

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

40E-7.511 Policy and Purpose

40E-7.539 Penalties

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The South Florida Water Management District ("District") is proposing the following three amendments: 1) delete subsection 373.59(11), F.S. referenced in Rule 40E-7.511, F.A.C.; 2) delete subsection 40E-7.511(2), F.A.C., because the language paraphrases subsection 373.1395(2), F.S., and remove the number (1) from the first paragraph; and 3) delete subsection 40E-7.539(1), F.A.C., because the language paraphrases section 373.609, F.S., and renumber paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2). The District is also proposing to correct a typographical error in the rulemaking authority for Rule 40E-7.511 to reflect that section 279.101, F.S. should be section 259.101, F.S.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Limitation on liability of water management districts with respect to areas made available to the public for recreational purposes without charge (section 373.1395(2), F.S.), and enforcement of the provisions of chapter 373, F.S. (section 373.609, F.S.).

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 259.101, 373.044, 373.113, 373.171, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 259.101, 373.016, 373.056, 373.103, 373.129, 373.1391, 373.1395, 373.59, 373.609, 373.613, 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: Juli Russell, Paralegal Specialist, email:jurussel@sfwmd.gov, telephone: (561)682-6268.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G19-7.0016 Internship Certification Program

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Include section in rule allowing for

Permit Technicians to be certified through an applicable Internship program

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Permit technician certification

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 468.606, 468.609(10) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 468.609(2)(c)7., 468.609(10) FS.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Stacey Buccieri, Executive Director, Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0791, stacey.buccieri@myfloridalicense.com and by telephone at (850)487-1395.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B20-2.001 Licensure by Certification of Credentials

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes a rule amendment that reincorporates the application by reference that has been amended due to the implementation of an interstate licensure compact.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The Board proposes a rule amendment that reincorporates the application by reference that has been amended due to the implementation of an interstate licensure compact.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.013, 468.1135(5)(a), 468.1145(1) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.013(1)(a), 456.0135, 456.0635(2), 468.1145(2), (4), 468.1185(2) FS.

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: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256, (850)245-4161 or mqa.speechlanguage@flhealth.gov@flhealth.gov.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B20-2.0015 Application for Home Speech Declaration and for Home State Conversion.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes a new rule to implement the Compact Home Declaration and Conversion process for the Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The Board proposes a new rule to implement the Compact Home Declaration and Conversion process for the Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 468.1135 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 468.1135 FS.

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: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256, (850)245-4161 or mqa.speechlanguage@flhealth.gov@flhealth.gov.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

73C-23.0030 Authority; Incorporation

73C-23.0031 Definitions

73C-23.0041 Application Process

73C-23.0048 Specific Requirements for Economic Development

73C-23.0049 Funding for Special Economic Development Projects

73C-23.0051 Grant Administration and Project Implementation

73C-23.0061 Emergency Set-aside Assistance

73C-23.0081 Nonrecurring CDBG Funding

73C-23.0082 Subgrant Closeout

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of these rules is to implement sections 290.0401-290.048, Florida Statutes (F.S.),

which requires the Department of Commerce ("Department") to adopt rules to administer the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 290.048 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 290.0401, 290.0411, 290.042, 290.043, 290.044, 290.0455, 290.046, 290.047, 290.0475 and 290.048 FS.

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: Bradley Dillon, Office of General Counsel, Department of Commerce, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 110, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, Bradley.Dillon@commerce.fl.gov (850)245-7157.

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

Section II

Proposed Rules

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Northwest Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40A-2.011 Policy and Purpose

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The overall purpose is to repeal the rule since it does not meet the definition of a rule and is not necessary per ss. 120.52(16), F.S. and 120.545(1)(g), F.S.

SUMMARY: Repeal the rule since it does not meet the definition of a rule and is not necessary per ss. 120.52(16), F.S. and 120.545(1)(g), F.S.

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: Upon review of the proposed changes to the rule, the District has determined that the amendments will not exceed

any one of the economic analysis criteria in a SERC as set forth in Section 120.541(2)(a), F.S.

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: 373.044, 373.113, 373.171, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.171, 373.216, 373.219, 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: Selina Potter, Deputy Director, Northwest Florida Water Management District, 152 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333, (850)539-5999, selina.potter@nfwwater.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

40A-2.011 Policy and Purpose.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 F.S. Law Implemented 373.171, 373.216, 373.219 F.S. History—New 10-1-82, Amended 1-5-86, 10-1-95, 7-1-98, 5-29-14. Repealed

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Selina Potter, Deputy Director

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Governing Board, Northwest Florida Water Management District

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: July 09, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: September 17, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

62-772.200 Definitions

62-772.300 Contractor Qualifications and Performance Reviews

62-772.400 Procedures for the Competitive Procurement of Contractors and Assignment of Work

62-772.401 Alternative Contractor Selection and Assignment

62-772.600 Contract Terms and Conditions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Department is proposing rule amendments to revise the monetary threshold requiring quotes from agency term contractors for a phase of site rehabilitation, update rule references, correct LSSI program cap requirements, and add clarifying language regarding requirements to negotiate a conditional closure agreement.

SUMMARY: The Department is proposing to amend the rules as follows: In the history notes throughout the chapter, removes references to ss. 376.30716 which is no longer applicable, and references to repealed ss. 376.30711 from Law Implemented. Rule 62-772.200, Definitions, defines “MyFloridaMarketPlace or MFMP” as the electronic registration and procurement system managed by the Department of Management Services authorized pursuant to Section 287.057(24), F.S., updates rule references, and adds 287.057 to Law Implemented history note. Rule 62-772.300, Contractor Qualifications and Performance Reviews, replaces repeated statutory language with applicable statutory reference of Section 376.3071(6), F.S. Rule 62-772.400, Procedures for the Competitive Procurement of Contractors and Assignment of Work, revises the monetary threshold requiring quotes from agency term contractors for a phase of site rehabilitation to equal or exceed \$1 million. Rule 62-772.401, Alternative Contractor Selection and Assignment, updates statutory LSSI cap requirements, and adds clarifying language to negotiate a conditional closure agreement. 62-772.600, Contract Terms and Conditions, adds clarifying language regarding payment to subcontractors.

OTHER RULES INCORPORATING THIS RULE: 62-771.300, 62-787.100, 62-787.200, F.A.C.

EFFECT ON THOSE OTHER RULES: The amendments to Chapter 62-772, F.A.C., will not have an effect on Rules 62-771.300, 62-787.100, 62-787.200, F.A.C.

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 SERC was not prepared based on the SERC checklist determination. This rulemaking will not incur any costs to governments, businesses, or professionals. The proposed rule will not have an adverse effect on the economy, private markets, health, safety and the environment.

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: Since no SERC was required, the proposed rule is not expected to have an adverse impact on economic growth, job creation, or employment nor will it have an impact on business competitiveness, nor will it increase regulatory costs in excess of \$1 million in aggregate within five years.

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: 287.0595, 376.303, 376.3071. LAW IMPLEMENTED: 287.0595, 287.057, 376.30, 376.301, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 376.30713, 376.30714, 376.30715, 376.3072.

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: Brittany Wright. Please contact Brittany by email at Brittany.Wright@FloridaDEP.gov or by writing to: Department of Environmental Protection, Petroleum Restoration Program, MS 4575, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. The draft rule revision documentation is available online at <https://floridadep.gov/waste/petroleum-restoration> or at <https://floridadep.gov/waste>.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP's Limited English Proficiency Coordinator within ten (10) days of publication of this notice at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

62-772.200 Definitions.

All words and phrases defined in Sections 287.012, F.S. and 376.301, F.S., shall have the same meaning when used in this chapter.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) "Contract" shall refer to the following as defined by subsection 60A-1.001(1), F.A.C., (7-22-24 8-22-04) <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19201>

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-03556>, hereby adopted and incorporated by reference:

(a) through (b) No change.

(5) through (10) No change.

(11) "MyFloridaMarketPlace or MFMP" means the electronic registration and procurement system managed by the Department of Management Services authorized pursuant to Section 287.057(24), F.S. as identified within Rules 60A-1.030, 60A-1.031, and 60A-1.032, F.A.C.

(12) through (17) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 287.0595, 376.303, 376.3071 FS. Law Implemented 287.057, 287.0595, 376.30, 376.301, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 376.30714, 376.30713, 376.30714, 376.30715, 376.30716, 376.3072 FS. History—New 1-16-14, Amended.

62-772.300 Contractor Qualifications and Performance Reviews.

(1) Minimum Qualifications. All contractors performing site assessment and remediation activities for state-funded sites under this chapter must meet the following minimum qualifications:

(a) No change.

(b) Each contractor shall certify to the Department that the contractor complies with requirements pursuant to Section 376.3071(6), F.S. (This certification must be in writing and submitted to the Department's Petroleum Restoration Program, Attn.: Contractor Qualification Coordinator, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Mail Station 4575, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. Documentation submitted under Section 376.3071, F.S., may be used to satisfy this requirement.)

~~1. Complies with applicable OSHA regulations.~~

~~2. Maintains workers' compensation insurance for all employees as required by the Florida Workers' Compensation Law.~~

~~3. Maintains comprehensive general liability and comprehensive automobile liability insurance with minimum limits of at least \$1,000,000.00 million per occurrence, and \$1,000,000.00 million annual aggregate, as shall protect it from claims for damage for personal injury, including accidental death, as well as claims for property damage which may arise from performance of work under the program, designating the state as an additional insured party. The Department will specify in solicitations when higher limits on liability insurance are necessary.~~

~~4. Maintains professional liability insurance of at least \$1 million per occurrence and \$1 million annual aggregate.~~

~~5. Has the capacity to perform or directly supervise the majority of the work at a site in accordance with Section 489.113(9), F.S.~~

(2) through (5) No change.

(6) Contractor Performance Review. The Department shall evaluate, with input from the responsible party and/or site owner, contractor performance at least after completion of each task assignment or purchase order under a term contract or completion of other non-term contracts using the Contractor Performance Evaluation form number 01, dated (April 2016), (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-05720>), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and the Site Owner/Responsible Party Contractor Performance Survey form, number 02, dated (April 2016),

(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06667>), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. A copy of these forms can be obtained from the Division of Waste Management at its web site at <https://floridadep.gov/waste> or at 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Contractor performance shall be considered prior to assignment of rehabilitation tasks, authorizing any contract renewals and determining retainage (and its release) pursuant to Section 376.3071(6), F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 287.0595, 376.303, 376.3071 F.S. Law Implemented 287.0595, 376.30, 376.301, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 376.30713, 376.30714, 376.30715, 376.30716, 376.3072 F.S. History—New 6-13-14, Amended 4-6-16, 7-31-22.

62-772.400 Procedures for the Competitive Procurement of Contractors and Assignment of Work.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Assignment of Work to Agency Term Contractors. In order to seek additional value and be consistent with subsection 60A-1.043(2), F.A.C., (7-22-24 6-21-04) <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19202>

~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-03575~~, hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, the Department will specify in all agency term contracts a dollar threshold based on the categories in Section 287.017, F.S., above which the Department will request quotes from agency term contractors for a phase of site rehabilitation that equals or exceeds \$1 million.

(4) through (5) No change.

(6) Renewal of contracts shall will be subject to Sections 287.057(13) and 287.058(1)(g), F.S.

(7) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 287.0595, 376.303, 376.3071 F.S. Law Implemented 287.0595, 287.057, 376.30, 376.301, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 376.30711, 376.30713, 376.30714, 376.30715, 376.30716, 376.3072 F.S. History—New 6-13-14, Amended

62-772.401 Alternative Contractor Selection and Assignment.

(1) Low Scored Site Initiative (LSSI). For a site participating in the LSSI program under Section 376.3071(12)(b), F.S., a participant shall will:

(a) through (c) No change.

For the purpose of LSSI work, one contractor working on several site assessments shall not be considered circumvention as described in Section 287.057(9), F.S. since each site assessment is a single project, which does not exceed the threshold amount as required by is capped at \$30,000.00 in accordance with Section 376.3071(12)(b)3.a. 376.3071(12)(b), F.S.

(2) For sites in Advanced Cleanup under Section 376.30713, F.S., the Petroleum Cleanup Participation Program

under Section 376.3071(13), F.S., or Site Rehabilitation Funding Allocation Agreements under Section 376.30714, F.S., the Department and the participant or applicant where the Department and its contractors have been granted site access, will negotiate the terms and conditions of the contract or agreement. If the participant or applicant is providing 25% or more of the cleanup cost, or the site will reach a funding cap under Section 376.3072(2)(a)3., or (2)(d)2.c., or d., F.S., then the participant or applicant may provide a recommendation to the Department regarding the assignment of an existing agency term contractor procured and retained pursuant to Rule 62-772.400, F.A.C. If a participant or applicant has recommended an agency term contractor and the Department plans to reject the recommendation, the Department shall provide its reasons in writing to the participant or applicant. Such rejection can be based upon the agency term contractor's performance review pursuant to subsection 62-772.300(6), F.A.C., the status of the contractor's qualifications pursuant to Rule 62-772.300, F.A.C., or whether the contractor is in compliance with the terms of its agency term contract. If the participant or applicant is providing less than 25% of the cleanup cost, the Department will follow subsections 62-772.400(3) through (5), F.A.C., for contractor assignment.

(3) No change.

(4) Sites for which a participant or a qualified applicant have submitted a written request to enter into a conditional closure agreement and are negotiating with the Department in accordance with this subsection, shall not be subject to contractor assignment pursuant to subsections 62-772.400(3), (4) and (5), F.A.C., during the review and negotiation period, and while the participant or qualified applicant complies with the agreement once effective. The Department reserves the right to terminate negotiations if the participant or qualified applicant does not respond to requests for additional supporting documentation within 30 days of that person's receipt of such a written request, if the Department and its contractors have been denied site access, or if a conditional closure agreement is not effective within 60 days of the date such a written agreement is sent to the participant or qualified applicant for execution. This provision does not change the requirement for cleanup funding based on the site priority ranking established pursuant to Section 376.3071(5)(a), F.S., except as otherwise provided for advanced cleanup sites under Section 376.30713, F.S.

(5) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 287.0595, 376.303, 376.3071 F.S. Law Implemented 287.0595, 376.30, 376.301, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 376.3071(12)(b), 376.3071(13)(c), 376.30713, 376.30713(3)(a), 376.30714, 376.30714(4), 376.30715, 376.30716, 376.3072 F.S. History—New 1-16-14, Amended 4-6-16.

62-772.600 Contract Terms and Conditions.

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) The Department will include the provisions in Section 376.3071, F.S., as applicable.

Rulemaking Authority 287.0595, 376.303, 376.3071 FS. Law Implemented 287.0595, 376.30, 376.301, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 376.30711, 376.30713, 376.30714, 376.30715, 376.30716, 376.3072 FS. History—New 1-16-14, Amended.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Billy Hessman, Program Administrator, Petroleum Restoration Program

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Alexis Lambert, Secretary

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: January 26, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 21, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-9.004 Permits for Hunting or Other Recreational Use on Wildlife Management Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment will revise regulations pertaining to recreational use permits (RUPs) for Grove Park and Gulf Hammock Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) to adjust the pricing and number of permits for these WMAs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendment would increase the cost of the RUP fee for Gulf Hammock WMA from \$610 to \$715 and reduce the RUP fee for Grove Park WMA from \$1,040 to \$950 and decrease the number of permits issued for Grove Park WMA from 235 permits to 61 permits.

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 n; Section 379.354, Florida Statutes

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution n; Sections 379.1025, 379.2223, 375.313, 379.354, Florida Statutes

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: Justin Bingham, Public Hunting Areas Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)617-9651, or justin.bingham@myfwc.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-9.004 Permits for Hunting or Other Recreational Use on Wildlife Management Areas.

(1) In addition to other licenses, permits and stamps required by law, stamp requirements for hunting, camping, fishing, or other recreational uses on lands owned, leased or managed by the Commission or the State of Florida for the use and benefit of the Commission shall be as provided by Sections 379.354(8)(g) and (h), F.S.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) The cost of recreational user permits as required for hunting on the following privately owned wildlife management areas as provided by Section 379.354(8)(h)1., F.S., shall be:

1. Gulf Hammock – \$715 \$610
2. Grove Park – \$950 \$1,040

(d) The total number of permits available for each of the following privately owned wildlife management areas established pursuant to Section 379.354(8)(h)1., F.S., shall be:

1. No change.
2. Grove Park – 61 235
- (e) through (g) No change.
- (2) through (3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.1025, 379.2223, 375.313, 379.354 FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, Formerly 39-9.04, Amended 6-2-86, 11-1-89, 7-16-98, 5-13-99, Formerly 39-9.004, Amended 7-1-00, 5-29-01, 7-22-01, 6-2-02, 7-28-02, 5-1-03, 7-7-03, 10-12-03, 5-12-04, 7-15-04, 6-1-05, 4-3-08, 4-1-09, 7-20-09, 7-1-10, 5-5-11, 8-11-11, 5-2-12, 7-1-13, 9-9-13, 8-26-14, 4-1-16, 4-1-17, 4-1-19, 4-1-22, 7-1-24, 7-16-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Morgan Richardson, Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 4, 2026
DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 28, 2026

Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:
62-772.100 Applicability and Purpose
62-772.402 Exceptions to Competitive Procurement Requirements
NOTICE OF CORRECTION

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

62-772.100 Applicability and Purpose.

(1) through (2) No change

Rulemaking Authority 287.0595, 376.303, 376.3071 FS. Law Implemented 287.0595, 376.30, 376.301, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 376.30711, 376.30713, 376.30714, 376.30715, 376.30716, 376.3072 FS. History-New 1-16-14, Technical Change 2-13-26.

62-772.402 Exceptions to Competitive Procurement Requirements.

(1) through (2) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 287.0595, 376.303, 376.3071 FS. Law Implemented 287.0595, 376.30, 376.301, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 376.30711, 376.30713, 376.30714, 376.30715, 376.30716, 376.3072 FS. History-New 1-16-14, Technical Change 2-13-26.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Chiropractic Medicine

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
64B2-13.007 Continuing Education Requirements During Initial Licensure Period
NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 217, November 6, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The changes are based upon written comments received by the staff of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee. The rule now reads as follows:

64B2-13.007 Continuing Education Requirements During Initial Licensure Period.

(1) No Change.

(2) In addition to requirements detailed in paragraph 64B2-13.004(10)(a), F.A.C., each practitioner should pre-register pre-registered fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the meeting on the board's website, accessible at <https://floridaschiropracticmedicine.gov/register-for-a-board-meeting> and must certify attendance at a board meeting by:

(a) Through (d) No Change.

(3) Through (4) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 456.013(6), 460.405, 460.408 FS. Law Implemented 456.013(6), 460.408 FS. History-New 1-25-88, Formerly 21D-13.007, 61F2-13.007, 59N-13.007, Amended 11-13-01, 5-4-03, 6-28-04, 11-9-06, 12-4-07, 6-24-18, 11-29-20, 2-23-22, 9-10-23.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
68A-15.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas
NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 52 No. 10, January 15, 2026 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

68A-15.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife Management Areas.

(1) through (9) No change.

(10) Grain and food: No person shall place, expose or distribute any grain or other food for wildlife on any wildlife management area except ~~for the purpose of trapping furbearers and nutria pursuant to Rule 68A-32.002, F.A.C., on areas with an established trapping season, unless prohibited under the rules governing a particular area, or as authorized by permit from the executive director. No person shall take wildlife on any land or waters upon which grain or other food has been deposited, provided that furbearers and nutria may be trapped using baits, lures, or visual attractants pursuant to Rule 68A-32.002, F.A.C., on areas with an established trapping season, unless prohibited under the rules governing a particular area, and quail may be hunted in proximity to established game feeders.~~

(11) through (17) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.2223, 379.354 FS. History—New 8-1-79, Amended 6-4-81, 6-21-82, 6-9-83, 9-27-83, 7-5-84, 7-1-85, Formerly 39-15.04, Amended 5-7-86, 5-10-87, 4-13-88, 8-18-88, 4-19-90, 4-4-91, 4-14-92, 10-22-92, 7-26-94, 11-6-94, 3-30-95, 10-23-95, 9-15-96, 6-1-97, 7-1-98, 12-28-98, 4-15-99, Formerly 39-15.004, Amended 7-1-00, 6-2-02, 5-1-03, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 5-2-12, 4-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 9-13-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24, 7-1-25, 9-17-25, 7-1-26.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-17.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 51 No. 251, December 30, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

68A-17.004 General Regulations Relating to Wildlife and Environmental Areas.

(1) through (9) No change.

(10) Grain and food: No person shall place, ~~provide, expose or distribute any grain or other food for wildlife on any wildlife and environmental area except for the purpose of trapping furbearers and nutria pursuant to Rule 68A-32.002, F.A.C., on areas with an established trapping season, unless prohibited under the rules governing a particular area or as authorized by permit from the executive director. No person shall take wildlife on any land or waters upon which grain or other food has been deposited, except furbearers and nutria may~~

be trapped using baits, lures, or visual attractants pursuant to Rule 68A-32.002, F.A.C., on areas with an established trapping season, unless prohibited under the rules governing a particular area. No person shall provide food for wildlife on any wildlife and environmental area.

(11) through (18) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.354, 375.313 FS. History—New 4-12-98, Amended 12-28-98, Formerly 39-17.004, Amended 7-1-00, 7-1-04, 7-1-05, 7-1-06, 7-29-07, 7-1-08, 7-1-09, 7-1-10, 1-1-11, 3-25-12, 4-9-13, 7-1-14, 7-1-15, 7-1-16, 7-1-18, 7-1-19, 9-13-20, 7-1-21, 7-1-22, 7-1-23, 7-1-24, 7-1-25, 9-16-25, 7-1-26.

Section IV Emergency Rules

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**Family Safety and Preservation Program**

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

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE: On September 28, 2021, the Governor of the State of Florida signed Executive Order 21-223, declaring that the Biden administration's refusal to faithfully enforce federal immigration laws has led to an unprecedented surge of illegal border crossings at the southwest border of the United States. In July 2021 alone, over 213,000 persons attempted to illegally enter the United States at the southwest border, the highest number in more than 20 years, and another 209,840 persons attempted to illegally enter in August. Note 1. For the entire federal fiscal year of 2021, over 1.7 million foreign nationals were encountered at the southwest border attempting to enter the country illegally. Note 2. In the first quarter of this federal fiscal year, the reported number of such encounters stands at more than 518,000. Note 3. By contrast, in the last full federal fiscal year of the previous administration (federal fiscal year 2020), there were fewer than 460,000 such encounters, and in the fiscal year before that (federal fiscal year 2019), there were fewer than 980,000 encounters. Note 4.

The Biden administration has taken numerous actions to cause and further exacerbate this border crisis. It terminated the previous administration's Migrant Protection Protocol (MPP) program (also known as the "Remain in Mexico" policy), reinstated a "catch and release" policy, ended further construction of a border wall, and declined to detain and remove certain categories of illegal aliens who had been convicted of committing crimes. The administration's unlawful termination of MPP was successfully challenged in court, see Texas v.

Biden, No. 21-10806 (5th Cir. Dec. 21, 2021), but the Biden administration is currently working to reimplement the program. Its other actions, however, remain in effect.

Notwithstanding that federal immigration law generally requires that aliens entering the United States without a clear right to be admitted (including applicants for asylum) must be detained pending further proceedings, see 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A), *id.* § 1225(b)(1)(B), the Biden administration has instead been releasing into the interior of the United States large numbers of illegal aliens apprehended at the southwest border. The U.S. Border Patrol released 60,559 illegal aliens from the southwest border in July 2021 alone and another 44,122 in August 2021, a massive increase from the 17 illegal aliens released in December 2020, the last full month of the previous administration. Note 5. During federal fiscal year 2021, the Border Patrol released in total more than 248,000 aliens apprehended at the southwest border, almost all of which occurred after January 2021. Note 6. This number does not reflect additional releases by other elements of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In an October 20, 2021 letter, DHS confirmed that at least 5,900 single illegal alien adults who were released at the southwest border have reported to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) field office in Florida. This number likely vastly underreports the number of released illegal aliens from the southwest border who have resettled in Florida because approximately 80% of aliens who are released at the border and are directed to report to an ICE office within 60 days reportedly fail to do so. Note 7. Because the Federal Government does not actively coordinate or consult with the State of Florida concerning the illegal aliens that it releases from the southwest border into the interior of the United States, the State of Florida has no knowledge about the backgrounds, criminal history, immigration status, or the status of removal proceedings for the aliens who have resettled in Florida. The State of Florida has brought a legal challenge to the Biden administration's unlawful "catch and release" policy, which is now pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. See First Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, State of Florida v. United States, No. 3:21-cv-01066-TKW-EMT (N.D. Fla. Feb. 1, 2022) (articulating harms to the State of Florida because of the Biden administration's "catch and release" policy).

The surge of foreign nationals attempting to enter illegally at the southwest border has included a large number of Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC), defined by federal law as a child who has no lawful immigration status; has not attained 18 years of age; and, with respect to whom, there is no parent or legal guardian in the United States, or no parent or legal guardian in the United States available to provide physical custody and care, see 6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2). Over 146,000 encounters at the southwest border for federal fiscal year 2021

involved UAC or single minors, compared to approximately 33,000 in fiscal year 2020 and 80,000 in fiscal year 2019. Note 8. For federal fiscal year 2022, the number of such encounters has already reached more than 85,000. Note 9. Under existing federal law, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must take custody of these UAC and attempt to place them with sponsors in the United States until the UAC's immigration proceedings are completed. While the UAC await placement with a sponsor, HHS will often house the UAC in group home facilities or foster homes that are operated by private entities or individuals under contract with HHS and licensed by the states where the facilities or homes are located. It is estimated that at least 4,284 UAC were housed in group home facilities or foster homes in Florida over the last year. During federal fiscal year 2021, 11,145 UAC were placed with sponsors in Florida, more than the 10,773 UAC placed in California, a substantially larger state. Note 10. So far during federal fiscal year 2022, 6,659 UAC have already been placed in Florida. Note 11.

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

Moreover, the State receives no information on the background, criminal history, immigration status, status of removal proceedings, or the sponsors of the UAC brought to Florida. See, e.g., Letter from Governor Ron DeSantis to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, Resettlement of Illegal Aliens in Florida, Aug. 26, 2021; Letter from Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson to Governor Ron DeSantis, Oct. 20, 2021; Letter from DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to Governor Ron DeSantis, Nov. 24, 2021. UAC are regularly placed with sponsors without adequate follow-up by HHS or the placement entities to ensure the safety and welfare of the UAC. According to a recent report, between January and May 2021, federal contractors responsible for placing UAC with sponsors across the United States were unable to reach the minor or the sponsor in roughly one of every three attempts. Note 12. Nor does the State have any assurance that the UAC are, in fact, minors. As a result of the chaos at the southwest border, there is a significant risk of insufficient and inaccurate vetting of people claiming protection as UAC. Many

UAC are male teenagers nearing adulthood, and some are gang members when they arrive or later become gang members. Note 13. Recently, a 24-year-old Honduran national was charged with murder in Florida after having falsely represented his age and having been released into the United States as a UAC. Note 14. In short, the Federal Government has failed to provide the State of Florida with sufficient answers to its requests for information on the resettlement of illegal aliens, including UAC, so that their safety and the safety and welfare of Florida's citizens, including children already present in Florida, can be secured. The Federal Government's failure to enforce federal immigration law and secure the border, as well as the absence of meaningful coordination and consultation concerning the resettlement of UAC in Florida, are an immediate danger to the safety and welfare of Floridians, including its most vulnerable children, as well as recently arrived UAC. (The Federal Government's conduct with respect to the resettlement of UAC in Florida stands in stark contrast to the Federal Government's conduct with respect to the resettlement of Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM), where the Federal Government has a cooperative agreement in place with the State of Florida.)

To date, the Department has generally granted licenses to facilities that sought to house UAC brought to Florida by HHS. In light of the crisis described above, Section 8 of Executive Order 21-223 directed the Department to "determine whether the resettlement of unaccompanied alien children in Florida from outside of the state constitutes 'evidence of need' under section 409.175(5)(b)(1), Florida Statutes, sufficient to justify the award of a license under Florida law to family foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, or child-placing agencies that seek to provide services for unaccompanied alien children."

"To the extent that such resettlement of unaccompanied alien children in Florida is determined not to constitute 'evidence of need' under Florida law," the executive order directed the Department to "amend, if necessary, Florida Administrative Code Rule 65C-46.022, 'Standards for Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) Homes and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programs,' in accordance with state law, to reflect the Department's determination." In this Emergency Rule, the Department determines that an application for issuance or renewal of a license to house UAC or URM, who are being resettled in Florida from outside of the state, does not constitute "evidence of need," § 409.175(5)(b)1, Florida Statutes, "to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all children in the state" cared for by residential child-caring agencies, § 409.175(1)(a), Florida Statutes, in the absence of a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the Federal Government in which the State of Florida is entitled, at a minimum, to advance notice and meaningful consultation before the resettlement of such UAC or URM in Florida. The Emergency Rule also prohibits existing licensees from adding

to their existing UAC population and imposes additional requirements to ensure that such licensees protect the safety and welfare of UAC that they place with sponsors in the state. Given the ongoing crisis at the border, including the Federal Government's failure to enforce federal immigration law and to secure the border, the resettlement of UAC in Florida, its ongoing refusal to provide meaningful coordination and consultation, its failure to provide adequate protection for and supervision of UAC once they are placed with sponsors in the state, and its failure to adequately screen purported UAC (as evidenced by the recent murder charge brought against an adult foreign national who misrepresented his age to gain entry to the United States), emergency rulemaking is justified and necessary.

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

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

Note 3: *Id.*

Note 4: *Id.*

Note 5: See U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Custody and Transfer Statistics FY2021, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/custody-and-transfer-statistics-fy2021> (last accessed November 20, 2024).

Note 6: See *id.*

Note 7: See Mark Krikorian, Immigration Enforcement on the Honor System, <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/immigration-enforcement-on-the-honor-system/> (July 16, 2021). In addition, between federal fiscal year 2008 and 2019, "32 percent of aliens referred to [immigration courts] absconded into the United States" and did not report to their hearings. See Memorandum Opinion and Order, *Texas v. Biden*, No. 2:21-CV-067-Z, 2021 WL 3603341, at *4 (N.D. Tex. Aug. 13, 2021).

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

Note 9: See *id.*

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

Note 11: See *id.*

Note 12: See Stef W. Knight, Exclusive: Government Can't Reach One-in-Three Released Migrant Kids (Sept. 1, 2021), <https://wwwaxios.com/migrant-children-biden->

administration-a597fd98-03a7-415c-9826-9d0b5aaba081.html.

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

Note 14: See Adam Shaw, Honduran Illegal Immigrant Charged with Murder Entered US Falsey Claiming to be Unaccompanied Minor: Report (Nov. 4, 2021), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/honduran-illegal-immigrant-charged-murder-entered-us-unaccompanied-minor>.
REASON FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The procedure is fair under the circumstances because the Emergency Rule ends the State’s practice of facilitating the Federal Government’s UAC resettlement program without terminating existing licenses or otherwise permanently foreclosing the issuance of licenses for UAC in the future. Instead, going forward, the State will require a meaningful cooperative agreement with the Federal Government, including a commitment to resume full enforcement of the immigration laws and to secure the border, before issuing or renewing licenses for housing UAC. (The same principle will apply for licenses to house URM, but there is a cooperative agreement with the Federal Government already in place.) In the meantime, existing licensees will not be permitted to add to their existing UAC population and will be subject to additional obligations to ensure the welfare and safety of the UAC whom they place with sponsors in Florida, but their existing licenses will not be cancelled.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Elizabeth Floyd at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com or (850)488-2381.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

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

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

(2) For purposes of section 409.175(5)(b)1, F.S., which requires “evidence of need” to obtain a license, and section 409.175(1)(a), F.S., which provides that the purpose of the licensure requirement is to “protect the health, safety, and well-being of all children in the state” who are cared for by residential child-caring agencies or family foster homes, or placed by child-placing agencies, the planned and organized resettlement of UAC or URM by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services does not constitute evidence of need as required for issuance or renewal of a license for a residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home that seeks to provide services to such UAC or URM, unless such resettlement is governed by a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the United States Government. In the absence of such cooperative agreement, no license will be issued or renewed with respect to any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home that applies to provide services for UAC or URM.

resettling to Florida, and any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home providing such services under a current license to UAC or URM who have already resettled in Florida may not further place or take placement of any additional UAC or URM until a cooperative agreement is entered. For purposes of this rule, the term "resettlement" means the transportation of persons to Florida for the purpose of temporarily or permanently residing in Florida. The Department has no obligation to enter or renew a cooperative agreement with the United States Government for the resettlement of UAC or URM to Florida, and the Department may revoke or decline to enter or renew such agreement.

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

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

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

(6) For a residential child-caring agency, the director and direct care staff must sign and comply with the plan applicable to the licensed setting. For a foster home, the child-placing agency must ensure the foster parents sign and comply with the plan applicable to the licensed setting. Residential child-caring agencies, child-placing agencies, or foster homes that provide services for UAC must use the "Plan for Unaccompanied Alien Children" Form, CF-FSP 5488, February 2022, incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14108>. Residential child-caring agencies, child-placing agencies, or foster homes that provide services for URM must use the "Partnership Plan for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors," Form CF-FSP 5487, February 2022, incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14107>.

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

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

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

(b) The welfare checks must include:

1. Verifying the identity of the child through previously submitted photographs obtained by the child-placing or residential child-caring agency;
2. Taking a photograph of the child;
3. Looking for any unusual marks on visible parts of the body;
4. Speaking with the child about any issues he or she may be experiencing; and
5. Speaking with the caregiver about the child's well-being and basic needs.

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

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

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

- a. Name of the child and date of birth.
- b. Date the welfare check was conducted.
- c. Name of the child's caregiver.
- d. Location of the in-person welfare check.
- e. Statement affirming that there were no presenting issues or concerns.

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

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

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

The child-placing agency must ensure foster parents complete training hours outlined in 65C-45.002, F.A.C.

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

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

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

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

(14) This Emergency Rule will expire on May 17, 2026.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: February 16, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 409.175(5) FS. Law Implemented 409.175 FS. History-New 2-11-22, Renewed 3-9-22, 6-7-22, 9-5-22, 12-4-22, 3-4-23, 6-2-23, 8-31-23, 11-29-23, 2-27-24, 5-27-24, 8-25-24, 11-23-24, 2-21-25, 5-22-25, 8-20-25, 11-18-25, 2-16-26.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 16, 2026

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

Section V

Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Food Safety

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

5K-4.002 Adoption of Federal Regulations and Other Standards

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 06, 2026, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, received a petition for variance from the requirements for the distribution of venison by a food establishment as provided in the 2017 FDA Food Code, sections 3-201.11, 3-201.17, and 3-701.11, adopted in rule 5K-4.002. The Petition was submitted by Feeding Florida, Inc.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Darby Shaw, darby.shaw@fdacs.gov, 3125 Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399, 850-2445-5526.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Southwest Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40D-22.201 Year-Round Water Conservation Measures

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 09, 2026, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, received a petition for a variance or waiver.

Petitioner's Name: 26-4416 (Rio Mar at Sarasota Residents' Association, Inc.)

Rule No.: 40D-22.201

Nature of the rule for which variance or waiver is sought: Lawn and landscape irrigation

The Petition has been assigned tracking No. 26-4416.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Camille Mourant, 7601 US Highway 301, Tampa, Florida 33637, (813)438-4906, water.variances@watermatters.org. Any interested person or other agency may submit written comments within 14 days after the publication of this notice. (S101693)

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

59G-13.070 Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 10, 2026, the Agency for Health Care Administration, received a petition for an Amended Petition for Variance of Rule 59G-13.070 ("Petition") filed by Carole Novak. Petitioner requests a variance from limited provisions of the Rule, which incorporates the Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Coverages and Limitations Handbook ("Handbook") by reference. Petitioner specifically seeks a variance from the requirements on pages 2-31 of the Handbook, regarding Medical Equipment and Supplies, by requesting permission to use funding to pay for a lowered floor, ramp, and EZ lock on a van. Interested people or agencies may submit written comments on the Petition within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Douglas D. Sunshine, B.C.S., Agency Clerk, Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #3, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, Douglas.Sunshine@ahca.myflorida.com (850)412-3689.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION Medicaid

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

59G-4.261 Private Duty Nursing and Family Home Health Aide Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 06, 2026, the Agency for Health Care Administration, received a petition for Variance of Rule 59G-4.261 ("Petition") filed by Diana Barger. Petitioner requests a variance from limited provisions of the Rule, which incorporates the Private Duty Nursing and Family Home Health Aide Services Coverage Policy ("Policy") by reference. Petitioner is specifically seeking a variance from the Policy, regarding Private Duty Nursing ("PDN") services, to request PDN services outside the home of the Medicaid recipient to attend an event. Interested people or agencies may submit written comments on the Petition within fourteen (14) days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Douglas D. Sunshine, B.C.S., Agency Clerk, Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #3, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, Douglas.Sunshine@ahca.myflorida.com (850)412-3689.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board

The Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board hereby gives notice: that the petition for variance and waiver filed on behalf of Steven Meakins has been withdrawn. The Notice of Petition was published in Vol. 52, No. 17, of the January 27, 2026, issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

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

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Substance Abuse Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65D-30.010 Standards for Outpatient Treatment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 12, 2026, the Department of Children and Families, received a petition for variance of rule 65D-30.010(4), Florida Administrative Code,

from Groups Recover Together. This rule provides that no full-time counselor shall have a caseload that exceeds 50 individuals receiving outpatient substance abuse services.

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

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES Securities

The Office of Financial Regulation hereby gives notice: On 2/11/2026, the Florida Office of Financial Regulation (Securities) received a WITHDRAWAL of the Petition for Waiver of paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code from Daniel DelGuidice. **The original petition was published June 6, 2025 in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 51, Number 110.

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

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES Securities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 12, 2026, the Office of Financial Regulation, received a petition for Waiver from paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code from Brian Callanan. The petition seeks a Waiver of paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b) which requires an associated person of an investment adviser or federal covered adviser to provide the Office with one of the following:

1. Proof of passing, within two years of the date of application for registration, the Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (Series 65); or 2. Proof of passing, within two years of the date of application for registration, the General Securities Representative Examination (Series 7), the Uniform Combined State Law Examination (Series 66), and proof of passing within four years of the date of application for registration, the Securities Industry Essentials (SIE) Examination. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov within 14 days of publication of this notice.

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

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Licensing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

5N-1.100 Organization

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday March 2, 2026, 9:30 a.m. Length of meeting will be determined by attendance and participation, room is reserved until 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Room 166, 4075 Esplanade Way; Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Receive public comments in relation to defining and/or clarifying what is included in “security services” and “guards” as used in section 493.6101 (18) and (19), Florida Statutes.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Susana Yglesias, Rulemaking Coordinator, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, P.O. Box 5647, Tallahassee, Florida 32314; Susana.Yglesias@fdacs.gov; (850)245-5480.

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: Susana Yglesias, Rulemaking Coordinator, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, P.O. Box 5647, Tallahassee, Florida 32314; Susana.Yglesias@fdacs.gov; (850)245-5480. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

The DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m., ET

PLACE: The College of the Florida Keys, 5901 College Road, Tennessee Williams Theatre, Key West, FL 33040. This meeting will be webcast at <https://thefloridachannel.org>.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This meeting agenda will consist of updates from President Pumariega on behalf of the Council of Presidents, Superintendent Tierney on behalf of the Florida Association of

District School Superintendents, and the Maritime Industry Workforce by Secretary Alex Kelly. Additional items for consideration include action relating to the following: Amendment to Rule 6A-1.0998271, F.A.C., Schools of Hope; New Rule 6A-1.0455, F.A.C., Middle School and High School Start Times; Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C., Student Performance Standards; Approval of Request by Miami Dade College for a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene; New Specialized Associate in Arts Transfer (SAAT) Degree Program(s) in the Florida College System, “Lake-Sumter State College – Biology & Health Sciences”; Approval of A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation – Florida, LLC as a Scholarship Funding Organization for 2026-27; Approval of Set Up for Students, Inc. as a Scholarship Funding Organization for 2026-27; Approval of Sunshine State Kids as a Scholarship Funding Organization for 2026-27; Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0292, F.A.C., Specialization Requirements for the Reading Endorsement; Approval of External Operator/Outside Entity Turnaround Option Plan-Step 2 for Pasco County Schools; Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0200, F.A.C., Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education Program; Amendment to Rule 6A-10.0381, F.A.C., Registration of Adult Students and Enrollment Reporting for Adult General Education Students; Amendment to Rule 6A-10.0401, F.A.C., Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements; Amendment to Rule 6A-14.065, F.A.C., Meta-Major Academic Pathways; Amendment to Rule 6A-23.010, F.A.C., Preapprenticeship Programs; Amendment to Rule 6M-4.300, F.A.C., School Readiness Application and Waiting List Procedures; Amendment to Rule 6M-4.720, F.A.C., Screening of Children in the School Readiness Program; Approval of Florida College System Foundation (FCSF) Sponsorship Agreement; Approval of Virtual Instruction Program Providers for School Districts.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Department’s website at <http://www.fl DOE.org/policy/state-board-of-edu/meetings>.

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: Chris Emerson at (850)245-9601 or Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Chris Emerson at (850)245-9601 or Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

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

DATE AND TIME: February 24, 2026, 3:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 253 797 709 166 86

Passcode: ki3ev6dj

Dial in by phone

+1(850)583-5063, 449085458#

Phone conference ID: 449 085 458#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Training, Retraining and Upward Mobility Meeting to discuss improvements to the BEP training program.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary Ellen Harding maryellen.harding@dbsfldoe.org

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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: Mary Ellen Harding maryellen.harding@dbsfldoe.org

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

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

DATE AND TIME: February 26, 2026, 3:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 250 807 210 806 54

Passcode: xn9UU2By

Dial in by phone

+1(850)583-5063, 764703056#

Phone conference ID: 764 703 056#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Biennial Planning Meeting to discuss planning for the 2027 Biennial Seminar.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary Ellen Harding maryellen.harding@dbsfldoe.org

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

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

DATE AND TIME: District 7 Meeting - February 25, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Via Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25227007539315?p=NPtIHZA09aPt30CVfU>

Meeting ID: 252 270 075 393 15

Passcode: o4i7g2Go

Dial in by phone

+1(850)583-5063, 787416164# United States, Tallahassee

Phone conference ID: 787 416 164#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
District 7 Meeting to discuss items for consideration at the March Committee of Vendors Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary Ellen Harding, maryellen.harding@dbsfldoe.org

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

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

DATE AND TIME: February 23, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Via Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/24903052473872?p=7IbItppozO7oShpX7e>
Meeting ID: 249 030 524 738 72
Passcode: kz2EX33p
Dial in by phone
+1(850)583-5063,,949805962# United States, Tallahassee
Phone conference ID: 949 805 962#
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Budget Planning Meeting to prepare for March 2026 Committee Meeting.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary Ellen Harding maryellen.harding@dbs.fl doe.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: Lisa. Forbess@fl-epc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
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For more information, you may contact: Mary Ellen Harding maryellen.harding@dbs.fl doe.org

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Education Practices Commission
The Education Practices Commission announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.
DATES AND TIMES: March 3, 2026, 8:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard and 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panels; March 4, 2026, 8:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel; on March 4, 2026, 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Administrator Hearing Panel; March 6, 2026. (Corrected date), 8:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel
PLACE: Embassy Suites Orlando Airport, 5835 T.G. Lee Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32822, (407) 888-9339
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.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lisa.Forbess@fl-epc.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: Lisa. Forbess@fl-epc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Lisa.Forbess@fl-epc.org

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Postsecondary Reciprocal Distance Education Coordinating Council

The Postsecondary Reciprocal Distance Education Coordinating Council (PRDECC) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 25, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Turlington Building, 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1721-25, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Postsecondary Reciprocal Distance Education Coordinating Council (PRDECC) will conduct a review of initial and renewal institutional applications to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Council is committed to promoting transparency and public input during its public meetings. Speakers are requested to submit a written comment by emailing the Council Office no later than one (1) business day before the meeting at flsara info@fldoe.org and to indicate whether they represent a group or faction. The Council will hear public comment only regarding issues on the agenda. Individuals and representatives of groups will generally be allotted three minutes, but the time may be extended or shortened at the discretion of the chair. The Chair may impose a cumulative time limit for all public comment on any agenda item.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Council Office at Commission for Independent Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400, by visiting www.fl doe.org/sara, or by calling Brady Lyon at (850)245-3200.

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 Council Office at Commission for Independent Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400, by visiting wwwfldoeorgsara, or by calling Brady Lyon at (850)245-3200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

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

DATE AND TIME: Monday, February 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

23rd Annual Public Meeting on the Long-Term Plan for Achieving Water Quality Goals for the Everglades Protection Area Tributary Basins

PLACE: SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Members of the public may participate and provide public comment in person or via Zoom, a media technology free for the public to use.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This public regulatory meeting is scheduled to provide findings and updates of the projects designed to improve the water quality of runoff flowing into the Everglades Protection Area.

The public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to view and comment on the meeting by attending in person or utilizing the following link: <https://sfwmd.link/48w3q73>. The link will go live at approximately 9:00 a.m. on February 23, 2026.

One or more members of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District may attend this meeting. No Governing Board action will be taken.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Robert Shuford at (561)682-2155 or rshufor@sfwmd.gov. The agenda will be posted to the District's website at wwwSFWMDgovmeetings, seven days prior to the meeting. 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: Molly Brown, District Clerk, at

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

For more information, you may contact: Robert Shuford at (561)682-2155 or rshufor@sfwmd.gov

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

The Agency for Health Care Administration announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 20, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Citrus County Chamber of Commerce – 915 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Agency will host a Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Town Hall in Citrus County. This session will provide an overview of the RHTP, upcoming funding opportunities, and initiative bundles designed to strengthen care delivery in rural communities. The meeting will also cover application readiness, partnership development, and available technical assistance. Participants will have the opportunity to share local priorities, challenges, and opportunities to help shape program implementation.

This project is supported by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling \$209 with 100 percent funded by CMS/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dr. Daphnie Loriston at RHTP@ahca.myflorida.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: Dr. Daphnie Loriston at RHTP@ahca.myflorida.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Dr. Daphnie Loriston at RHTP@ahca.myflorida.com

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, February 26, 2026, 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:
Disciplinary and 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Board of Employee Leasing Companies, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1984. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001 Florida Building Code Adopted

The Florida Building Commission's Special Occupancy Technical Advisory Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 20, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar:

Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To provide comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of March 13, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 9th Edition (2026) update to the Florida Building Code.

Other committee business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Marlita Peters, as set forth below or on the Commission website.

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: Ms. Barbara Bryant, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Marlita Peters, Special Occupancy Technical Advisory Committee, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436; or access information on the Commission's website, <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001: Florida Building Code Adopted

The Florida Building Commission's Structural Technical Advisory Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 24, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar:

Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To provide comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of March 13, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 9th Edition (2026) update to the Florida Building Code.

Other committee business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Joe Bigelow, as set forth below or on the Commission website.

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For more information, you may contact: Joe Bigelow, Structural Technical Advisory Committee, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436; or access information on the Commission's website, <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001 Florida Building Code Adopted

The Florida Building Commission's Roofing Technical Advisory Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 24, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar: Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To provide comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of March 13, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 9th Edition (2026) update to the Florida Building Code.

Other committee business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Marlita Peters, as set forth below or on the Commission website.

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Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Marlita Peters, Roofing Technical Advisory Committee, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436; or access information on the Commission's website, <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001 Florida Building Code Adopted

The Florida Building Commission's Swimming Pool Technical Advisory announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 24, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar:

Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To provide comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of March 13, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 9th Edition (2026) update to the Florida Building Code.

Other committee business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Chip Sellers, as set forth below or on the Commission website.

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Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Chip Sellers, Swimming Pool Technical Advisory Committee, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436; or access information on the Commission's website, <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001 Florida Building Code Adopted

The Florida Building Commission's Energy Technical Advisory Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 24, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar:

Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To provide comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of March 13, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 9th Edition (2026) update to the Florida Building Code.

Other committee business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Norman Bellamy, as set forth below or on the Commission website.

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For more information, you may contact: Norman Bellamy, Energy Technical Advisory Committee, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436; or access information on the Commission's website, <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001 Florida Building Code Adopted

The Florida Building Commission's Plumbing Technical Advisory Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 25, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar:

Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To provide comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of March 13, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 9th Edition (2026) update to the Florida Building Code.

Other committee business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Chip Sellers, as set forth below or on the Commission website.

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proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Chip Sellers, Plumbing Technical Advisory Committee, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436; or access information on the Commission's website, <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001 Florida Building Code Adopted

The Florida Building Commission's Electrical Technical Advisory Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 25, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar:

Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To provide comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of March 13, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 9th Edition (2026) update to the Florida Building Code.

Other committee business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Joe Bigelow, as set forth below or on the Commission website.

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For more information, you may contact: Joe Bigelow, Electrical Technical Advisory Committee, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436; or access information on the Commission's website, <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001 Florida Building Code Adopted

The Florida Building Commission's Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 26, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar:

Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free): 1(877)309-2073, Meeting ID/Access Code: 533-378-925; public point of access 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To provide comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of March 13, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing comments received regarding the proposed 9th Edition (2026) update to the Florida Building Code.

Other committee business on the agenda.

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For more information, you may contact: Chip Sellers, Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee, Building Codes and Standards Office, Division of Professions, Department of

Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-1824, fax: (850)414-8436; or access information on the Commission's website, <https://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 25, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: //meet.goto.com/FL-BOMT/pcppublic

Access Code: 423-972-773 United States (Toll Free): 1(866)899-4679 United States: +1(571)317-3116

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Reconsideration of cases for which a determination of probable cause has already been made.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: //floridasmassagetherapy.gov/meeting-information/

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

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For more information, you may contact: mqa.massagetherapy@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support

The Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, Trauma Section announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 3:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: Via Microsoft Teams:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 239 056 911 265 0

Passcode: zx9i9P5W

Dial in by phone: +1(850)792-1375,916470798# United States, Tallahassee

Phone conference ID: 916 470 798#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

General business of the Florida Trauma System Advisory

Council. The purpose of this meeting is to facilitate informal discussion between council members pursuant to Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, and Article I, Section 24, of the Florida Constitution. The Florida Trauma System Advisory Council will not vote or take any official action during the meeting. Meeting information is available on the Florida Trauma System Advisory Council webpage under the Commons Hour tab at <https://tinyurl.com/FTSAC-Feb26>. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Beth Boatwright at Beth.Boatwright@FLHealth.gov. For more information, you may contact: Beth Boatwright at Beth.Boatwright@FLHealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Refugee Services

The Tallahassee Refugee Task Force announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 10, 2026; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

PLACE: Meeting will take place via the Microsoft Teams platform. Use the below link to connect to the meeting:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22027089640255?p=jjJvoT6Kqi8fn8JkA0>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of the Tallahassee Area Refugee Task Force meeting is to increase awareness of the refugee populations, share best practices, spot trends in refugee populations, build collaborations between agencies, help create good communication among service providers, get informed about upcoming community events, and discuss refugee program service needs and possible solutions to meeting those needs.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jawid Sultany at (850)717-4501 or David Draper at (407)317-7335.

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: Jawid Sultany at (850)717-4501 or David Draper at (407)317-7335. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Refugee Services

The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Meeting will take place via the Microsoft Teams platform. Use the below link to connect to the meeting:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/26535522994396?p=6Plj9c6ShWpOXi6LXW>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of the Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force meeting is to increase awareness of the refugee populations, share best practices, spot trends in refugee populations, build collaborations between agencies, help create good communication among service providers, get informed about upcoming community events, and discuss refugee program service needs and possible solutions to meeting those needs. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lita Amin (904)524-1316 or David Draper at (407)317-7335

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: Lita Amin (904)524-1316 or David Draper at (407)317-7335. 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: Lita Amin (904)524-1316 or David Draper at (407)317-7335

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

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

DATE AND TIME: March 4, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The meeting will also be available via webinar. The webinar registration and access information for the review committee meeting is posted to the following website: <https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/developers-multifamily-programs/competitive/2025/2025-214>.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Review Committee Meeting will be to give the scores and to submit a recommendation to Florida Housing's Board of Directors regarding the responses submitted for Florida Housing Finance Corporation's RFA 2025-214 Live Local SAIL Financing To Be Used For Developing And Reconstructing Affordable Multifamily Housing Developments.

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

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Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 26, 2026, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

PLACE: This meeting will be broadcast via webinars. Participation in the webinar will require access to a computer OR access to a telephone. The Teams meeting will be available at https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MTVIYzU0NmUtMGRkZC00ZjU4LWIyOGQtNWRhYzM2YmIzMzY2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22c4d6af73-d05b-4ade-9a39-ced76d3056c6%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229ca74273-533b-4874-8302-189bb007c51f%22%7d. Those that do not have computer access can listen in on the phone by calling conference line +1(850)270-2928, 883678375# United States, Tallahassee.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The State Wildlife Grants Committee will be meeting to make decisions on final proposals for the upcoming fiscal year 2027 grants cycle. The Committee will vote on advancing projects for USFWS approval and funding under the State Wildlife Grants Rule 68-1.003, F.A.C.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Destinee Armstrong, Wildlife Diversity Conservation, at Destinee.Armstrong@MyFWC.com or by calling (850)617-9569

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).

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

68B-14.001 Purpose and Intent, Designation as Restricted Species

68B-14.002 Definitions

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

68B-14.0039 Recreational Grouper and Tilefish Seasons

68B-14.006 Other Prohibitions and Exception

68B-14.009 Reporting Requirement

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (EDT); Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (EDT); Thursday, March 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (EDT); Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (EDT)

PLACES: March 3: Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Avenue, Homosassa FL 34446; March 4: Tarpon Springs Public Library, 138 East Lemon Street, Tarpon Springs FL 34689; March 5: Patricia Shontz Commission Chambers, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach FL 33708; March 10: Statewide webinar. More information about how to participate in the webinar will be available on the FWC website prior to the webinar date:

<http://www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/rulemaking/workshops/>.

If you have questions regarding this workshop, please contact the Division of Marine Fisheries Management at (850)487-0554 for more information.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is holding a series of public workshops to gather input on the management of the recreational gag grouper fishery in Gulf of America state and federal waters. Public feedback gathered during these workshops will be considered when developing recommendations for state management through Exempted Fishing Permits as well as for state management through the Gulf Council process. All stakeholders interested in Gulf gag grouper management are encouraged to attend.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jessica McCawley, at 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554.

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).

For more information, you may contact: Jessica McCawley, at 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Department of Financial Services announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time

PLACE: Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Haydon Burns Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida PALM Executive Steering Committee will meet to discuss the status of the Florida PALM Project.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida PALM Project website

<https://myfloridacfo.com/floridapalm/oversight>.

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: Jenifer Hartsfield at (850)410-9025 or FloridaPALM@myfloridacfo.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: or would like to submit public comment regarding the Florida PALM Executive Steering Committee, please email FloridaPALM@myfloridacfo.com.

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

The Board of Directors for the Florida Development Finance Corporation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 2:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: Florida Development Finance Corporation, 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs, FL 32708

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Via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86765694014?pwd=9xRjDhH3uAI n2QU4ozb7AqtRfapAsU.1>

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Via Telephone:

Dial-In Number: 1(646)558-8656

Meeting ID: 867 6569 4014

Passcode: 277267

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This meeting will discuss the following:

- Minutes: 1/6/26
- Bond Resolution No. 26-02 – Dreamers Academy
- Bond Resolution No. 26-03 – Holiday Park YMCA

- Bond Resolution No. 26-04 – Waste Pro USA, Series 2023 (Remarketing 2026)
- Presentation of the FY24-25 Audited Financial Statements
- Executive Director Report

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jennifer Jenkins Sr. Director, Administration (407)712-6351

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 1 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Jennifer Jenkins Sr. Director, Administration (407)712-6351. 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: Jennifer Jenkins Sr. Director, Administration (407)712-6351

QCAUSA

The Florida Department of Transportation, District One announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: IN-PERSON: Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 5:00 p.m.; LIVE ONLINE: Thursday, February 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Kirkwood Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall, 6101 Cortez Road, Bradenton, FL 34210

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a Public Meeting for the Barrier Island Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The project is located along State Road (S.R.) 789 from north of Longboat Pass Bridge to S.R. 64, and Gulf Drive from S.R. 64 to White Avenue/85th Street, in Manatee County.

IN-PERSON OPTION:

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Anytime between 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall, 6101 Cortez Road, Bradenton, FL 34210

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://register.gotowebinar.com/register/90107599257699779>

Thursday, February 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 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 (www.swflroads.com/project/446681-1). Materials will be posted by February 17, 2026.

The Public Meeting is being conducted to present information about the preliminary alternatives and provides the opportunity for the public to express their views about the project. The same materials will be displayed at both the online and in-person events.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, comments can also be provided through the project webpage (www.swflroads.com/project/446681-1) or by email (Adam.Rose@dot.state.fl.us) or mail (FDOT District One, Attn: Adam Rose, 801 N. Broadway Ave. MS 1-40, Bartow, FL 33830). While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by March 9th, 2026, to be included in the formal record. Questions can be answered by calling the FDOT project manager Adam Rose at (863)519-2832.

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

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Adam Rose, Adam.Rose@dot.state.fl.us, (863)519-2832

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: Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (863)519-2287. 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: Adam Rose, Adam.Rose@dot.state.fl.us, (863)519-2832.

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-MP26 Annual Campus Continuing Services for Minor Projects Professional Selection

NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

The University of Florida Board of Trustees, announces that continuing Campus Professional Services in the following numbers and disciplines: eight (8) Architects, eight (8) MEP/FP/Cx Engineers, three (3) Utilities Engineers, three (3) Environmental Engineers/Building Envelope Cx, two (2) Landscape Architects, three (3) Civil Engineers, two (2) Structural Engineers, two (2) Energy Model Engineers, two (2) Stormwater Mapping Engineers, two (2) Graphics/Wayfinding designers, and two (2) Surveyors are required for the project listed below:

UF-MP26, Annual Campus Continuing Services for Minor Projects

Typical projects assigned under this contract may include new construction, renovation, remodeling, reroofing and other building maintenance, equipment installation, pre-engineered metal buildings, greenhouses, pole barns, asbestos abatement, and fire code corrections. Areas requiring renovation or remodeling may include research laboratories, classrooms, library and media centers, historic buildings, offices and related functions, outpatient clinics, reception and waiting areas, lobbies and corridors, atriums, courtyards and plazas, modular, residential and dormitories, athletic facilities, and associated roadways, sitework including underground utilities, sidewalks, landscaping and other appropriate work. Utilities Projects may include improvements to UF's water reclamation facility (including wastewater process engineering), modeling and design of gravity and pressure piping and pumping systems (distribution and collection), high-voltage electrical distribution (including substation design), and district energy systems (chilled water and steam) modeling and design. Projects could be located on the University of Florida main campus or at any other UF facilities throughout the State of Florida. The current project budget cannot exceed the state approved minor project threshold, and the value may change in accordance with the Statutes which reference increasing the threshold annually based on the Consumer Price Index. The statutes also reference that this value is the construction cost in 287.055 (2)(g).

These are open-ended contracts for a period of two years with an option to renew them for two additional two-year periods.

The selected firms may be chosen to provide proposals for the design services with estimated construction value, design, construction documents, construction administration, closeout document, and warranty services for any Minor projects assigned under the referenced project. For Architects, MEP Engineers, Civil and Structural Engineers, blanket professional liability insurance will be required for each assigned project in the amount of \$1,000,000. Plans and specifications for University of Florida projects are subject to reuse in accordance with the provisions of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes.

The Selection Committee may reject all proposals and stop the selection process at any time.

Applicants desiring to provide professional services for the project shall submit a proposal only after thoroughly reviewing the PQS Instructions, Project Fact and other background information. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their past performance, experience, personnel, design ability, Revit capabilities, references, and responses to questions posed both in the shortlist and interview phases. At the time of application, the applicant individuals must possess current licenses from the appropriate licensing board and be properly registered to practice their profession in the State of Florida. If the applicant

is a corporation, it must be chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida at the time of application.

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 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.

The project-specific PQS form, instructions, Project Fact Sheet, UF Design Services Guide, UF Design and Construction Standards, standard University of Florida Minor Projects Owner-Professional agreement, and other project and process information can be found on the Planning, Design & Construction website (<https://pdc.ufl.edu/>). Incomplete, late, or unsigned proposals, or proposals containing expired or invalid licenses will be disqualified. Submittal materials will not be returned. Finalists may be provided with supplemental interview requirements and criteria as needed.

Pre-qualifications meeting (attendance highly recommended): Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 10:30 – 11:30 at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts at the UF Cultural Plaza.

Instructions may be obtained from the UF PD&C website, <https://pdc.ufl.edu/> or by contacting Selection Committee Coordinator, Jamie Lindsey via e-mail: jamielindsey@ufl.edu and Francisco Oquendo at foquendo@ufl.edu.

Selection Deliberations/Scoring: continuously through interview process following each discipline's interviews.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council

Request For Quotes

PVC Overflow Stretcher Equipment Request for Quote

The Northeast Florida Regional Council is issuing a Request for Quotes from MJM Authorized Dealers to provide pricing for SOFB-Adult PVC Overflow Stretchers in 5-packs with Storage and Transport Cart. Specifics are more fully detailed in the Request for Quote located on the webpage <http://www.nefrc.org>

Questions should be submitted via email, addressed to dstarling@nefrc.org.

Response submission deadline is 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time Zone, Friday, February 20, 2026. Responses received after this date and time WILL NOT be considered.

BRYANT MILLER OLIVE

NOTICE OF UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CLIMATE-CONTROLLED FACILITY AT HARDEE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Notice of Bid/Request for Proposal[1]

NOTICE OF UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CLIMATE-CONTROLLED FACILITY AT HARDEE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Hardee County, Florida (County), has received an unsolicited proposal pursuant to section 255.065, Florida Statutes, for the construction of year-round climate-controlled facility at the County Fairgrounds in Wauchula, Florida.

The County has deemed the proposal a qualifying project and hereby invites competing proposals from those capable of and interested in delivering the project. A copy of the unsolicited proposal, including preliminary plans, is available upon request from the County contact identified below. Competing proposals must include the contents outlined in section 255.065(4), Florida Statutes. The County will evaluate and rank competing proposals based on proposed price of construction, professional qualifications, general business terms, and construction schedule (ideally complete by January 2027).

Interested parties should submit three hard copies and one electronic copy of competing proposals not later than 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2026.[2] The County will not accept late proposals. Deliver proposals to the attention of the County contact identified below.

A cone of silence is in effect until the County Commission awards or approves a contract, rejects all proposals, or otherwise takes action that ends the solicitation process. During this time, no proposer or its agent shall directly or indirectly communicate with any County employee about the solicitation process other than the County contact identified below.

Direct all questions and communications to: Colton English, 205 Hanchey Road, Wauchula, FL 33873, (863)773-5014, colton.english@hardeecountyfl.gov.

[1] publish notice in the Florida Administrative Register and a newspaper of general circulation at least once a week for 2 weeks stating that the responsible public entity has received a proposal and will accept other proposals [255.065(3)(b)1.]

[2] the timeframe for allowing other proposals must be at least 21 days, but no more than 120 days, after the initial date of publication. [255.065(3)(b)2.]

PARRISH MCCALL CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

Bradford County School District - North Florida Technical College Building 12/Nursing Renovation

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

Bradford County School District - North Florida Technical College Nursing/Building 12 Renovation

Anticipated additional bid packages include the following: Roofing, Masonry

Bid documents are anticipated to be issued February 23, 2026 and will be found on the project page on BuildingConnected under 'Files'. Link is included below. All bids in excess of \$35,000 should be submitted to the Parrish McCall main office in sealed envelopes. All other bids should be submitted via BuildingConnected. Please ensure all bids are submitted on Parrish McCall bid form.

<https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5b1eafc8a11cdd0010a863a7>

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

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

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number CPFFN0205 awarded to the State of Florida by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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., Friday, February 6, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5A-21.001	2/9/2026	3/1/2026
5C-13.0035	2/9/2026	3/1/2026
5C-13.004	2/9/2026	3/1/2026
6A-14.092	2/12/2026	3/4/2026
12D-16.002	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.001	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.002	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.003	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.0035	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.004	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.005	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.006	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.007	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.008	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.009	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
12D-17.010	2/6/2026	2/26/2026

59A-4.1081	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
59A-5.0085	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
59A-38.004	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
59C-1.0085	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
59E-2.025	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
64B2-11.002	2/6/2026	2/26/2026
64B4-10.003	2/10/2026	3/2/2026
64B8-9.0091	2/10/2026	3/2/2026
64B8-30.019	2/10/2026	3/2/2026
64B15-6.013	2/10/2026	3/2/2026
64B15-14.0076	2/10/2026	3/2/2026
65CER22-1	2/12/2026	2/16/2026

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	**/**/****
62-42.300	12/31/2025	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****
69C-2.004	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.005	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.016	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.022	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.026	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.034	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.035	11/5/2025	**/**/****

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FLORIDA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NOTICE (FCEN) Immokalee Water and Sewer District

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the water project by the Immokalee Water and Sewer District to implement Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) within the water distribution system is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The estimated project cost is \$9,000,000. The project may qualify for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan 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 FCEN can be obtained by writing to: James Parnell, Project Manager,

Department of Environmental Protection, State Revolving Fund Program, 13051 N Telecom Parkway, Suite 101, Temple Terrace FL 33637 or calling (813)470-5778 or by email at james.j.parnell@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.

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.
