., it shall issue a final order imposing appropriate penalties as recommended in the following disciplinary guidelines.
 - (a) Through (rr) No Change.
- (ss) Failure to comply with s. 456.0625, relating to refunding overpayment to patients.

(Section 456.072(1)(tt), F.S.)

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	overpayment.	
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(2) Through (4) No Change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 456.079, 491.004(5) FS. Law Implemented 456.072, 456.079, 491.009 FS. History—New 3-5-89, Amended 1-3-91, 6-1-92, Formerly 21CC-5.001, Amended 1-9-94, Formerly 61F4-5.001, Amended 12-22-94, Formerly 59P-5.001, Amended 12-11-97, 10-1-00, 2-5-01, 10-15-02, 3-27-05, 1-16-06, 4-6-10, 5-22-12, 12-7-17, 3-11-21, 12-8-21, 11-18-24, 5-1-25, 9-4-25, 1-1-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 21, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: September 24, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Podiatric Medicine

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B18-14.002 Disciplinary Guidelines

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Updates to the disciplinary guidelines are being made to include telehealth registrants regarding patient overpayments and refunds, in accordance with Chapter 2025-48, Laws of Florida. The new violation will take effect January 1, 2026

SUMMARY: Updates to the disciplinary guidelines are being made to include telehealth registrants regarding patient overpayments and refunds, in accordance with Chapter 2025-48, Laws of Florida. The new violation will take effect January 1, 2026

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board concluded that this rule change will not have any impact on licensees and their businesses or the businesses that employ them. The rule will not increase any fees, business costs, personnel costs, will not decrease profit opportunities, and will not require any specialized knowledge to comply. This change will not increase any direct or indirect regulatory costs. Hence, the Board determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal

for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.072, 456.079, 461.005, 461.013 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.033, 456.063, 456.072, 456.079, 461.012, 461.013 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Podiatric Medicine, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, at (850)245-4292, or by email: Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B18-14.002 Disciplinary Guidelines.

The Board sets forth below a range of disciplinary guidelines from which disciplinary penalties will be imposed upon a licensee whom it regulates under Chapters 456 and 461, F.S. The purpose of the disciplinary guidelines is to give notice to licensees of the range of penalties which will normally be imposed upon violations of particular provisions of either Chapter 456 or 461, F.S., and/or any laws and rules adopted pursuant thereto. The brief description of each violation is provided for quick reference and is not intended to convey all elements of any given statutory provision. The full language of each statutory provision cited must be consulted in order to determine the conduct involved. The disciplinary guidelines are based upon a single count violation of each provision listed. Multiple counts of violations of the same provision of Chapter 456 or 461, F.S., and/or the laws and rules adopted pursuant thereto, or other unrelated violations contained in the same administrative complaint will be grounds for enhancement of penalties. All penalties at the upper range of the sanctions set forth in the guidelines, i.e., suspension, revocation, etc., include lesser penalties, i.e., fine, probation or reprimand which may be included in the final penalty.

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PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 456.072, 456.079, 461.005, 461.013 FS. Law Implemented 456.033, 456.063, 456.072, 456.079, 461.012, 461.013 FS. History—New 11-21-79, Amended 8-31-81, Formerly 21T-14.02, Amended 10-14-86, 12-8-88, 1-19-92, 4-26-93, Formerly 21T-14.002, 61F12-14.002, Amended 2-25-96, 5-29-97, Formerly 59Z-14.002, Amended 11-17-97, 8-24-00, 8-13-02, 4-26-04, 6-14-06, 10-10-06, 11-25-07, 12-25-11, 11-27-16, 4-19-17, 1-2-19, 12-29-21, 1-1-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Podiatric Medicine

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Podiatric Medicine

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 27, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 6, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

68B-14.0035 Size Limits: Amberjacks, Black Sea Bass,

Gray Triggerfish, Grouper, Hogfish, Red

Porgy, Snapper

68B-14.0036 Recreational Bag Limits: Snapper, Grouper,

Hogfish, Black Sea Bass, Red Porgy, Amberjacks, Tilefish, Exception, Wholesale/Retail Purchase Exemption

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is modifying lane snapper recreational and commercial minimum size limits and establishing a bag limit in Gulf state waters based on Gulf lane snapper being subject to overfishing, due to harvest exceeding overfishing limits in five of the last six years. To prevent overfishing, the Gulf Council recently took action to amend lane snapper recreational and commercial regulations in Gulf federal waters.

The purpose of these rule amendments is to increase consistency with federal regulations that would modify lane snapper recreational and commercial regulations and establish recreational regulations in Gulf state waters to help prevent overfishing and reduce the risk of early-season closures.

The effect of the rule amendments for lane snapper is to increase the recreational and commercial minimum size limit from 8 to 10 inches total length and to establish a recreational bag limit of 20 lane snapper per person in Gulf state waters.

SUMMARY: These rule amendments modify lane snapper commercial and recreational harvest in Gulf state waters. This amendment is consistent with pending and current regulations in adjacent federal waters.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: the nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis

conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting November 5-6, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

PLACE: : Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 SW College Dr, Belle Glade, FL 33430

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: the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. 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).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554, or Jessica.Mccawley@myfwc.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68B-14.0035 Size Limits: Amberjacks, Black Sea Bass, Gray Triggerfish, Grouper, Hogfish, Red Porgy, Snapper.

No person shall land, possess, unnecessarily destroy, purchase, exchange, sell or offer for sale any of the following species harvested in or from state waters, of a length less than set forth as follows:

- (1) though (6) No change.
- (7) Snapper (measured in terms of total length), except as provided in Rule 68B-7.003, F.A.C., for harvest from Biscayne National Park.
 - (a) through (c) No change.
- (d)1. Lane snapper <u>harvested from the Atlantic Ocean</u> 8 inches.
- 2. Lane snapper harvested from the Gulf of America 10 inches.
 - (e) through (l) No Change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 12-31-98, Amended 3-1-99, Formerly 46-14.0035, Amended 1-1-00, 1-1-01, 1-1-01, 1-1-03, 9-16-05, 7-1-06, 7-1-07, 4-1-08, 1-6-09, 8-27-09, 3-23-12, 6-10-13, 7-9-15,

1-4-16, 6-1-16, 7-1-16, 11-17-16, 1-1-17, 8-24-17, 1-16-18, 7-23-18, 1-15-19, 7-1-19, 7-1-20, 7-1-22, 10-26-23, 4-1-26.

68B-14.0036 Recreational Bag Limits: Snapper, Grouper, Hogfish, Black Sea Bass, Red Porgy, Amberjacks, Tilefish, Exception, Wholesale/Retail Purchase Exemption.

- (1) Snapper.
- (a) through (d) No change.
- (e) Gulf lane snapper. No recreational harvester shall harvest in or from state waters of the Gulf of America, nor possess while in or on state waters of the Gulf of America, more than 20 lane snapper per day. Such bag and possession shall not be counted for purpose of the aggregate snapper bag and possession limits prescribed in paragraph (a). Lane snapper harvested in state waters of the Gulf of America shall not be subject to nor counted for purposes of determining compliance with the bag and possession limits established in paragraph (a).
 - (f) through (g) No change.
 - (2) through (10) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 12-31-98, Amended 3-1-99, Formerly 46-14.0036, Amended 10-22-99, 1-1-00, 3-6-00, 3-1-01, 1-1-03, 1-3-05, 9-16-05, 1-1-06, 7-1-06, 7-1-07, 4-1-08, 1-6-09, 8-27-09, 10-16-09, 1-19-10, 12-30-11, 7-1-12, 6-10-13(4), 6-10-13(8), 3-13-14, 5-7-15, 7-1-16, 11-17-16, 1-1-17, 5-30-17, 8-24-17, 1-16-18, 7-1-19, 4-1-20, 1-1-21, 8-25-21, 7-1-22, 4-1-23, 2-25-24, 4-1-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 13, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: July 9, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RULE TITLES:

Marine Fisheries RULE NOS.:

68B-27.001	Additional Applicable Regulations
68B-27.002	Definitions
68B-27.004	Bag and Vessel Limits; Harvest and
	Possession Limits
68B-27.0041	Apalachicola Bay Annual Harvest Levels;
	Derivation and Distribution of Apalachicola
	Bay Annual Harvest Levels
68B-27.005	Seasons; Open and Closed Periods
68B-27.006	Allowable Gear; Prohibited Gear; Harvest
	Methods
68B-27.007	Sale and Purchase Requirements
68B-27.008	Open and Closed Areas

68B-27.009	License Requirements
68B-27.011	Oyster Harvest Monitoring
68B-27.013	Definitions
68B-27.014	Statewide Bag Limits on Oyster Harvesting
68B-27.016	Oyster Harvest Monitoring
68B-27.017	Apalachicola Bay Oyster Harvesting
	Restrictions
68B-27.0175	West Bay (Bay County) Oyster Harvesting
	Restrictions
68B-27.018	Statewide Harvesting Restrictions
68B-27.019	Seasons
68B-27.020	Applicability to Oysters on Leased Parcels
PURPOSE AND	EFFECT: The purposes of these proposed rule

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purposes of these proposed rule amendments are to establish a new management framework for oyster harvest in Apalachicola Bay and standardize the organizational structure and rule language within the oyster rule chapter (68B-27, F.A.C.).

The effect of these proposed rule amendments would be to establish a new management framework for the harvest of oysters from Apalachicola Bay. This would include creating an endorsement for the commercial harvest of oysters from Apalachicola Bay with qualifications and renewal requirements, and a process for issuance. Additionally, it would include creating a permit for recreational oyster harvest from Apalachicola Bay with qualification requirements and a process for issuance. The effect of the proposed rules for both commercial and recreational oyster harvest from Apalachicola Bay also includes establishing a procedure for determining which reefs are open each season, setting annual harvest levels, distributing harvest tags to authorized participants, establishing harvest season and days, establishing reporting requirements, and requiring mandatory landing locations. Finally, the proposed rules would reorganize the structure of the rule chapter to align with other marine fisheries rule chapters and replace the term "harvest" with "harvest or attempt to harvest" and replace all instances of the term "sell" with "sell or offer

SUMMARY: These proposed rules would establish a new harvest management framework for Apalachicola Bay to take effect when the current closure for oyster harvest sunsets after December 31, 2025. The Commission is proposing rules that would align harvest regulations with the current state of the resource, which is currently still in recovery following a collapse that began in 2013. The proposed rules create an adaptive management framework for opening reefs based on biological thresholds, with a process for setting annual harvest levels and distributing harvest tags to authorized participants. The proposed rules for the commercial endorsement, recreational permit, harvest season and days, reporting requirements, and mandatory landing locations all support the larger harvest framework.

The proposed rules to change the organizational structure of the oyster rule chapter, replace the term "harvest" with "harvest or attempt to harvest," and replace all instances of the term "sell" with "sell or offer for sale" are part of the larger rule cleanup process for marine fisheries rules. This rule cleanup process is intended to clarify, streamline, and standardize all of the marine fisheries rule language.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: the nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, s. 379.354, Florida Statutes

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, s. 379.354, Florida Statutes

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting November 5-6, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

PLACE: Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 SW College Drive, Belle Glade, FL 33430

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: the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. 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).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554, or Jessica.Mccawley@myfwc.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68B-27.001 Additional Applicable Regulations.

Additional regulations applicable to the harvest, sale, and delivery of oysters established by the Department pursuant to s. 597.020, F.S., may be found in The Comprehensive Shellfish Control Code, Chapter 5L-1, F.A.C.

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Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 12-9-25.

68B-27.002 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Apalachicola Bay" means all Florida Waters within St. George Sound, East Bay in Franklin County, Apalachicola Bay, and St. Vincent Sound in Franklin County, and all Florida Waters within Indian Lagoon in Gulf County, including canals, channels, rivers, and creeks.
- (2) "Bag" means an amount of culled oysters less than or equal to the volume of two five-gallon buckets or one ten-gallon bucket, or sixty pounds, whichever is less.
- (3) "Closed area" means any area in which the taking or harvesting of oysters is prohibited pursuant to any applicable rule, order, or other action of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (4) "Cull" or "culling" means to sort oysters immediately after they are taken out of the water, returning oysters which are not of legal size, and cleaning mud, bedding shell, rock, and other debris off of the retained oysters that are legal size.
- (5) "Cultch" means oyster shell, rock, or other material suitable to support the settlement and growth of oyster larvae.
- (6) "Cultching" or "cultched" means the placement of cultch material onto established oyster reefs to maintain the reef structure and provide areas suitable for oysters to settle and grow.
- (7) "Department" means the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (8) "Dredge" or "mechanical harvesting device" means a dredge, scrape, rake, drag, or other device that is towed by a vessel or self-propelled and that is used to harvest shellfish.
- (9) "Harvest" means the taking of oysters by any means whatsoever, followed by a reduction of such oysters to possession. Oysters that are taken but immediately returned to the water are not harvested. The temporary possession of oysters for the purpose of culling shall not constitute harvesting such oysters, provided that, after culling, they are immediately returned to the water.
- (10) "Harvest for commercial purposes" means to harvest oysters with the intent to sell. Sale of oysters in any amount shall automatically result in such oysters being characterized as commercially harvested.

- (11) "Intertidal public reef" means a public reef located along the shoreline between the high-water mark and the low-water mark, and which may be exposed to air during low tide.
- (12) "Oyster" means any wild mollusk of the species Crassostrea virginica.
- (13) "Public reef" means an oyster reef in Florida Waters that is not located on submerged lands leased for shellfish culture by the State of Florida.
- (14) "Subtidal public reef" means a public reef that remains submerged during low tide.
- (15) "Tongs" means a hand-operated instrument used for gathering oysters consisting of a pair of long-handled rakes with inward-facing teeth. The term tongs does not include any device used for gathering oysters through any electrical, pneumatic, or hydraulic means.

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68B-27.004 Bag and Vessel Limits; Harvest and Possession Limits.

- (1) Commercial Limits –
- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) for waters of Apalachicola Bay, a commercial harvester may not harvest or land from Florida Waters or possess more than 20 bags of oysters per person or per vessel, whichever is less, per day.
- (b) A commercial harvester with a valid Apalachicola Bay (AB) Endorsement issued pursuant to paragraph 68B-27.009(1)(b), F.A.C., may not harvest or land from Apalachicola Bay or possess more bags of oysters than the number of oyster bag tags assigned to such commercial harvester pursuant to subparagraph 68B-27.009(1)(b)10., F.A.C., for the applicable license year.
 - (2) Recreational Limits -
- (a) A recreational harvester may not harvest or land from Florida Waters other than Apalachicola Bay or possess more than 2 bags of oysters per person or per vessel, whichever is less, per day.
- (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., a recreational harvester may not harvest, land, or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay.
- 2. A recreational harvester with a valid Apalachicola Bay Recreational Opportunity (ABRO) permit issued pursuant to subsection 68B-27.009(2), F.A.C., may not harvest or land from Apalachicola Bay more than 1 bag of oysters per open harvest season. A recreational harvester with a valid ABRO permit may not possess more than 1 bag of oysters from Apalachicola Bay.
- (3) Within any one day, a person harvesting oysters in or on Florida Waters may operate only as a recreational harvester or as a commercial harvester.

(4) Connecting two or more vessels in any way shall not allow a person to exceed established bag or vessel limits.

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68B-27.0041 Apalachicola Bay Annual Harvest Levels; Derivation and Distribution of Apalachicola Bay Annual Harvest Levels.

- (1) Each year, the annual harvest level for each public reef in Apalachicola Bay meeting the criteria to open such public reef to harvest in paragraph 68B-27.008(3)(a), F.A.C., shall be calculated as 10% of the estimated abundance of legal-sized oysters on each such public reef. The estimated abundance of legal-sized oysters shall be estimated from annual monitoring conducted by the Commission.
 - (2) Distribution of total annual harvest levels.
 - (a) Subtidal public reefs:
- 1. If the total annual harvest level for all subtidal public reefs meeting the criteria in paragraph 68B-27.008(3)(a), F.A.C., is greater than or equal to 2,000 bags of legal-sized oysters:
- a. 95% of the total annual harvest level for each open subtidal public reef shall be distributed to commercial harvesters with valid commercial Apalachicola Bay endorsements pursuant to subparagraph (2)(c)1., and
- b. 5% of the total annual harvest level for each open subtidal public reef shall be distributed to recreational harvesters with valid Apalachicola Bay Recreational Opportunity permits pursuant to subparagraph (2)(c)2.
- 2. If the total annual harvest level for all subtidal public reefs meeting the criteria in paragraph 68B-27.008(3)(a), F.A.C., is less than 2,000 bags of legal-sized oysters:
- a. 100% of the total annual harvest level for each open subtidal public reef shall be distributed to commercial harvesters with valid commercial Apalachicola Bay endorsements pursuant to subparagraph (2)(c)1.
- b. 0% of the total annual harvest level for each open subtidal public reef shall be distributed to recreational harvesters.
- (b) Intertidal public reefs: 100% of the total annual harvest level for an intertidal public reef that meets the criteria in paragraph 68B-27.008(3)(a), F.A.C., shall be distributed to recreational harvesters with valid Apalachicola Bay Recreational Opportunity permits pursuant to subparagraph (2)(c)2.
 - (c) Distribution to individuals.
- 1. Commercial annual harvest levels derived pursuant to sub-subparagraphs (2)(a)1.a. or (2)(a)2.a. shall be calculated as bags of oysters and shall be distributed evenly between all commercial harvesters licensed pursuant to paragraph 68B-

- 27.009(1)(b), F.A.C., for each harvest season. Only whole bags will be distributed. After the even distribution of each individual reef's bags, the remaining bags for all open reefs shall be distributed evenly among all commercial harvesters licensed pursuant to paragraph 68B-27.009(1)(b), F.A.C. If the distribution of the commercial annual harvest level for a public reef cannot be evenly distributed to commercial harvesters, then the remaining bags will not be distributed.
- 2. Recreational annual harvest levels derived pursuant to sub-subparagraphs (2)(a)1.b., (2)(a)2.b., or paragraph (2)(b) shall be calculated as bags of oysters. One bag will be distributed to each recreational harvester licensed pursuant to subsection 68B-27.009(2), F.A.C., for each harvest season. Only whole bags will be distributed.
- (3) Pursuant to Section 120.81(5), F.S., the Commission shall give notice of public reef-specific annual harvest levels and the quantity of public reef-specific bags to be distributed to commercial and recreational harvesters pursuant to this rule electronically at www.myfwc.com/saltwater/oysters. Such notice shall be made prior to October 1 each year.

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<u>Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 12-9-25.</u>

68B-27.005 Seasons; Open and Closed Periods.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, a person may not harvest or land an oyster from Florida Waters or possess an oyster beginning July 1 and continuing through September 30 of each year.
 - (2) In Apalachicola Bay:
- (a) Through December 31, 2025, a person may not harvest or land an oyster from Apalachicola Bay or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay.
 - (b) Beginning January 1, 2026:
- 1. A person may only harvest or land an oyster from Apalachicola Bay or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay beginning January 1, 2026, and continuing through February 28, 2026, provided that at least one public reef is open to the harvest of oysters pursuant to subsection 68B-27.008(3), F.A.C.
- 2. A person may not harvest or land an oyster from Apalachicola Bay or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay beginning March 1, 2026, and continuing through September 30, 2026.
 - (c) Beginning October 1, 2026:
- 1. A person may only harvest or land an oyster from Apalachicola Bay or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay beginning October 1 and continuing through the last day of February of the following year, provided that at least one public reef is open to the harvest of oysters pursuant to subsection 68B-27.008(3), F.A.C.

- 2. A person may not harvest or land an oyster from Apalachicola Bay or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay beginning March 1 and continuing through September 30 each year.
 - (d) Apalachicola Bay Harvest Days.
- 1. During the open harvest season, a commercial harvester licensed pursuant to paragraph 68B-27.009(1)(b), F.A.C., may only harvest, land, or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week. A commercial harvester may not harvest, land, or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay on Saturday or Sunday each week.
- 2. During the open harvest season, a recreational harvester licensed pursuant to paragraph 68B-27.009(2), F.A.C., may only harvest, land, or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay on Saturday and Sunday each week. A recreational harvester may not harvest, land, or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of each week.
- (3) In Wakulla, Dixie, and Levy counties, a person may not harvest, land, or possess an oyster from Florida Waters of Wakulla, Dixie, or Levy counties beginning June 1 and continuing through August 31 each year.
- (4) A person may not harvest an oyster from Florida Waters between official sunset and official sunrise, as established by the U.S. National Weather Service, except as provided in Rule 68B-27.011, F.A.C., in areas where monitoring stations have been established.
- (5) A commercial harvester may not harvest or land an oyster after the required delivery time established in Rule 5L-1.008, F.A.C.

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<u>68B-27.006 Allowable Gear; Prohibited Gear; Harvest Methods.</u>

- (1) A person may harvest or attempt to harvest an oyster only by or with the use of the following gear or methods:
- (a) By hand, while diving, swimming, leaning from vessels, or wading, and except as provided in paragraph (1)(b) by tongs.

(1)(b) Tongs.

- 1. Through December 31, 2025, a person may not possess tongs in or on Apalachicola Bay.
- 2. During the open harvest season established pursuant to subsection 68B-27.005(2), F.A.C., a person may only possess tongs in or on Apalachicola Bay:
- a. If such person has a valid AB endorsement issued pursuant to paragraph 68B-27.009(1)(b), F.A.C, or has a valid

- ABRO permit issued pursuant to subsection 68B-27.009(2), F.A.C.;
- b. During the harvester's applicable Apalachicola Bay harvest days as established in paragraph 68B-27.005(2)(c), F.A.C., and,
- c. If such person has an unused quantity of assigned oyster bag tags remaining for the applicable open season.
- 3. A person may not possess tongs in or on Apalachicola Bay during the closed season.
- 4. A person authorized to possess tongs in or on Apalachicola Bay pursuant to subparagraph (1)(b)2., may stow tongs in vessels between sundown and sunrise.
- 5. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to the authorized harvest of oysters from submerged lands within Apalachicola Bay which have been leased for shellfish culture by the State of Florida.
- (2) A person may not harvest or attempt to harvest an oyster with gear or methods not expressly permitted in subsection (1). Oysters harvested by or with any unauthorized gear or method must be returned to the water as soon and as reasonably close to a public reef as possible.
- (3) The possession of any dredge or mechanical harvesting device other than tongs in or on Florida Waters above any public reef is prohibited.
- (4) Except as provided in sub-subparagraph (1)(b)2.c., tongs may be stowed in vessels between sundown and sunrise. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025 Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 12-9-25.

68B-27.007 Sale and Purchase Requirements.

- (1) If one or more licenses are required to harvest oysters within a specific region or area pursuant to Rule 68B-27.009, F.A.C., such license(s) is also required for the commercial harvester to sell or offer for sale such oysters.
- (2) A wholesale dealer, as defined in Section 379.362(1)(a), F.S., may not purchase oysters from a harvester required to be licensed pursuant to Rule 68B-27.009, F.A.C., unless such harvester presents all required licenses prior to the sale.
- (3) A person may not possess, transport, purchase, or sell an oyster harvested in violation of any of the requirements of this Chapter, Chapter 5L-1, F.A.C., or Chapters 379 or 597, F.S.
- (4) A recreational harvester may not sell or attempt to sell an oyster.

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68B-27.008 Open and Closed Areas.

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (4), a person may only harvest an oyster from shellfish harvesting areas open to the harvest of oysters as designated by the Department pursuant to subsection 5L-1.003(1), F.A.C.
- (2)(a) A person may not harvest or land an oyster from any area not open to the harvest of oysters as designated by the Department pursuant to Rule 5L-1.003, F.A.C., or as designated pursuant to subsection (3).
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (2)(c), a person may not possess an oyster in or on Florida Waters that are not open to the harvest of oysters as designated by the Department pursuant to Rule 5L-1.003, F.A.C., or as designated pursuant to subsection (3).
- (c) Paragraph (2)(b) shall not apply to harvesters operating vessels containing oysters tagged in accordance with subparagraph 68B-27.009(1)(b)10., F.A.C., or paragraph 68B-27.009(2)(c), F.A.C., only if the vessel is proceeding in a continuous and direct route through a closed area to an approved landing location.
- (3) Procedure for determining open and closed areas in Apalachicola Bay. Each year, the Commission shall determine if public reefs in Apalachicola Bay may be made available to harvest based on the following criteria:
- (a) If the Commission determines that a public reef in Apalachicola Bay contains 400 or more bags of legal-sized oysters per acre, such public reef may be opened to harvest during the following open harvest season. The estimated abundance of legal-sized oysters shall be estimated from annual monitoring conducted by the Commission.
- (b) If the Commission determines that a public reef in Apalachicola Bay contains fewer than 400 bags of legal-sized oysters per acre, such public reef shall be closed to harvest during the following open harvest season. The estimated abundance of legal-sized oysters shall be estimated from annual monitoring conducted by the Commission.
- (c) A public reef that has been cultched shall be closed to harvest for 12 months following such cultching activity. After 12 months, the Commission may only open the cultched public reef during a harvest season if the Commission determines such reef contains 400 or more bags of legal-sized oysters per acre.
- (d) Pursuant to Section 120.81(5), F.S., the Commission shall give notice of such open and closed public reefs in Apalachicola Bay electronically at www.myfwc.com/saltwater/oysters. Such notice shall be made prior to October 1 each year.
 - (4) West Bay, Bay County –
- (a) A person may not harvest or possess an oyster in or on the waters of the West Bay Estuarine Habitat Restoration Project Zone.

(b) For purposes of this rule, the "West Bay Estuarine Habitat Restoration Project Zone" is defined as the area within the following boundary: Commencing at 30°15.878'N, 85°51.097'W; thence in an easterly direction to 30°15.898'N, 85°50.784'W; thence in a southerly direction to 30°15.354'N, 85°50.678'W; thence south-southeast to 30°14.914'N, 85°50.678'W; thence in a southerly direction to 30°14.531'N, 85°50.655'W; thence southwest to the 30°14.218'N, 85°50.873'W; thence in a westerly direction to 30°14.189'N, 85°51.082'W; thence in a northerly direction along a line following the shoreline to the northwestern-most corner of the West Bay Estuarine Habitat Restoration Project Zone, the point of beginning.

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68B-27.009 License Requirements.

(1) Commercial License Requirements –

(a) Shellfish Endorsement.

- 1. A commercial harvester may not harvest or attempt to harvest from Florida Waters, possess, land, or sell or attempt to sell oysters unless such person possesses a valid Saltwater Products License and a valid Shellfish Endorsement.
- 2. A Shellfish Endorsement shall be issued only to a person with a valid saltwater products license who provides documentation that they have successfully completed a Department-developed or Department-approved training course in shellfish harvest and post-harvest practices as provided in sub-subparagraph (1)(a)2.a., and that is valid for the applicable license year sought.
- a. The Commission shall provide a Department-approved Shellfish Harvester Training Course each year, available at https://learningmyfwc.remote-learner.net. Such course shall only be valid for the license year beginning July 1 through June 30 of the following year.
- b. The Commission shall issue proof of completion to a person who has successfully completed the Shellfish Harvester Training Course.
- 3. A person harvesting aquacultured oysters from submerged lands that have been leased for shellfish culture by the State of Florida pursuant to a valid aquaculture certificate of registration issued by the Department is exempt from the requirement to possess a Shellfish Endorsement.
 - (b) Commercial Apalachicola Bay Endorsement -
- 1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subsection 379.361(5), F.S., a commercial harvester may not harvest or attempt to harvest, possess, sell or attempt to sell an oyster from Apalachicola Bay unless:
- a. Such commercial harvester has a valid commercial Apalachicola Bay (AB) Endorsement issued pursuant to

- paragraph (1)(b), a valid Shellfish Endorsement, and a valid Saltwater Products License;
- b. Such commercial harvester has been assigned and issued commercial oyster bag tags pursuant to subparagraph (1)(b)10., and one such oyster bag tag is securely affixed to each bag of oysters; and,
- c. Such harvest, sale, or possession of oysters is consistent with all other applicable provisions of this Chapter and Chapter 5L-1, F.A.C.
- 2. Issuance of AB Endorsements for the initial January 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026, harvest season must be applied for through the Commission's online licensing system prior to 11:59 p.m. on December 16, 2025.
- a. An applicant may only submit one application for an AB Endorsement during the application period.
 - b. Applicants for an AB Endorsement shall:
- (I) Be a Florida resident, as defined in Section 379.101(30)(a), F.S.;
- (II) Possess a valid individual or crew Saltwater Products License with a valid Shellfish Endorsement;
- (III) Have documented landings of wild oysters harvested from Apalachicola Bay in any year from 2012 through 2020; and,
- (IV) Not have a valid Apalachicola Bay Recreational Opportunity Permit.
- 3. The Commission may not issue more AB Endorsements for any single license year than are issued pursuant to subparagraph (1)(b)2.. A commercial harvester shall not be issued more than one AB Endorsement for any single license year.
- 4. An AB Endorsement must be renewed by June 30 each year. Renewal is subject to the following requirements:
- a. Requalification. A commercial harvester renewing an AB Endorsement shall:
- (I) Have documented landings of wild oysters harvested from Apalachicola Bay during the previous license year; and,
- (II) Have timely submitted all harvest reporting requirements for any AB Endorsement issued to the applicant prior to the current application year.
- b. Failure to renew an AB Endorsement by June 30 each year will result in forfeiture of the endorsement. Such forfeited endorsements shall be made available to commercial harvesters selected by random-draw lottery for the license year following the non-renewed license period pursuant to subparagraph (1)(b)5.
- 5. Beginning with the 2027/2028 license year, any AB Endorsements not renewed and forfeited pursuant to subsubparagraph (1)(b)4.b. shall be made available to commercial harvesters via random-draw lottery for the license year following the non-renewed license period. Commercial harvesters may apply for such AB Endorsements through the

- Commission's online licensing system beginning May 1 and continuing through May 31 each year.
- a. An applicant may only submit one application for an AB Endorsement during any single application period.
 - b. Applicants for an AB Endorsement shall:
- (I) Be a Florida resident, as defined in Section 379.101(30)(a), F.S.;
- (II) Possess a valid individual or crew Saltwater Products License with a valid Shellfish Endorsement;
- (III) Not have previously been issued an AB Endorsement for the current application year;
- (IV) Have timely submitted all harvest reporting requirements for any AB Endorsement issued to the applicant prior to the current application year; and,
- (V) Not have a valid Apalachicola Bay Recreational Opportunity Permit for the current application year.
- c. An AB Endorsement issued pursuant to subparagraph (1)(b)5. must be renewed annually pursuant to subparagraph (1)(b)4.
- 6. An AB Endorsement is not transferable. A person may not sell, purchase, transfer, lease, or exchange an AB Endorsement.
- 7. An AB Endorsement may not be issued on a vessel Saltwater Products License.
- 8. An AB Endorsement does not authorize the harvest or landing of oysters in or from Florida Waters outside of Apalachicola Bay or the sale of oysters harvested from Florida Waters outside of Apalachicola Bay.
- 9. Vessel Marking Requirements. A commercial harvester who harvests or attempts to harvest oysters from Apalachicola Bay shall permanently and prominently display on the vessel used in such harvest the harvester's AB Endorsement number in legible figures such that it is readily identifiable from the water. The AB Endorsement number shall be displayed and permanently affixed vertically to both the starboard and port sides of the vessel in numerals no smaller than 10 inches in height.
 - 10. Commercial oyster bag tags.
- a. Annually, each commercial harvester issued an AB Endorsement shall be assigned a quantity of Commission-issued oyster bag tags for the bags derived and distributed to each commercial harvester pursuant to subparagraph 68B-27.0041(2)(c)1., F.A.C. Each commercial oyster bag tag shall be valid only for the public reef and license year indicated thereon.
- b. Immediately after culling and retaining an oyster, a commercial harvester who has been issued an AB Endorsement must securely affix a Commission-issued oyster bag tag to each container holding no more than 1 bag of oysters. The harvester may not leave the public reef from which the oyster was harvested unless the bag tag has been affixed to the container

- holding the oysters. A commercial harvester may only affix an oyster bag tag to a container holding oysters harvested from the public reef indicated on such oyster bag tag.
- c. An oyster bag tag is only valid for the harvest, possession, and landing of one bag of oysters from the public reef indicated thereon. An oyster bag tag cannot be used more than once.
- d. An oyster bag tag is not transferable. A person may not sell, purchase, transfer, lease, or exchange an oyster bag tag.
- e. Once affixed, an oyster bag tag may only be removed from a container holding oysters by a wholesale dealer after the wholesale dealer has purchased the oysters from the harvester. The wholesale dealer shall retain such oyster bag tags on file through the end of the season or for 90 days, whichever is longer.
- 11. Reporting requirements. A commercial harvester who harvests oysters in Apalachicola Bay must report such harvest, harvest data, and the following information to the Commission's oyster reporting system within the time periods described:
- a. The harvester must hail-out to indicate the trip start time and location of departure at the beginning of each trip and before getting underway.
- b. The harvester must report the harvest location for each bag tag used before leaving the public reef where such oysters were harvested. The location for each tag used must be reported individually.
- c. The harvester must hail-in to indicate the trip end time and landing location for each trip before departing the location where the oysters were landed.
- d. At the point of sale, the harvester must identify the wholesale dealer to whom the oysters were sold.
- 12. Landing requirements A commercial harvester may only land oysters harvested from Apalachicola Bay at an approved landing location. The Commission shall give notice of approved landing locations electronically at www.myfwc.com/saltwater/oysters.
 - (2) Apalachicola Bay Recreational Opportunity Permits –
- (a) A recreational harvester may not harvest, land, or possess an oyster from Apalachicola Bay unless:
- 1. Such recreational harvester has a valid recreational saltwater fishing license, unless exempt from such requirement pursuant to s. 379.354(2), F.S., and a valid Apalachicola Bay Recreational Opportunity (ABRO) permit issued pursuant to paragraph (2)(b);
- 2. Such recreational harvester has been assigned and issued a recreational oyster bag tag pursuant to paragraph (2)(c), and such oyster bag tag is securely affixed to a bag of oysters; and,
- 3. Such harvest or possession of oysters is consistent with other applicable provisions of Chapter 68B-27, F.A.C.

- (b)1. Apalachicola Bay Recreational Opportunity (ABRO) permits for the initial January 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026, harvest period must be applied for through the Commission's online licensing system prior to 11:59 p.m. on December 16, 2025.
- 2. Beginning July 1, 2026, Apalachicola Bay Recreational Opportunity (ABRO) permits may be applied for through the Commission's online licensing system beginning July 15 and continuing through July 31 each year.
- 3. An applicant may only submit one application for an ABRO permit during any single application period; however, an applicant may rank their preference of public reefs open to recreational harvest.
- 4. Upon application, an applicant must pay a \$5 non-refundable application fee. No person is exempt from paying the special use permit application fee.
 - 5. Applicants for an ABRO permit shall:
- a. Be a Florida resident, as defined in Section 379.101(30)(b), F.S.;
- b. Not have previously been issued a commercial Apalachicola Bay endorsement for the current application year; and,
- c. Have timely submitted required harvest reporting for any ABRO permits issued to the applicant prior to the current application year.
- 6. A person shall not be issued more than one ABRO permit for any single harvest period. An ABRO permit shall only be valid for the public reef and the harvest period indicated thereon. For the purpose of this subsection, "harvest period" means the open harvest season established in subsection 68B-27.005(2), F.A.C.
- 7. One oyster bag tag will be issued with each ABRO permit.
- 8. The Commission may not issue more ABRO permits for any single harvest period than the total quantity of bags of oysters derived and distributed to recreational harvesters pursuant to subparagraph 68B-27.0041(2)(c)2., F.A.C. If there are fewer applicants for an ABRO permit than the total quantity of bags of oysters derived and distributed to recreational harvesters pursuant to subparagraph 68B-27.0041(2)(c)2., F.A.C., the Commission may reopen the recreational ABRO permit application period in subparagraph (2)(b)1. or (2)(b)2. via notice on the Commission's website.
- 9. An ABRO permit is not transferable. A person may not sell, purchase, transfer, lease, or exchange an ABRO permit.
 - (c) Recreational oyster bag tags.
- 1. A recreational harvester issued an ABRO permit shall be assigned one Commission-issued oyster bag tag. An oyster bag tag shall be valid only for the public reef and harvest period indicated thereon.

- 2. Immediately after culling and retaining an oyster, a recreational harvester who has been issued an ABRO permit must securely affix a Commission-issued oyster bag tag to the container holding the oyster(s), which shall not have a capacity that exceeds 1 bag. The harvester may not leave the public reef from which the oyster was harvested unless the bag tag has been affixed to the container holding the oysters. A recreational harvester may only affix an oyster bag tag to a container holding oysters harvested from the public reef indicated on such oyster bag tag.
- 3. An oyster bag tag is only valid for the harvest, possession, and landing of 1 bag of oysters from the public reef indicated thereon. A person may not use an oyster bag tag more than once.
- 4. Oyster bag tags are not transferable. A person may not sell, purchase, transfer, lease, or exchange an oyster bag tag.
 - (d) Reporting requirements.
- 1. A recreational harvester who harvests oysters under an ABRO permit issued pursuant to this subsection must report such harvest, harvest data, and the following information to the Commission's oyster reporting system within the time periods described:
- a. The harvester must hail-out to indicate the trip start time and location of departure at the beginning of each trip and before getting underway.
- b. The harvester must report the harvest location before leaving the public reef where such oysters were harvested.
- c. The harvester must hail-in to indicate the trip end time and landing location for each trip before departing the location where the oysters were landed.
- 2. Under Section 379.401(1), F.S., failure to file reports required of persons who hold recreational licenses is a non-criminal infraction.
- (e) Landing requirements A recreational harvester may only land oysters harvested from Apalachicola Bay at an approved landing location. The Commission shall give notice of approved landing locations electronically at www.myfwc.com/saltwater/oysters.
- (f) No person is exempt from the permitting or tagging requirements of this subsection.
- (g) An ABRO permit does not authorize a recreational harvester to sell or attempt to sell an oyster.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354 FS. Law

Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354 FS. History—New 12-9-25.

68B-27.011 Commercial Oyster Harvest Monitoring.

(1) A commercial harvester harvesting oysters from areas where monitoring stations are in operation must:

- (a) Before leaving the waters of these areas, pass through a monitoring station;
- (b) Before arriving at a monitoring station, place all oysters on board their vessel in bags;
- (c) Place all bags containing oysters in plain view on their vessel(s); and,
 - (d) Declare all oysters on board for inspection.
- (2) In water bodies where monitoring stations have been established, a commercial harvester may not harvest or possess oysters in or from Florida Waters from the posted daily closing time of the monitoring station until official sunrise the following day, as established by the U.S. National Weather Service.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

<u>Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented</u>

<u>Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 12-9-25.</u>

68B-27.013 Definitions.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 3-10-91, Amended 11-29-93, 11-27-96, Formerly 46-27.013, Amended 1-26-21, Repealed 12-9-25.

68B-27.014 Statewide Bag Limits on Oyster Harvesting.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 3-10-91, Amended 11-29-93, 7-15-96, Formerly 46-27.014, Amended 6-1-99, 1-26-21, Repealed 12-9-25.

68B-27.016 Oyster Harvest Monitoring.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 3-10-91, Amended 11-29-93, Formerly 46-27.016, Repealed 12-9-25.

68B-27.017 Apalachicola Bay Oyster Harvesting Restrictions.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 3-10-91, Amended 11-29-93, Formerly 46-27.017, Amended 6-1-99, 9-1-05, 5-18-06, 6-1-12, 1-26-21, Repealed 12-9-25.

68B-27.0175 West Bay (Bay County) Oyster Harvesting Restrictions.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 6-25-18, Repealed 12-9-25.

68B-27.018 Statewide Harvesting Restrictions.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 3-10-91, Formerly 46-27.018, Amended 6-7-10, 11-26-14, 1-26-21, Repealed 12-9-25.

68B-27.019 Seasons.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 3-10-91, Amended 10-3-94, 7-15-96, Formerly 46-27.019, Amended 9-1-05, 1-26-21, Repealed 12-9-25.

68B-27.020 Applicability to Oysters on Leased Parcels. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 3-10-91, Formerly 46-27.020, Repealed 12-9-25.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 14, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: July 24, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

68B-27.003 Size Limit; Size Limit Tolerances

68B-27.015 Oyster Size Limit

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purposes of these proposed rule amendments are to modify statewide tolerances for harvest of undersized oysters, clarify statewide culling requirements, and standardize the organizational structure within the oyster rule chapter (68B-27, F.A.C.).

The effects of the proposed rules include changing the undersized tolerances from percentages to numbers. Additionally, the proposed rules would make the culling requirements more straightforward, clearly stating that culling must occur at the harvest site and that harvesters must remove all cultch material (i.e., oyster shell, rock, or other material suitable to support the settlement and growth of oyster larvae) greater than 1 inch in size from harvested oysters. The proposed rules also expressly prohibit the possession of unculled oysters. Finally, the proposed rules would move the rule pertaining to size limits and culling from 68B-27.015, F.A.C., to 68B-

27.003, F.A.C., to align the rule chapter structure with other marine fisheries rule chapters.

SUMMARY: Oysters are one of only a few marine species managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) where harvesters are allowed to retain product below the minimum size limit. Currently, the rules establish percentage tolerances for undersized oysters. The proposed rules would turn these percentages into fixed numbers. Harvesters would be allowed to retain up to 11 undersized, unattached oysters per bag, as well as up to 33 attached, undersized oysters per bag.

Currently, the FWC rules require harvesters to cull their oysters immediately after they are taken out of the water. "Cull" or "culling" means to sort oysters immediately after they are taken out of the water, returning oysters which are not of legal size, and cleaning mud, bedding shell, rock, and other debris off of the retained oysters that are legal size. Revising and clarifying culling rules could minimize reef loss by reducing the removal of undersized oysters and other reef material, like the rocks used in restoration.

The proposed rules would make the culling requirements more straightforward. They would clearly state that culling must occur at the harvest site and that harvesters must remove all cultch material (i.e., oyster shell, rock, or other material suitable to support the settlement and growth of oyster larvae) greater than 1 inch in size from harvested oysters. The proposed rules also expressly prohibit the possession of unculled oysters.

The proposed change to the organizational structure is part of a larger rule cleanup process for marine fisheries rules. This rule cleanup process is intended to clarify, streamline, and standardize all marine fisheries rule language.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: the nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting November 5-6, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

PLACE: Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 SW College Drive, Belle Glade, FL 33430

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: the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. 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).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554, or Jessica.Mccawley@myfwc.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68B-27.003 Size Limit; Size Limit Tolerances

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3), a person may not harvest or land from Florida Waters or possess any oyster less than 3 inches in greatest dimension. Oysters that are 3 inches or more in greatest dimension shall be legal size.

(2)(a) A person harvesting oysters from Florida Waters must cull such oysters, unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) A person must cull oysters immediately after such oysters are removed from the water. Culling must take place directly over the public reef from which the oysters were harvested.

(c) A person must remove all cultch and other debris greater than 1 inch in any dimension from all oysters harvested.

(d) A person may not harvest or possess unculled oysters. For purposes of this rule, "unculled oysters" means any bag of oysters containing more undersized oysters than the allowable size limit tolerances established in subsection (3) or any bag containing oysters that have not been cleaned of cultch, other debris, or bedding shell and rock greater than 1 inch in any dimension.

(3) Size Limit Tolerances.

(a) Tolerance for Attached Oysters. If an undersized oyster is attached to a legal-sized oyster in a manner such that separating them would destroy either oyster, a person may harvest and land from Florida Waters and possess no more than 33 such undersized attached oysters in any bag. The legal-sized

oysters to which the undersized oysters are attached shall be counted separately from the attached oysters.

(b) Tolerance for Individual, Unattached Oysters. A person may harvest and land from Florida Waters and possess no more than 11 undersized, unattached oysters in any bag.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 12-9-25.

68B-27.015 Oyster Size Limit.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2025

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 3-10-91, Formerly 46-27.015, Amended 10-7-01, Repealed 12-9-25.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

OIR - Insurance Regulation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69O-143.046 Registration of Insurers

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rule 690-143.046, F.A.C., is amended to enact changes required under the Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act of the NAIC, as adopted in December 2020. The Office is charged in Section 628.801(1), F.S., to enact rules that enact all requirements and standards of that Act. The rule contains new requirements regarding group capital calculations and liquidity stress test and includes two new forms: the "Group Capital Calculation 2024 Template", and the "NAIC Liquidity Stress Test 2024 Template." This Rule is intended to take effect January 1, 2026. SUMMARY: Rule 690-143.046, F.A.C., is amended to enact changes required under the Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act of the NAIC, as adopted in December 2020. The Office is charged in Section 628.801(1), F.S., to enact rules that enact all requirements and standards of that Act. The rule contains new requirements regarding group capital calculations and liquidity stress test and includes two new forms: the "Group Capital Calculation 2024 Template", and the "NAIC Liquidity Stress Test 2024 Template." This Rule is intended to take effect January 1, 2026.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Agency personnel familiar with the subject matter of the rule amendment have performed an economic analysis of the rule amendment that shows that the rule amendment is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the State economy in excess of the criteria established in Section 120.541(2)(a), Florida Statutes.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 624.308, and 628.801, F.S. LAW IMPLEMENTED: 624.307(1), 624.317, 624.424, 628.251, 628.461, and 628.801, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Kama Monroe, Assistant General Counsel, Office of Insurance Regulation, Kama.Monroe@floir.com, (850)413-4121.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

69O-143.046 Registration of Insurers.

- (1) through (2) No Change
- (3) Every insurer subject to registration shall file a registration statement on a Form OIR-D0-516, incorporated by reference in paragraph 69O-143.046(17)(15)(a), F.A.C. The form shall provide current information about:
 - (a) through (g) No Change
- (4) All registration statements shall contain a summary outlining all items in the current registration statement representing changes from the prior registration statement filed on a Form OIR-A1-2116, incorporated by reference in paragraph 69O-143.046(17)(15)(b), F.A.C.
- (5) No information need be disclosed on the registration statement filed pursuant to subsection (3) of this rule, if such information is not material for the purposes of this rule and Rule 69O-143.047, F.A.C. Unless the Office by rule, regulation or order provides otherwise, sales, purchases, exchanges, loans, or

extensions of credit, or investments, involving one-half of 1% or less of an insurer's admitted assets as of the prior year end shall not be deemed material for purposes of this section. The definition of materiality provided in this paragraph shall not apply for purposes of the Group Capital Calculation or the Liquidity Stress Test Framework.

- (6) No Change
- (7) In addition to the registration statement required in paragraph (3), each registered insurer, except foreign insurers subject to disclosure requirements and standards adopted by statute or regulation in the jurisdiction of its domicile which are substantially similar to those contained in this rule and Rule 69O-143.047, F.A.C., shall also provide on Form OIR-A1-2118, incorporated by reference in paragraph 69O-143.046(17)(15)(c), F.A.C., the information required under Section 628.801(2), F.S.
- (8) Except as provided in paragraph (8)(a), the ultimate controlling person of every insurer required to file the registration statement in subsection (3), shall concurrently file with the registration an annual group capital calculation on Form OIR-D0-1100, incorporated by reference in paragraph 690-143.046(17)(d), F.A.C. as directed by the Office. The report shall be completed in accordance with the NAIC Group Capital Calculation Instructions, which permits the Office to allow a controlling person that is not the ultimate controlling person to file the group capital calculation. The report must be filed with the Office as the lead state regulator of the insurance holding company system as determined by the Office in accordance with the procedures within the Financial Analysis Handbook adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.
- (a) The following insurance holding company systems are exempt from filing the group capital calculation:
- 1. An insurance holding company system that has only one insurer within its holding company structure, that only writes business and is only licensed in its domestic state, and assumes no business from any other insurer.
- 2. An insurance holding company system that is required to perform a group capital calculation specified by the United States Federal Reserve Board. The Office shall request the calculation from the Federal Reserve Board under the terms of information sharing agreements in effect. If the Federal Reserve Board cannot share the calculation with the Office, the insurance holding company system is not exempt from the group capital calculation filing.
- 3. An insurance holding company system whose non-U.S. group-wide supervisor is located within a Reciprocal Jurisdiction as described in Section 624.610(4)(a)3., F.S. that recognizes the U.S. state regulatory approach to group supervision and group capital.
 - 4. An insurance holding company system:

- a. That provides information to the lead state that meets the requirements for accreditation under the NAIC financial standards and accreditation program, either directly or indirectly through the group-wide supervisor, who has determined such information is satisfactory to allow the lead state to comply with the NAIC group supervision approach, as detailed in the NAIC Financial Analysis Handbook, and
- b. Whose non-U.S. group-wide supervisor that is not in a Reciprocal Jurisdiction recognizes and accepts, as specified by the Office in paragraph 69O-143.046(8)(e), F.A.C., the group capital calculation as the world-wide group capital assessment for U.S. insurance groups who operate in that jurisdiction.
- 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (8)(a)3. and (8)(a)4., the Office shall require the group capital calculation for U.S. operations of any non-U.S. based insurance holding company system where, after any necessary consultation with other supervisors or officials, it is deemed appropriate by the Office for prudential oversight and solvency monitoring purposes or for ensuring the competitiveness of the insurance marketplace.
- 6. Notwithstanding the exemptions from filing the group capital calculation stated in subparagraph (8)(a)1. through subparagraph (8)(a)4, the Office has the discretion to exempt the ultimate controlling person from filing the annual group capital calculation or to accept a limited group capital filing or report in accordance with criteria as specified in paragraphs (8)(b) and (c).
- 7. If the Office determines that an insurance holding company system no longer meets one or more of the requirements for an exemption from filing the group capital calculation under this section, the insurance holding company system shall file the group capital calculation at the next annual filing date unless given an extension by the Office based on reasonable grounds shown.
- (b) Where an insurance holding company system has previously filed the annual group capital calculation at least once, the Office has the discretion to exempt the ultimate controlling person from filing the annual group capital calculation if the Office makes a determination based upon that filing that the insurance holding company system meets all of the following criteria:
- 1. Has annual direct written and unaffiliated assumed premium (including international direct and assumed premium), but excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Federal Flood Program, of less than \$1,000,000,000;
- 2. Has no insurers within its holding company structure that are domiciled outside of the United States or one of its territories;
- 3. Has no banking, depository or other financial entity that is subject to an identified regulatory capital framework within

- its holding company structure;
- 4. The holding company system attests that there are no material changes in the transactions between insurers and non-insurers in the group that have occurred since the last filing of the annual group capital; and
- 5. The non-insurers within the holding company system do not pose a material financial risk to the insurer's ability to honor policyholder obligations.
- (c) Where an insurance holding company system has previously filed the annual group capital calculation at least once, the Office has the discretion to accept in lieu of the group capital calculation a limited group capital filing if the insurance holding company system has annual direct written and unaffiliated assumed premium (including international direct and assumed premium), but excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Federal Flood Program, of less than \$1,000,000,000; and all of the following additional criteria are met:
- 1. Has no insurers within its holding company structure that are domiciled outside of the United States or one of its territories;
- 2. Does not include a banking, depository or other financial entity that is subject to an identified regulatory capital framework; and
- 3. The holding company system attests that there are no material changes in transactions between insurers and non-insurers in the group that have occurred since the last filing of the report to the Office and the non-insurers within the holding company system do not pose a material financial risk to the insurers ability to honor policyholder obligations.
- (d) For an insurance holding company that has previously met an exemption with respect to the group capital calculation pursuant to paragraph (8)(b) or (8)(c) of this regulation, the Office may require at any time the ultimate controlling person to file an annual group capital calculation, completed in accordance with the NAIC Group Capital Calculation Instructions, if any of the following criteria are met:
- 1. Any insurer within the insurance holding company system is in a Risk-Based Capital action level event as set forth in Section 624.4085, F.S. or a similar standard for a non-U.S. insurer; or
- 2. Any insurer within the insurance holding company system meets one or more of the standards of an insurer deemed to be in hazardous financial condition as defined in Section 624.805, F.S.; or
- 3. Any insurer within the insurance holding company system otherwise exhibits qualities of a troubled insurer as determined by the Office based on unique circumstances including, but not limited to, the type and volume of business written, ownership and organizational structure, federal agency requests, and international supervisor requests.

- (e) A non-U.S. jurisdiction is considered to "recognize and accept" the group capital calculation if it satisfies the following criteria:
- 1. With respect to the subparagraph (8)(a)4. exemption criteria:
- a. The non-U.S. jurisdiction recognizes the U.S. state regulatory approach to group supervision and group capital, by providing confirmation by a competent regulatory authority, in such jurisdiction, that insurers and insurance groups whose lead state is accredited by the NAIC under the NAIC Accreditation Program shall be subject only to worldwide prudential insurance group supervision including worldwide group governance, solvency and capital, and reporting, as applicable, by the lead state and will not be subject to group supervision, including worldwide group governance, solvency and capital, and reporting, at the level of the worldwide parent undertaking of the insurance or reinsurance group by the non-U.S. jurisdiction; or
- b. Where no U.S. insurance groups operate in the non-U.S. jurisdiction, that non-U.S. jurisdiction indicates formally in writing to the lead state with a copy to the International Association of Insurance Supervisors that the group capital calculation is an acceptable international capital standard. This will serve as the documentation otherwise required in subsubparagraph (8)(e)1.a.
- 2. The non-U.S. jurisdiction provides confirmation by a competent regulatory authority in such jurisdiction that information regarding insurers and their parent, subsidiary, or affiliated entities, if applicable, shall be provided to the Office in accordance with a memorandum of understanding or similar document between the Office and such jurisdiction, including but not limited to the International Association of Insurance Supervisors Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding or other multilateral memoranda of understanding coordinated by the NAIC. The Office shall determine, in consultation with the NAIC Committee Process, if the requirements of the information sharing agreements are in force.
- (f) A list of non-U.S. jurisdictions that "recognize and accept" the group capital calculation will be published through the NAIC Committee Process and by the Office:
- 1. A list of jurisdictions that "recognize and accept" the group capital calculation pursuant to subparagraph (8)(a)4. exemption criteria, is published through the NAIC Committee Process to assist the Office in determining which insurers shall file an annual group capital calculation. The list will clarify those situations in which a jurisdiction is exempted from filing under subparagraph (8)(a)4. exemption criteria. To assist with a determination under subparagraph (8)(a)5., the list will also identify whether a jurisdiction that is exempted under either subparagraph (8)(a)3. or subparagraph (8)(a)4. requires a group capital filing for any U.S. based insurance group's operations

- in that non-U.S. jurisdiction.
- 2. For a non-U.S. jurisdiction where no U.S. insurance groups operate, the confirmation provided to meet the requirement of sub-subparagraph (8)(e)1.b. will serve as support for recommendation to be published as a jurisdiction that "recognizes and accepts" the group capital calculation through the NAIC Committee Process and by the Office.
- 3. If the Office makes a determination pursuant to subparagraph (8)(a)4. that differs from the NAIC List, the Office shall provide thoroughly documented justification to the NAIC and other states.
- 4. Upon determination by Office that a non-U.S. jurisdiction no longer meets one or more of the requirements to "recognize and accept" the group capital calculation, the Office may provide a recommendation to the NAIC that the non-U.S. jurisdiction be removed from the list of jurisdictions that "recognize and accepts" the group capital calculation.
- (9) The ultimate controlling person of every insurer subject to registration and also scoped into the NAIC Liquidity Stress Test Framework shall file the results of a specific year's Liquidity Stress Test on Form OIR-D0-1101, incorporated by reference in paragraph 690-143.046(17)(e), F.A.C.. The filing shall be made to the Office as the lead state regulator of the insurance holding company system as determined by the procedures within the Financial Analysis Handbook adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.
- (a) Insurers meeting at least one threshold of the Scope Criteria are considered scoped into the NAIC Liquidity Stress Test Framework for the specified data year unless the Office, in consultation with the NAIC Financial Stability Task Force or its successor, determines the insurer should not be scoped into the Framework for that data year.
- (b) The performance of, and filing of the results from, a specific year's Liquidity Stress Test shall comply with the NAIC Liquidity Stress Test Framework's instructions and reporting templates for that year and any Office determinations, in conjunction with the NAIC Financial Stability Task Force or its successor, provided within the Framework.
- (8) through (14) renumbered (10) through (16) No Change. (17)(15) The following forms and documents are hereby incorporated by reference:
 - (a) through (c) No Change
- (d) Form OIR-D0-1100, "Group Capital Calculation 2024 Template," effective 01/26, available at https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18851.
- (e) Form OIR-D0-1101, "NAIC Liquidity Stress Test 2024 Template," effective 01/26, available at http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18853.
- (f) "Group Capital Calculation Instructions" means the Group Capital Calculation 2024 Instructions as adopted by the NAIC and as amended by the NAIC from time to time in

accordance with the procedures adopted by the NAIC if the methodology remains substantially consistent. The Office has determined that posting these incorporated materials would be a violation of federal copyright law. The document is available: from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), 1100 Walnut Street, Suite 1000, Kansas City, MO 64106-2197, at https://content.naic.org. The "Group Capital Calculation Instructions" is also available for inspection during regular business hours at the Office of Insurance Regulation, Larson Building, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0300 or at the Department of State, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Street, Room 701, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

(g) "NAIC Liquidity Stress Test Framework" means the NAIC 2023 Liquidity Stress Test Framework For Life Insurers Meeting the Scope Criteria as adopted by the NAIC on December 1, 2023 and as amended by the NAIC from time to time in accordance with the procedures adopted by the NAIC if the methodology remains substantially consistent. The Office has determined that posting these incorporated materials would be a violation of federal copyright law. The document is available: from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), 1100 Walnut Street, Suite 1000, Kansas City, MO 64106-2197, at https://content.naic.org. The "NAIC Liquidity Stress Test Framework" is also available for inspection during regular business hours at the Office of Insurance Regulation, Larson Building, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0300 or at the Department of State, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Street, Room 701, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

(18) As used in this rule, the following terms shall have the respective meanings hereinafter set forth:

(a) "Group Capital Calculation Instructions" means the Group Capital Calculation 2024 Instructions as adopted by the NAIC and as amended by the NAIC from time to time in accordance with the procedures adopted by the NAIC if the methodology remains substantially consistent.

(b) "Insurance Holding Company System" consists of two or more affiliated persons, one or more of which is an insurer.

(c) "NAIC Liquidity Stress Test Framework" means the NAIC 2023 Liquidity Stress Test Framework For Life Insurers Meeting the Scope Criteria which is a separate NAIC publication which includes a history of the NAIC's development of regulatory liquidity stress testing, the Scope Criteria applicable for a specific data year, and the Liquidity Stress Test instructions and reporting templates for a specific data year, such Scope Criteria, instructions and reporting template being as adopted by the NAIC on December 1, 2023 and as amended by the NAIC from time to time in accordance with the procedures adopted by the NAIC if the methodology remains substantially consistent.

(d) "Scope Criteria" means as detailed in the NAIC 2023

Liquidity Stress Test Framework, are the designated exposure bases along with minimum magnitudes thereof for the specified data year, used to establish a preliminary list of insurers considered scoped into the NAIC Liquidity Stress Test Framework for that data year and as amended if the methodology remains substantially consistent.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 624.308, 628.801 FS. Law Implemented 624.307(1), 624.317, 624.424, 628.251, 628.461, 628.801 FS. History—New 12-16-70, Formerly 4-26.02, Amended 6-7-90, 1-30-91, Formerly 4-26.002, 4-143.046, Amended 5-31-16, 7-30-17, 12-26-19, 1-1-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Kama Monroe, Assistant General Counsel

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Financial Services Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 30, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: August 19, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

OIR - Insurance Regulation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69O-170.0155 Forms

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To implement section 627.0629(1), Florida Statutes; revise Rule 69O-170.0155, Florida Administrative Code; and incorporate updated form OIR-B1-1802. The rule will take effect April 1, 2026.

SUMMARY: Rule 69O-170.0155, Florida Administrative Code, is amended to update titles and revision dates of the list of forms. It is also amended to provide for the collection of information from Form OIR B1-1802, for the office to comply with its duty to reevaluate the form every five years as outlined in 627.0629(1), Florida Statutes, and to update rulemaking authority citations. Form OIR-B1-1802 is amended to update the fixtures or construction techniques demonstrated to reduce windstorm loss considering the 2024 Residential Wind-Loss Mitigation Study and providing instructions for submission of that data. The rule will take effect April 1, 2026.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Agency personnel familiar with the subject matter of the rule amendment have performed an economic analysis of the rule amendment that shows that the rule amendment is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the State economy in excess of the criteria established in Section 120.541(2)(a), Florida Statutes. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 624.308(1); 627.0629(1), 627.711 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 624.307(1), (4), 624.424, 627.062, 627.0629, 627.0645, 627.711, 627.736 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Stephanie Roman Caban, Assistant General Counsel, Office of Insurance Regulation, Stephanie.RomanCaban@floir.com, (850)413-4292.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

69O-170.0155 Forms.

The following forms are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference:

- (1)(a) OIR-B1-582, "Universal Standardized Data Letter," (Rev. 10/04).
- (b) OIR-B1-583, "Florida Expense Supplement Calculation of Company Insurer Loss Cost Multiplier," (Rev. 07/03 04/04).
- (c) OIR-B1-584, "Florida Property and Casualty Annual Rate Filing -Exemption," (Rev. <u>07/04 07/03</u>).
- (d) OIR-B1-586, "Florida Property and Casualty Annual Rate Filing Certification," (Rev. <u>07/04</u> 07/03).
 - (e) through (k) No Change
- (I) OIR-B1-1802, "Uniform Mitigation Verification Inspection Form," (Rev. <u>04/26 __01/12</u>) http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18852

http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref 00720.

- (m) No Change
- (n) OIR-B1-1809 "Health Care Provider Certification of Eligibility for PIP Benefits," http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02229 (Rev. 1/2013).
 - (2) No Change
- (3) Within 60 days from the effective date of a rate change to the policy or 60 days from the effective date of the policy, whichever occurs later, Insurers shall submit to the Office the information contained in any OIR-B1-1802 "Uniform

Mitigation Verification Inspection Form," received by the insurer and relating to such policy. Insurers shall submit this information through the Office's webportal at: https://www.floir.com/iportal. Insurers shall not submit any policy not issued by the insurer nor any of the following information: name; telephone number(s); and email of the insured.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 624.308(1), 627.711, 627.736 FS. Law Implemented 215.5586, 624.307(1), (4), 624.424, 627.062, 627.0629, 627.0645, 627.711, 627.736 FS. History—New 6-19-03, Formerly 4-170.0155, Amended 2-23-06, 12-26-06, 6-12-07, 7-17-07, 9-5-07, 3-13-08, 4-21-10 (1)(1), 4-21-10 (1)(k), 2-1-12, 3-25-13, 4-1-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Stephanie Roman Caban, Assistant General Counsel NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Financial Services Commission DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 30, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

PUBLISHED IN FAR: February 3, 2025

OIR - Insurance Regulation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

Property Claims Litigation Data Call 690-171.011 PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rule 690-171.011, F.A.C., is amended to remove obsolete language and incorporate amendments to Form OIR-B1-2222. Form OIR-B1-2222 is being amended to updated language to enhance clarity of instructions, add new columns for licensure number, name of law firm, jurisdiction of case, case number, and name of hurricane, transfer all columns from "Section A-5 -Supplemental info" to other tabs allowing for the deletion of that tab, and add a valid response list for hurricane names and jurisdiction of case. The rule shall take effect January 1, 2026. SUMMARY: Rule 690-171.011, F.A.C., is amended to remove obsolete language and incorporate amendments to Form OIR-B1-2222. Form OIR-B1-2222 is being amended to updated language to enhance clarity of instructions, add new columns for licensure number, name of law firm, jurisdiction of case, case number, and name of hurricane, transfer all columns from "Section A-5 – Supplemental info" to other tabs allowing for the deletion of that tab, and add a valid response list for hurricane names and jurisdiction of case. The rule shall take effect January 1, 2026.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Agency personnel familiar with the subject matter of the rule amendment have performed an economic analysis of the rule amendment that shows that the rule amendment is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the State economy in excess of the criteria established in Section 120.541(2)(a), Florida Statutes.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 624.424(10), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 624.424(10), F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Kama Monroe, Assistant General Counsel, Office of Regulation, Insurance Kama.Monroe@floir.com, (850)413-4121.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

69O-171.011 - Property Claims Lifecycle Litigation Data Call.

(1) Each authorized insurer or insurer group issuing personal lines or commercial lines residential property insurance policies shall report, for each such line of insurance, the information required by Section 624.424(11), F.S., or required by rule, on and pursuant to the instructions in Form OIR-B1-2222, "Florida Property Claims Lifecycle Litigation Data Call Reporting Form," effective (01/26) 08/22, hereby reference and incorporated by available https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18854

http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref 14753. The form may be obtained from https://www.floir.com/iportal.

- (2) No Change
- (3) The first report will be due on March 1, 2023, for claims closed in Calendar Year 2022. Reports for the preceding calendar year are due on or before March 1 of each year and shall be filed electronically at https://www.floir.com/iportal. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 624.308(1), 624.424(1)(c), (11) FS. Law Implemented 624.307(1), 624.424 FS. History-New 9-29-22, Amended *1-1-26*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Kama Monroe, Assistant General Counsel

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Financial Services Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 30, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: August 19, 2025

Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

NONE

Section IV **Emergency Rules**

NOTE: The full text of Emergency Rules that are currently in viewed can be going 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-5.001 Safety Standards

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 10, 2025, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, received a petition for Boynton Property Holdings, LLC at 1601 N Congress Ave Boynton Beach, FL 33426. Petitioner seeks an emergency variance of the requirements of ASME A17.1, 2019 Edition, Section 2.7.4, as adopted by 61C-5.001, Florida Administrative Code that requires clearance in Machinery Areas, Engine Rooms, Control Areas, and Control Centers. which poses a significant economic/financial hardship. Any interested person may file comments within 5 days of the publication of this notice with Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013 (VW2025-115).

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013. elevators.DHR@myfloridalicense.com

Section VI Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission – Florida Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 21, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., ET (or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier). PLACE:

https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2879010376982?p=YzY1gIsYrr7w00zLNU

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Provide updates on Military Interstate Children's Compact.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: StudentSupportServices1@fldoe.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Education Practices Commission

The Education Practices Commission. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 28, 2025, 8:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel; October 28, 2025, 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel; October 29, 2025, 8:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel; October 29, 2025, 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel; October 30, 2025, 8:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel; October 30, 2025, 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel; October 31, 2025, 8:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel; October 31, 2025, 8:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel

PLACE: Embassy Suites Tampa Airport Westshore, 555 N. Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33609, (813)875-1555 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Hearing Panels of the Education Practices Commission will consider final agency action in matters dealing with the disciplining of certified educators. The Business Meeting is being held to discuss the business of the Commission. The All-Member Workshop is being held to train members of the Commission.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to the Education Practices Commission, 325 W. Gaines Street, 316 Turlington Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lisa Forbess (850)245-0455

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: Lisa Forbess (850)245-0455. 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: Lisa Forbess (850)245-0455

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

15C-7.002 Motor Vehicle, Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Dealers' Records; Maintenance Requirements; Accessibility; Retention; Penalties

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (EST)

PLACE: Manheim Orlando 11801 W Colonial Dr, Ocoee, FL 34761 & TEAMS Meeting

Please contact Heather Roberson for a TEAMS meeting invite. GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: In accordance with Section 320.275, Florida Statutes, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is meeting with motor vehicle dealer industry representatives to discuss matters related to the motor vehicle dealer industry.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Heather Roberson, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)617-3171. HeatherRoberson@flhsmv.gov

Please contact Heather Roberson for a TEAMS meeting invite. 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: Heather Roberson at (850)617-3171. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service. 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Florida Public Service Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, October 27, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

PLACE: Telephonic Meeting: 1(888)585-9008, Conference Code 416-925-719 then #

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Docket No. 20240043-TP - This is a meeting of the Telecommunications Access System Act Advisory Committee established pursuant to §427.705, F.S. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss current relevant issues related to relay.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF MEETING: If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the meeting, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission's website (http://www.floridapsc.com) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at (850)413-6199.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Curtis Williams, cjwillia@psc.state.fl.us or at (850)413-6924. A copy of the agenda and meeting materials will also be made available on the Commission's website, www.floridapsc.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 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, no later than close of business on October 22, 2025. 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: Jacob Imig at (850)413-6738 or jimig@psc.state.fl.us.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Florida Public Service Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To consider those matters ready for decision.

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION: Chapters 120, 350, 364, 366, 367, and 368, F.S. Persons who may be affected by Commission action on certain items on the Conference agenda may be allowed to address the Commission, either informally or by oral argument, when those items are taken up

for discussion, pursuant to Rules 25-22.0021 and 25-22.0022, F.A.C. The Commission Conference Notice, Agenda, related documents, and FPSC contact information are available at www.floridapsc.com.

ADA: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this proceeding should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the conference at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or (850)413-6770 (Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8770 Voice or 1(800)955-8771 TDD). Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request from the Office of Commission Clerk, Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 152.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF CONFERENCE: If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the Conference, Commission staff will attempt to give timely notice. Notice of cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website (www.floridapsc.com) under the Hot Topics link on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of Commission Clerk at (850)413-6770.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Office of Commission Clerk at (850)413-6770.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Florida Public Service Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 4, 2025, immediately following the Commission Conference which commences at 9:30 a.m. in Joseph P. Cresse Hearing Room 148.

PLACE: Room 105, Gerald L. Gunter Building, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To discuss and make decisions on matters affecting Commission operations. Internal Affairs Agendas and FPSC contact information is available at www.floridapsc.com.

ADA: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this proceeding should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the conference at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or (850)413-6770 (Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8770 Voice or 1(800)955-8771 TDD). Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request from the Office of Commission Clerk, Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 152.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF MEETING: If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the meeting, Commission staff will attempt to give timely notice. Notice of cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website (www.floridapsc.com) under the Hot Topics link on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of Commission Clerk at (850)413-6770.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Office of Commission Clerk at (850)413-6770.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Florida Public Service Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 20, 2025, 9:30 a.m. PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To consider and make a decision regarding the Petition for rate increase by Florida Power & Light Company.

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION: Chapters 120, 350 and 366, F.S. The Special Commission Conference Notice, Agenda, related documents, and contact information are available at www.floridapsc.com.

ADA: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this proceeding should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the conference at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or (850)413-6770 (Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8770 Voice or 1(800)955-8771 TDD). Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request from the Office of Commission Clerk, Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 152.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF CONFERENCE: If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the Conference, Commission staff will attempt to give timely notice. Notice of cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website (www.floridapsc.com) under the Hot Topics link on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of Commission Clerk at (850)413-6770

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Office of Commission Clerk at (850)413-6770.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited. DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting in-Person at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida, and via Communications Media Technology.

Meeting access via communications media technology in the following format:

To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

https://meet.goto.com/469107149

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll Free: 1(866)899-4679

ACCESS CODE: 469 107 149

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

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 business days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (352)955-2200. 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.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting in-Person at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida, and via Communications Media Technology.

Meeting access via communications media technology in the following format:

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1(888)585-9008

CONFERENCE CODE: 381 777 570

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Clearinghouse Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

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 business days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (352)955-2200. 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.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting in-Person at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Santa Fe Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida, and via Communications Media Technology.

Meeting access via communications media technology in the following format:

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1(888)585-9008

CONFERENCE CODE: 568 124 316

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Florida Veterans Foundation announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 30, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: PLACE: Microsoft Teams Call

Link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2213307341022?p=0C09no QKsQCoS3sMru

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Executive Committee Meeting. The upcoming date for our continued efforts in supporting and honoring our veterans.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Raymond Miller, Administrative Officer, (850)782-4305

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For more information, you may contact: Raymond Miller, Administrative Officer, (850)782-4305

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Employee Leasing Companies

The DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION Board of Employee Leasing Companies announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: https://meet.goto.com/RichardMorrison

You can also dial in using your phone. United States (Toll Free): 1(866)899-4679

Access Code: 371-082-229

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Business Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Board of Employee Leasing Companies, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1984.

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For more information, you may contact: Board of Employee Leasing Companies, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1984.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board

The Probable Cause Panel of the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m., EST

PLACE: Via teleconference to be facilitated from Zora Neale Hurston Building, North Tower, Suite N901, 400 W. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32801.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct a private meeting to review cases to determine probable cause. If any cases with a prior probable cause finding are scheduled, a separate public meeting will be held. All or part of this meeting may be conducted as a teleconference in order to permit maximum participation of the Probable Cause Panel and its counsel.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: DREAppraisalSection@myfloridalicense.com. Pursuant to Chapter 455, F.S., only public portions of the agenda are available upon request.

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For more information, you may contact: DREAppraisalSection@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board

The Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, December 8, 2025, 8:30 a.m., EST

PLACE: LiveStream at https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6408495170638084 703 or GoToWebinar App ID 265-536-547.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Official business of the Appraisal Board - topics include, but are not limited to, proposed legislation affecting Chapter 475, Part II, F.S., Chapter 61J1, F.A.C. rule amendments, budget discussions, education issues, petitions for declaratory statement, petitions for rule variance/waiver, applications and disciplinary actions. All or part of this meeting may be conducted as a teleconference in order to permit maximum participation of the Board members or Board counsel.

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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 BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board

The Probable Cause Panel of the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m., EST

PLACE: Teleconference meeting to be facilitated from Zora Neale Hurston Building, North Tower, Suite N901, 400 W. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32801.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct a private meeting to review cases to determine probable cause. If any cases with a prior probable cause finding are scheduled, a separate public meeting will be held. All or part of this meeting may be conducted as a teleconference in order to permit maximum participation of the Probable Cause Panel and its counsel.

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For more information, you may contact: DREAppraisalSection@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Professional Engineers

The Florida Board of Professional Engineers Rules Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 4, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. or soon thereafter

PLACE: via video and/or telephone conference

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: general business of the committee. If you would like to participate in the Zoom call, please contact Rebecca Sammons at (850)521-0500 ext. 114 at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

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A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Rebecca Sammons, rsammons@fbpe.org

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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Professional Engineers

The Florida Board of Professional Engineers Nominations Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Immediately following the board meeting on November 5, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: via video and/or telephone conference

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Nominate chair and vice chair for 2026, and any other business of the committee. If you would like to participate in the call, please contact Rebecca Sammons at (850)521-0500 ext. 114 at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Professional Engineers

The Florida Board of Professional Engineers Evaluation of Damaged Structures Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 6, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. or soon thereafter

PLACE: via video and/or telephone conference

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: general business of the committee. If you would like to participate in the Zoom call, please contact Rebecca Sammons at (850)521-0500 ext. 114 at least 10 days before the meeting. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83265370088

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For more information, you may contact: Rebecca Sammons, rsammons@fbpe.org

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Professional Engineers

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

DATE AND TIME: November 5, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. or soon thereafter

PLACE: via video and/or telephone conference

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Although this meeting is open to the public, the Probable Cause Panel meeting may be closed consistent with the law. If you wish to participate in any public portion of the Probable Cause Panel Meeting, please contact Rebecca Sammons at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88459535872

Meeting ID: 884 5953 5872

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Rebecca Sammons, rsammons@fbpe.org

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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Professional Engineers

The Florida Board of Professional Engineers announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 5, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. or soon thereafter

PLACE: via video and/or telephone conference

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General business of the board, including reviewing and approving or denying applications for licensure, and any old or new business of the Board. If you would like to participate in the Zoom call, please contact Rebecca Sammons at (850)521-0500 ext. 114 at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mental Health Program

The Department of Children and Families, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 14, 2025, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., est., Full Commission Meeting

PLACE: Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams Webinar. Participants must register for the event using the registration link below. The registration link is also available on the Department of Children and Families calendar of events located here:

https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-and-events

https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/e3178ed2-ec57-492c-8799-8f04e5027b3a@f70dba48-b283-4c57-8831-cb411445a94c

Call-in (audio only): 1(412)912-1530, Phone Conference ID: 655 063 913#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder is meeting in accordance with section 394.9086, F.S. Discussion topics will include the status of Florida's behavioral health system of care and opportunities to further examine the current methods of providing mental health and substance use services in the state.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Aaron Platt at Aaron.platt@myflfamilies.com or (850)717-4331.

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FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Chair and Vice Chair Leadership Briefing announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2025, 3:00 p.m. until adjourned

PLACE: Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, 225 E Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 1. The Committee will meet regarding the general business of the Committee.

- 2. The Committee will discuss general matters and Board Retreat follow-up.
- 3. No official action will be taken, no Board agenda items will be discussed, and the briefing is informational only.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lauren Cronin, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329, phone number (850)488-4197, or by visiting the Corporation's website at www.floridahousing.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: Lauren Cronin, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, phone number (850)488-4197. 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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NORTHEAST FLORIDA AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The ElderSource announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 20, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: zoom

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Joint Personnel/Bylaws & Finance Committee meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: adminsupport@myeldersource.org

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For more information, you may contact: adminsupport@myeldersource.org

SENIOR CONNECTION CENTER, INC.

The Senior Connection Center announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Offices of Senior Connection Center

8928 Brittany Way, Tampa FL 33619

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Scheduled regular meeting of Senior Connection Center's Board of Directors. Item related to business and Board of Directors' oversight.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Paula Nelson at paula.nelson@sccmail.org or by phone at (813)676-5583

For more information, you may contact: Paula Nelson at paula.nelson@sccmail.org or by phone at (813)676-5583

FLORIDA MEDICAL MALPRACTICE JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION

The FMMJUA Audit Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Central Time

PLACE: The Hilton Sandestin Beach, 4000 Sandestin Blvd. South, Destin, FL 32550.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Audit Committee of the Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association will receive and consider business properly brought before the Committee.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: frankie@fmmjua.org or call (850)385-8114.

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: frankie@fmmjua.org or call 850-385-8114. 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: For more information, you may contact: frankie@fmmjua.org or call (850)385-8114.

FLORIDA MEDICAL MALPRACTICE JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION

The FMMJUA Claims & Underwriting Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 28, 2025, immediately following the Audit Committee meeting.

PLACE: The Hilton Sandestin Beach, 4000 Sandestin Blvd. South, Destin, FL 32550.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Claims & Underwriting Committee of the Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association will receive and consider reports from the General Manager, Servicing Carrier, and such other business properly brought before the Committee. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: frankie@fmmjua.org or call (850)385-8114.

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For more information, you may contact: frankie@fmmjua.org or call (850)385-8114.

FLORIDA MEDICAL MALPRACTICE JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION

The FMMJUA Board of Governors announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Central Time

PLACE: The Hilton Sandestin Beach, 4000 Sandestin Blvd. South, Destin, FL 32550.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board of Governors of the Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association will receive and consider quarterly reports from the Association's Investment Counsel, General Counsel, Servicing Carrier, Audit Committee, Claims Committee, General Manager, and such other business properly brought before the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: frankie@fmmjua.org or call (850)385-8114.

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FLORIDA WORKERS' COMPENSATION JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION, INC

The FWCJUA Investment Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (ET)

PLACE: Contact Kathy Coyne at (941)378-7408 to participate. GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Investment marketplace update; portfolio compliance review; and investment policy & guidelines review.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kathy Coyne or at www.fwcjua.com.

FLORIDA WORKERS' COMPENSATION JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION, INC

The FWCJUA Audit Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (ET)

PLACE: Contact Kathy Coyne at (941)378-7408 to participate. GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 2026 meeting schedule and Audit Committee Charter procedures checklist.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kathy Coyne or at www.fwcjua.com.

METRIC ENGINEERING, INC.

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: In-Person: Ridge Manor Community Center, 34240 Cortez Boulevard, Ridge Manor, FL 33523

Virtual/Online: A link to project displays will be posted to the project website: www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/ayers-road-extension/

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, is conducting a feasibility study to evaluate the potential extension of Ayers Road eastward from US 41 to I-75 in Pasco and Hernando Counties, Florida. The purpose of this study is to identify and document potential fatal flaws, establish logical termini, define the project's purpose and need, and evaluate potential corridors or alternatives if improvements are warranted.

FDOT invites you to attend and participate in a public workshop for the Ayers Road Extension Feasibility Study. The workshop will be held in-person on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. For those unable to attend in person, workshop materials will be available on the project webpage.

The information presented at each option will be identical. Both virtual and in-person participants will be provided equal opportunity to ask questions and submit comments.

To allow for maximum participation, the public meeting will be held in-person and meeting materials will also be posted online. In-Person: Attend the public workshop in person anytime on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Ridge Manor Community Center, located at 34240 Cortez Boulevard, Ridge Manor, Florida 33523. Attendees will receive project information, view project displays, and have the opportunity to submit comments and speak with the project team.

Online: Links to the online presentation and project displays will be posted on the project website: www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/ayers-road-extension/

Comments may also be submitted following the meeting to Project Manager Anna Geismar, by email at Anna.Geismar@dot.state.fl.us, or mailed to Anna Geismar, Florida Department of Transportation, 11201 North McKinley Drive, MS 7-500, Tampa, Florida 33612, or by phone at (813)975-3698. Comments received or postmarked by November 5, 2025, will be included in the official meeting record. FDOT is sending notices to nearby property owners, business owners, interested persons, and organizations to provide the opportunity to offer comments and express their views regarding this project and the proposed alternatives.

El Departamento de Transporte de Florida (FDOT), Distrito Siete, lo invita a asistir y participar en un taller público sobre el Estudio de Viabilidad de la Extension de Ayers Road en los condados de Pasco y Hernando, Florida. El taller público se realizará presencialmente el miércoles, 22 de octubre de 2025, de 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm en el Ridge Manor Community Center, ubicado en 34240 Cortez Boulevard, Ridge Manor, FL 33523. Además, habrá una opción virtual disponible. Para obtener más información sobre este proyecto, puede visitar el sitio web del en: www.fdotd7studies.com/projects/ayers-roadextension/. También se pueden enviar comentarios después de la reunión al gerente de proyecto, Anna Geismar, por correo electrónico a Anna. Geismar @dot. state. fl.us, o por correo postal a Anna Geismar, Departamento de Transporte de Florida, 11201 North McKinley Drive, MS 7-500, Tampa, Florida 33612, o por teléfono al (813)975-3698. Los comentarios recibidos o con matasellos del 5 de noviembre de 2025 se incluirán en el acta oficial de la reunión. Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si desea más información sobre este proyecto,

por favor comuníquese con el Sr. Manuel Flores al (813)975-6279 o por correo electrónico a Manuel.Flores@dot.state.fl.us. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Anna Geismar, FDOT Project Manager at (813)975-3698, or via email at Anna.Geismar@dot.state.fl.us or by mail at 11201 North McKinley Drive, MS 7-500, Tampa, Florida 33612.

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

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: Jensen Hackett, FDOT Title VI Coordinator, at (813)975-6283 or Jensen.Hackett@dot.state.fl.us. 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: Anna Geismar, FDOT Project Manager at (813)975-3698, or via email at Anna.Geismar@dot.state.fl.us or by mail at 11201 North McKinley Drive, MS 7-500, Tampa, Florida 33612.

QUEST CORPORATION OF AMERICA, INC.

The Osceola County Transportation & Transit Department announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: October 22, 2025, 5:30 p.m. (in-person); October 23, 2025, 5:30 p.m. (virtual)

PLACES: In person: Mystic Dunes Golf Club, 7850 Shadow Tree Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34747

Virtual: GoToWebinar

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Osceola County invites you to a public meeting for the Old Lake Wilson Road (C.R. 545) Widening Design Project from C.R. 532 to Assembly Court.

Old Lake Wilson Road will widen from two lanes to four lanes between C.R. 532 and Sinclair Road, an approximate 2.5-mile span. Osceola County will improve the section from C.R. 532 to Assembly Court, while FDOT will improve the section from Assembly Court to Sinclair Road, including the bridge over I-4. Both segments will add new bicycle and pedestrian features to create safer options for walking and biking. Osceola County's portion will also include upgrades such as a new traffic signal at Spine Road, modifications to the Excitement Drive intersection, drainage and stormwater ponds, a bridge crossing at Davenport Creek, and enhanced street lighting. These improvements will enhance safety and improve traffic flow along the corridor.

You can participate live online or in-person. The same materials will be displayed at both the online and in-person events. IN-PERSON OPTION:

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, Anytime between 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Mystic Dunes Golf Club, 7850 Shadow Tree Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34747

This will include a looping video (no formal presentation), and the project team will be available for discussion.

LIVE ONLINE OPTION:

Register in advance: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1236962025955128 412

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

This event will include a viewing of the project video and a live question-and-answer component with the project team. Please review the materials on project webpage before attending the virtual event (https://one.osceola.org/oldlakewilsonroad). Materials will be posted by October 20,2025.

PHONE-IN OPTION (Listen Only)

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Interested persons may call into the virtual meeting by dialing (213)929-4212 and entering the passcode 651-655-244 when prompted. Participants choosing this option are encouraged to provide comments or ask questions after the meeting by contacting Osceola County Project Manager, Stephanie Underwood, P.E., at (407)742-0565 or Stephanie.Underwood@osceola.org.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, comments can also be provided through the project webpage (https://one.osceola.org/oldlakewilsonroad) or by email (Stephanie.Underwood@osceola.org). While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by November 5, 2025, to be included in the formal meeting record. Questions can be answered by calling the Osceola County Project Manager Stephanie Underwood at (407)742-0565.

A summary of the workshop will be available on the webpage approximately 30 days following the close of the comment period.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Stephanie Underwood, P.E., Osceola County Project Manager, (p) (407)742-0565 (e) Stephanie.Underwood@osceola.org, Transportation and Transit Department, 1 Courthouse Square, Suite 2100, Kissimmee, FL 34741.

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: Brenda Hernandez, Osceola County Title VI Coordinator by email at Brendai.Hernandez@osceola.org or by phone at (407)742-1208. 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: Stephanie Underwood, P.E., Osceola County Project Manager, (p) (407)742-0565 (e) Stephanie.Underwood@osceola.org, Transportation and Transit Department, 1 Courthouse Square, Suite 2100, Kissimmee, FL 34741.

CARPE DIEM COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC.

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

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 23, 2025, 5:30 p.m. (CDT)

PLACES: Virtual (Online): www.nwflroads.com/calendar In-Person: The Point Church – Fellowship Hall, 13801 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, FL 32507

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a hybrid public hearing concerning the State Road (S.R.) 292 (Sorrento Road) PD&E Study in Escambia County on Thursday, October 23, 2025.

5:30 p.m. Open House

6:00 p.m. Formal Presentation, Comment Period

Virtual (Online): Access via computer, tablet, or smartphone. Register using the link below: www.nwflroads.com/calendar.

In-Person: Those who are unable to participate virtually may attend in-person at

The Point Church – Fellowship Hall, 13801 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola.

Pre-registration is required for the virtual format and encouraged for in-person attendees. Interested persons can visit the project website at www.nwflroads.com/calendar and register for one viewing option (virtual or in-person). If you have any questions or issues registering, please contact Nikole Arrant, P.E., Project Manager, at (850)415-9017, via email at narrant@hntb.com, or by mail at 1282 Office Park Drive, Chipley, FL 32428.

FDOT representatives will be available to discuss proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

FDOT is conducting a PD&E Study to evaluate the widening of S.R. 292 (Sorrento Road) from Innerarity Point Road to S.R. 173 (Blue Angel Parkway) in Escambia County to enhance safety, add capacity, and improve mobility. These improvements consist of widening S.R. 292 (Sorrento Road) from two to four lanes with curb and gutter, sidewalk, and a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicycles. The total distance of this study is 5.6 miles. Design, right of way, and construction are currently not funded in FDOT's current five-year work program.

Maps, drawings, and other information is available for review online beginning 12 p.m. (CDT), Thursday, September 25, 2025, at www.nwflroads.com/calendar and on location from Thursday,

September 25, 2025, through Sunday, November 2, 2025, at the Southwest Library located at

12248 Gulf Beach Highway, Pensacola, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (CDT), and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (CDT). Project materials will also be available at the in-person hearing. The materials may also be viewed by contacting the Project Manager.

As part of the project development process and in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, FDOT has identified the Tarkiln Bayou Preserve State Park and Baars Athletic Field as Section 4(f) protected properties, and is seeking comments from the public concerning the potential effects on the activities, features, and attributes that may result from the proposed widening of S.R. 292 (Sorrento Road). Following the public comment period, and in consideration of any input received, FDOT intends to pursue a de minimis impact determination on the resources.

Persons wishing to submit written or verbal comments may do so at the hearing or may contact the Project Manager using the information provided above. All statements provided or postmarked on or before Sunday, November 2, 2025, will become a part of the official project record.

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

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for these projects are being, or have been, carried out by the FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and FDOT.

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

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

For more information, you may contact: Ian Satter, FDOT District Three Public Information Director, at (888)638-0250, ext. 1205, via email at ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us, or by mail at 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, FL 32428.

Section VII Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

NONE

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

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

Section XI Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and Purchasing

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

University of Florida

UF-707 Jacksonville Health and Financial Tech Graduate Education Center Master Planner Consultant

NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS:

The University of Florida Board of Trustees announces that Professional Services in the discipline of Architectural Master Planning are being sought for the project listed below:

Project: UF-707, Jacksonville Health and Financial Tech Graduate Education Center (University of Florida, Jacksonville Satellite Campus)

The University of Florida is seeking a qualified Architectural Master Planner to provide comprehensive master planning and design consultation for the development of a new satellite campus in Jacksonville, Florida. The site includes at least 22

acres of buildable land located near corporate headquarters and offices, the growing Brooklyn neighborhood, and the Emerald Trail. The selected Professional team will play a critical role in shaping this innovative academic campus, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements and best practices in sustainable development.

The selected Professional team will collaborate with other professionals engaged in connection with the project, which will include a development team. The selected Professional team must be capable of guiding the site plan development, building massing, landscape guidelines, and connections to Jacksonville planning goals. Experience in large-scale institutional or campus development projects and expertise in site planning, site layout, and storm-water management is essential. Plans and specifications for University of Florida projects are subject to reuse.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their past performance, experience, personnel, references, workload, and responses to this solicitation to determine that which will serve the best interests of the University of Florida. Evaluations of applicants are subject to the sole discretion of the Selection Committee (except, for the avoidance of doubt, the evaluations may be informed by assistance from professional and other advisors). The Selection Committee may reject all proposals and stop the selection process at any time.

At the time of application, the applicant and its professional consultants must be authorized by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida.

Applicants desiring to apply for consideration shall submit a qualifications package only after thoroughly reviewing the project-specific PQS forms, PQS Instructions, Project Fact Sheet, UF Design and Commissioning Services Guide, UF Design and Construction Standards, standard University of Florida Owner-Professional agreement for planning projects, and other project and process information. For more information on this project and the Professional submittal and selection process, see the project-specific page of the Planning Design & Construction website: https://pdc.ufl.edu/current-projects/selection-notices/

As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, an applicant may not submit a proposal for this project if it is on the convicted vendor list for a public entity crime committed within the past 36 months. The selected Professional must also warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, or consultant in excess of \$15,000.00 in connection with this project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Incomplete or late proposals will be disqualified.

Follow the submittal instructions in the PQS Instructions. Submittals must be received via email by 3:00 p.m. local time,

on Friday October 24, 2025. Facsimile (FAX) submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered.

UF Planning Design & Construction 245 Gale Lemerand Drive / P.O. Box 115050 Gainesville, FL 32611-5050 (352)273-4000

https://pdc.ufl.edu/

In connection with the procurement described in this solicitation, The University of Florida Board of Trustees reserves all of the rights available to it under applicable law, which rights shall be exercisable by it in its sole discretion.

RAM CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, LLC Florida A&M University - South Substation Upgrades ITB INVITATION TO BID

RAM Construction & Development, LLC. (RAM), SL# CGC-062608, Construction Manager for the project known as Florida A&M University South Substation Upgrades, located in Tallahassee, Florida, is soliciting proposals from pre-qualified trade contractors for the following bid packages:

16A - Electrical

RAM will receive sealed proposals for these bid packages based on Construction Documents provided by H2 Engineering, Inc. All bidders are required to be pre-qualified prior to submitting a proposal. Construction Documents will be available for distribution from the following reprographic establishments: Seminole Blueprint and The Blueprint Shop (both located in Tallahassee, FL.).

Bid packages will be available for distribution from the Construction Manager on August 22, 2025. For information regarding bid packages, pre-qualification forms, or Construction Documents, please contact Eric Lee at estimator@ramflorida.com or at (850)671-7267; fax (850)671-2773.

Sealed proposals will be received by RAM at our corporate office located at 20 RAM Blvd, Midway, FL. 32343, until the time listed below. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposals received after this time will not be accepted. BID OPENING DATE & TIME: November 11, 2025, 2:00 p.m., EDT

RAM reserves the right to accept or reject any/all proposal(s) in the best interest of Florida A&M University or RAM Construction & Development.

EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF DUVAL

RFP #2526-01 - Janitorial Services

The Early Learning Coalition of Duval (ELC), a Florida nonfor-profit organization dedicated to quality early education in Duval County, is issuing this RFP seeking pricing to acquire Janitorial Services. This RFP seeks qualified contractors who can provide said goods and/or services according to the specifications provided in the RFP. Respondents will be competing against each other for selection. Upon receipt of the proposals, the Coalition will review and decide based on the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP. Any contractor interested in providing commodities and/or services must respond to this RFP. The complete proposal can be found on our website.

Questions and/or comments may be addressed by contacting Cathie Odom, Director of Finance, at RFP@elcduval.org, with subject "QUESTIONS – RFP#2526-01". Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

All responses to this RFP should be in writing and should be sent via email to RFP@elcduval.org with subject "RFP #2526-01 – Janitorial Services" identified. Hard copy and/or faxed proposal submissions will not be accepted. DUE DATE: 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025.

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., Wednesday, October 8, 2025, and 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5K-4.034	10/13/2025	11/2/2025
6A-1.09441	10/8/2025	10/28/2025
6A-1.0998271	10/8/2025	10/28/2025
6A-6.0251	10/8/2025	10/28/2025
6A-6.0253	10/8/2025	10/28/2025
6A-6.0576	10/8/2025	10/28/2025
6A-10.0244	10/8/2025	10/28/2025
6A-10.081	10/8/2025	10/28/2025
19-9.001	10/14/2025	11/3/2025
40D-1.660	10/11/2025	10/31/2025
64B3-4.001	10/13/2025	11/2/2025
64B3-5.009	10/13/2025	11/2/2025
64B4-3.001	10/14/2025	11/3/2025
64B4-3.0015	10/14/2025	11/3/2025
64B4-3.0031	10/14/2025	11/3/2025
64B4-3.0075	10/14/2025	11/3/2025
64B4-3.0085	10/14/2025	11/3/2025
64B4-3.009	10/14/2025	11/3/2025
64B4-3.010	10/14/2025	11/3/2025

64B13-18.002	10/8/2025	12/7/2025	
64B20-2.006	10/13/2025	11/2/2025	
64B20-4.001	10/13/2025	11/2/2025	
64B20-5.005	10/9/2025	10/29/2025	
64B20-7.001	10/13/2025	1/1/2026	
64B20-7.004	10/13/2025	1/1/2026	
64B32-5.001	10/9/2025	1/1/2026	
64B32-5.007	10/9/2025	1/1/2026	
64B32-6.004	10/9/2025	10/29/2025	
68A-15.061	10/9/2025	10/29/2025	
68A-15.062	10/9/2025	10/29/2025	
68A-15.063	10/9/2025	10/29/2025	
68A-13.004	10/9/2025	10/29/2025	
68A-15.065	10/9/2025	10/29/2025	
68A-17.005	10/9/2025	10/29/2025	
68B-24.0065	10/14/2025	7/1/2026	

LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
14-10.0043	4/11/2025	**/**/***
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/***
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/***

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

Relocation of Century Enterprises Inc, dba Century Kia Notice of Publication for the Relocation of a Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of More than 300,000 Population Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Kia America Inc., intends to allow the relocation of Century Enterprises Inc, dba Century Kia, as a dealership for the sale and service of automobile manufactured by Kia (linemake KIA) from its present location at 4340 W Hillsborough Ave, Tampa, (Hillsborough County), Florida 33614, to a proposed location at LOT 2 AND LOT 3, MABRY MARKETPLACE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 144, PAGE 46, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, Tampa, (Hillsborough County), Florida 33614, on or after November 14, 2025.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Century Enterprises Inc are dealer operator(s): Ralph C. Ghioto, 1021 Lake Charles Circle, Lutz, Florida

33549, principal investor(s): Ralph C. Ghioto, 1021 Lake Charles Circle, Lutz, Florida 33549.

The notice indicates intent to relocate the franchise in a county of more than 300,000 population, according to the latest population estimates of the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

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

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

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Percy D. Vaughn, Kia America Inc, 100 Galleria Parkway, Ste 1550, Atlanta, Georgia 30339.

If no petitions or complaints are received within 30 days of the date of publication, a final order will be issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approving the establishment of the dealership, subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FLORIDA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NOTICE (FCEN) City of Casselberry

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the City of Casselberry's project for Water Main Replacement throughout the Eastbrook neighborhood is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The estimated construction cost is \$11,022,256. The project may qualify for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan comprised of federal and state funds. DEP will consider public comments about the environmental impacts of the proposed project that are postmarked or delivered at the address below within 30 days of this notice. A full copy of the FCEN can be obtained by writing to: Mahnaz Massoudi, SRF Program, DEP, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS#3505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 or calling (850)245-2960 emailing Mahnaz.Massoudi@FloridaDEP.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FLORIDA FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT City of Mascotte

WW35124 - Mascotte SAHFI Clean Water Project (Stormwater)

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the City of Mascotte's project involving construction of a curbed and piped stormwater system along existing City streets in older, underserved areas is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The total estimated construction cost is \$13,211,000. The project may qualify for Clean Water State Revolving Fund loans composed of federal and state funds. DEP will consider public comments about the environmental impacts of the proposed project that are postmarked or delivered at the address below within 30 days of this notice. A full copy of the FLORIDA FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT can be obtained by writing to: Katie Lewis, SRF Program, Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS#3505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 or calling (850)245-2829 or emailing to katie.lewis@floridaDEP.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Office of the Secretary

Florida State Clearinghouse

The state is coordinating reviews of federal activities and federally funded projects as required by Section 403.061(43), F.S. This includes Outer Continental Shelf activities and other actions subject to federal consistency review under the Florida Coastal Management Program. A list of projects, comments and deadlines, and the address for providing comments, are available at: https://prodapps.dep.state.fl.us/clearinghouse/. For information, call (850)717-9037. This public notice fulfills the requirements of 15 CFR 930.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development Commerce Final Order No. COM-25-021

FINAL ORDER

<u>APPROVING CITY OF APALACHICOLA ORDINANCE</u> NO. 2025-02

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 Apalachicola (the "City"), Ordinance No. 2025-02 (the "Ordinance").

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Apalachicola Bay Area is designated by Section 380.0555, Florida Statutes, as an area of critical state concern. The City is within the Apalachicola Bay Area.
- 2. The Ordinance was adopted by the City on May 6, 2025, and rendered to the Department on August 21, 2025.
- 3. The Ordinance amends the City's Code of Ordinance by renumbering various sections of Chapter 109, creating Chapter 111, Article I, Site Plan Review Regulations, and moving Section 111-10 through 111-15 from Chapter 109 to the newly created Chapter 111, Article 1.

- 4. Additionally, the Ordinance makes various changes to Chapter 105. Specifically, the Ordinance makes the following amendments:
 - a. Section 105-22 is amended to update the definition of "dead" trees, clarifying when a tree is considered dead. It also renames "Patriarch tree" to "Heritage tree."
 - b. Section 105-23 is amended to remove 3 tree species for the protected native tree list. Additionally, the diameter inches of breast height for a tree species to be protected is updated from 4 to eight inches.
 - c. Section 105-24 is amended to rename "Patriarch tree" to "Heritage tree" and to update the process for removing or altering a heritage tree in declared emergencies and non-emergencies.
 - d. Section 105-25 is amended to update the activities exempted from or requiring a tree permit. It also amended to add language declaring that a tree in decline is not a dead tree.
 - e. Section 105-30 is amended to require commercial tree care contractors or general contractors hired by the City to perform tree removals or alterations to show proof of commercial general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. The policy must include a provision that that prohibits cancellation without 30 days' written notice to the City.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 5. 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.
- 6. "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.
- 7. The Ordinance is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan as required by Section 163.3177(1), Florida Statutes, generally, and is specifically consistent with Future Land Use Element Goal 1, Policy 2.8 of the Future Land Use Element, and Conservation Element Goal
- 8. 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.
- 9. The Principles for Guiding Development for the Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern are set forth in Section 380.0555(7), Florida Statutes.
- 10. The Ordinance is consistent with the Principles for Guiding Development in Section 380.0555(7), Florida Statutes,

as a whole, and is specifically consistent with the following Principles:

- a. Land development shall be guided so that the basic functions and productivity of the Apalachicola Bay Area's natural land and water systems will be conserved to reduce or avoid health, safety, and economic problems for present and future residents of the Apalachicola Bay Area.
- b. Land development shall be consistent with a safe environment, adequate community facilities, a superior quality of life, and a desire to minimize environmental hazards.
- d. Aquatic habitats and wildlife resources of the Apalachicola Bay Area shall be conserved and protected.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Department finds that the City of Apalachicola Ordinance No. 2025-02 is consistent with the City of Apalachicola's Comprehensive Plan and the Principles for Guiding Development for the Apalachicola Bay 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/ Justin Domer

Justin Domer, 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:

AGENCY CLERK

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL 107 EAST MADISON ST., MSC 110 TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-4128 FAX 850-921-3230

AGENCY.CLERK@COMMERCE.FL.GOV 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 on the 14th day of October, 2025.

/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 Brenda Ash, Mayor Apalachicola City Hall 192 Coach Wagoner Boulevard, Suite 1 Apalachicola, FL 32320

The Honorable Sheneidra Cummings, City Clerk Apalachicola City Hall 192 Coach Wagoner Boulevard, Suite 1 Apalachicola, FL 32320

Chris Holley, Interim City Manager Apalachicola City Hall 192 Coach Wagner Boulevard, Suite 1 Apalachicola, FL 32320

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.