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Proposed Rules

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**State Board of Education**

RULE NO.:       RULE TITLE:

6A-6.0960       Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** This rule establishes procedures for the administration and implementation of the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship. The effect of the amendment is to establish requirements for the transfer of funds under s. 1002.395(6)(l)3., F.S.

**SUMMARY:** To establish requirements for the transfer of funds under s. 1002.395(6)(l)3., 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: Based upon the nature of the changes, this proposed rule amendment is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness or any other factors listed in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. This determination is based upon the nature of the changes.

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

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1002.395(12), F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 1002.395, F.S.

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

**DATE AND TIME:** May 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 254 N.E. 4th St., Building 3, Chapman Conference Room 3210, Miami, FL 33132.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Adam Emerson; Executive Director, Independent Education and Parental Choice, (850)245-0502, adam.emerson@fldoe.org.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**6A-6.0960 Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.**

The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program will be implemented as required by Section 1002.395, F.S., to allow nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations to provide scholarships from eligible contributions to qualified students attending eligible private schools or students participating in personalized education programs as defined in Section 1002.01(2), F.S.

(1) through (6) No change.

(7) Transfer of funds. Eligible scholarship contributions remaining on June 30 of each year that are in excess of the 25 percent that may be carried forward by an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization must be used to provide scholarships to eligible students or must be transferred to other eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations to provide scholarships for eligible students pursuant to Section 1002.395(6)(l)3., F.S.

(a) The scholarship-funding organization receiving the transfer of funds must have been in operation as an eligible scholarship-funding organization for at least the preceding three (3) fiscal years and have no findings of material weakness or material noncompliance in its most recent audit under Section 1002.395(6)(o), F.S.

(b) If there are two or more eligible scholarship-funding organizations that meet the criteria in (a), priority must be given to an organization that is unable to carry forward 25 percent of its net eligible contributions from the prior state fiscal year.

(c) If more than one scholarship-funding organization that meets the criteria in (a) is unable to carry forward 25 percent of net eligible contributions from the prior state fiscal year, the Commissioner of Education must first review and approve any proposed distribution of funds to eligible organizations.

*Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1002.395(9)(i), (12)(d), (15)(h)-(i) FS. Law Implemented 1002.395 FS. History—New 2-5-07, Amended 11-26-08, 6-22-10, 10-25-10, 11-4-14, 3-22-17, 8-21-18, 9-21-21, 8-22-23, 9-24-24.*

**NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:**  
Adam Emerson

**NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE:** Anastasios Kamoutsas

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: April 13, 2026  
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 19, 2026

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### State Board of Education

RULE NO.: 6A-10.0240  
 RULE TITLE: Minimum Standards for Out-of-state High School Equivalency Diplomas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rule is to clarify the minimum standards for admission into Florida College System institutions. Amending the rule language will provide needed clarity regarding individual student admission criteria.

SUMMARY: Minimum standards for admission into Florida College System institutions.

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

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

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

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (6), 1001.64(4), (8), 1007.263, 1007.264, 1007.265, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1000.05(2), 1001.64(4), (8), 1006.53, 1007.263, 1007.264, 1007.265, 1007.33, F.S.

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

DATE AND TIME: May 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 254 N.E. 4th St., Building 3, Chapman Conference Room 3210, Miami, FL 33132.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Kathy Hebda, Chancellor of the Division of Florida Colleges, (850)245-0891, kathy.hebda@fldoe.org

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

Substantial rewording of Rule 6A-10.0240, F.A.C. follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

#### **6A-10.0240 Minimum Standards for Admission to Florida College System Institutions Out-of-state High School Equivalency Diplomas.**

In accordance with s. 1001.64 F.S., each Florida College System institution board of trustees is authorized to govern admission of students pursuant to s. 1007.263 and the rules of the State Board of Education. In carrying out its duty to govern admission of students, any rules, procedures, or policies adopted by a Florida College System institution board of trustees, pursuant to s. 1001.64 F.S., must maintain the institution's purpose and mission under s. 1004.65, F.S., and meet the minimum standards of this rule:

##### (1) General Admissions Criteria and Minimum Standards Applicable to All Programs.

###### (a) Each board of trustees must adopt policies that:

1. Ensure that all students admitted to the Florida College System institution are citizens of the United States or lawfully present in the United States. This policy must include a procedure for requiring applicants to provide clear and convincing documentation that he or she is a citizen of the United States or lawfully present in the United States prior to being granted admission to the institution. For documentation to be clear and convincing it must be credible, precise, and compelling enough to demonstrate to the institution that the applicant is a citizen of the United States or lawfully present in the United States.

2. Provide for admissions counseling that meets the requirements under s. 1007.263(1), F.S.

3. Reasonably accommodate the religious observance, practice, and belief of individual students in regard to admissions under s. 1006.53, F.S.

4. In accordance with s. 1007.264, F.S., and Rule 6A-10.041, F.A.C., allow a student with a disability who is otherwise eligible for admission, a reasonable substitution for any admission requirement where documentation can be provided that the student's failure to meet the admission requirement is related to the disability.

5. In accordance with s. 1000.05(2), F.S., ensure that admissions criteria do not discriminate against nor include

preferences in the admission process for applicants on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital status.

(b) Each Florida College System institution board of trustees may consider the past actions of any person applying for admission or enrollment and may deny admission or enrollment to an applicant because of misconduct if determined to be in the best interest of the Florida College System institution.

(2) Admissions Criteria for Associate Degree Programs. Admission to associate degree programs includes documentation of (a) and (b) as follows:

(a) A standard high school diploma or one of the following:

1. A State of Florida high school equivalency diploma awarded under s. 1003.435(2), F.S.

2. A high school equivalency diploma issued by another state which is recognized as equivalent based on an assessment recognized by the United States Department of Education. To be acceptable, such diploma must have been issued based on a student achieving a passing score on the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), the California High School Proficiency Exam or based on a student achieving a combination of passing scores on HiSET, TASC or GED® subtests.

3. Previously demonstrated competency in college credit postsecondary coursework.

4. In the case of a student who is home educated, a signed affidavit submitted by the student's parent or legal guardian attesting that the student has completed a home education program pursuant to the requirements of s. 1002.41, F.S.

5. Enrollment in a dual enrollment or early admission program pursuant to s. 1007.271, F.S.

(b) A demonstrated level of achievement of college-level communication and computation skills in accordance with Rule 6A-10.0315, F.A.C.

(3) Admissions Criteria for Career Certificate Programs as Defined in s. 1004.02(20), F.S.

(a) A student who has earned the required 24 credits under s. 1003.4282, F.S., or the required 18 credits under s. 1002.3105(5), F.S., for the standard high school diploma, except for passage of any must-pass assessment under s. 1003.4282 or s. 1008.22, F.S., or an alternate assessment by the end of grade 12, is eligible to enroll in a career certificate program.

(b) For admission to career certificate programs or Advance Technical Diploma programs requiring 450 hours or more, students must meet the requirements in Rule 6A-10.040, F.A.C.

(4) Admissions Criteria for Baccalaureate Degree Programs as Defined in s. 1007.33, F.S. In order to ensure that colleges are maintaining an open-door admissions policy for

associate degrees as part of their primary mission, all students, including native associate degree graduates, are required to apply for baccalaureate admission through a separate admissions process in order to be admitted into an upper division program at FCS institutions.

(5) A Florida College System institution board of trustees may establish additional admissions criteria. Any additional admissions criteria must be included in the dual enrollment articulation agreement developed according to s. 1007.271(21), F.S.

(6) Florida College System policies and procedures concerning the admission process, including the process for admission decision notification and the appeal process for an admission decision, must be posted on the institution's website and in the institution's catalog. Florida College System institutions must post admission criteria and requirements for all programs, including additional criteria or prerequisites beyond admission to the college, on their website and in the college catalog.

*Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (6), 1001.64(4), (8), 1007.263(2)(a), 1007.264, 1007.265 FS. Law Implemented 1000.05(2), 1001.64(4), (8), 1006.53, 1007.263, 1007.264, 1007.265, 1007.33 FS. History—New 9-21-21,*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Kathy Hebda

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Anastasios Kamoutsas

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: April 14, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: April 8, 2026

#### **FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

23-21.004 Commission Meetings and Victim Input

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose is to change victim input and Commission meeting rules to comply with governing authority and to otherwise update the rule to make consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability. The effect will be to bring the rule in line with governing authority and to make the rule consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability.

SUMMARY: To change victim input and Commission meeting rules and to update the rule to make consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability.

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 agency conducted an economic review of the revisions to the rule and determined that the impact or regulatory cost, if any, will not exceed any review of the revisions to the rule and determined that the impact or regulatory cost, if any, will not exceed any one of the economic analysis criteria in a SERC as set forth in s. 120.541(2)(a), FS. 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: 947.06, 947.07, 947.20, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 947.06, 947.149, 947.172, 947.174, 947.173, 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: Rana Wallace, General Counsel, Commission on Offender Review, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; (850)488-4460; ranawallace@fcor.state.fl.us.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

### **23-21.004 Commission Meetings and Victim Input.**

(1) All Commission meetings are open to the public and all information presented at a Commission meeting is presented in public. Inmates do not have a right to be present at Commission meetings. However, Due to the nature of the various matters that come before the Commission proceedings, the Chair reserves the right to control the proceedings to ensure the orderly conduct of the meetings, including requiring the orderly conduct of any person attending or recording a meeting the following procedures are followed relative to persons wishing to address the Commission. Persons requesting permission to speak concerning the setting or reviewing of an inmate's presumptive or effective parole release date, parole supervision review, or conditional medical release consideration must obtain prior written approval to do so from the Chair. Those request(s) should be sent to:

Chair  
Florida Commission on Offender Review  
4070 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2450  
ATTN: Request to Appear

~~Victims of the crime committed by the inmate, or a victim's representative, shall be permitted to make an oral statement or submit a written statement regarding their views as to the granting, denying, or revoking of parole.~~

~~(2) Upon request of a victim, a victim relative of a minor who is a victim, relative of a homicide victim, victim representative or victim advocate (hereinafter referred to as victims) shall receive advance notice of all public parole proceedings in which he or she is a victim and shall have the right to be present at such proceedings notification any time a parole case is placed on the docket for Commission action regarding that inmate. Victims shall be notified at the most current address available to the Commission agency.~~

~~(3) Upon request of a victim or any person harmed by the inmate or parolee, a victim or any person harmed by the inmate or parolee shall be given a reasonable time to address the Commission regarding any parole matter before the Commission by making an oral statement at a Commission meeting or by submitting a written statement. Victims of the crime committed by the inmate, or a victim's representative, shall be permitted to make an oral statement or submit a written statement regarding their views as to the granting, denying, or revoking of parole.~~

~~(4) Victims addressing the Commission regarding a particular inmate or parolee are allowed a reasonable time as designated by the Chair to make a presentation to the Commission at a Commission meeting regarding an inmate or parolee whose case is before the Commission. Other interested parties may also speak on behalf of victims since Commission meetings are public meetings.~~

~~(4)(5) Victims are permitted to read from a prepared text or speak with the use of notes. Any prepared text can be entered into the inmate's record following the victim's oral presentation. Victims are permitted will be allowed to use photographs and other aids in making a presentation. Victims are who prefer shall be permitted to play a tape or present an audio or a video presentation in lieu of or in addition to a personal presentation, provided the total does not exceed the allotted time.~~

~~(6) All materials submitted by victims to the Commission will be included in the inmate file and shall be stamped confidential and excluded under the public records law.~~

~~(7) Victims who choose not to appear at meetings or make a written statement, but wish only to be notified of the action taken by the Commission, will be notified of such action at a reasonable time after the meeting.~~

~~(5)(8) Upon request of a victim, a victim Victims who appear at a meeting or submit a written statement will be notified of action taken by the Commission at the meeting or within a reasonable period of time after the meeting.~~

~~(6)(9)~~ Victims who speak or have a written statement read into the record at a Commission meeting provide written or verbal testimony at the Commission meeting shall be advised that any information presented orally submitted at a Commission meeting meetings shall become public record.

~~(10)~~ Capturing of images or audio through any means, including cell phones, of the Commission meetings is prohibited without specific, express, written permission of the Chair after a determination by the Chair that it would serve public interest and protect public safety. Such permission must be requested at least seven (7) days prior to the Commission meeting.

~~(11)~~ When, as a result of a visitor presentation, a panel of Commissioners requests additional information be secured and returned to the Commission for review, upon receipt, the new information shall be placed on the docket for consideration by the panel of Commissioners which requested it.

~~(7)(12)~~ No testimony will be allowed at Commission meetings regarding revocation matters, revocations in either the preliminary or final hearing context unless stipulated on the record at the time the final revocation hearing is conducted and with the prior written approval of the Chair. Other than a victim or member or employee of the Commission, any person wishing to make a statement at a Commission meeting on a parole revocation matter must submit to the Chair in writing his or her request, including a summary of the proposed statement, and receive prior written approval of the Chair. The Chair must determine that such proposed statement testimony will serve the public interest and protect public safety. ~~The public is welcome to attend and observe the meetings.~~

~~(8)(13)~~ In that the inmate may not be present at Commission meetings, ~~N~~o testimony will be allowed at Commission those meetings regarding rescission matters; ~~unless stipulated on the record at the time of the rescission hearing and with the prior written approval of the Chair. Other than a victim or member or employee of the Commission, any person wishing to make a statement at a Commission meeting on a parole rescission matter must submit to the Chair in writing his or her request, including a summary of the proposed statement, and receive prior written approval of the Chair.~~ The Chair must determine that such proposed statement testimony will serve the public interest and protect public safety. ~~The public is welcome to attend and observe the meetings.~~

*Rulemaking Authority 947.06, 947.07, 947.20 FS. Law Implemented 947.06, 947.149, 947.16, 947.172, 947.174, 947.173 FS. History—New 9-10-81, Formerly 23-21.04, Amended 1-26-93, 1-5-94, 8-16-94, 8-17-06, 2-12-13, \_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Florida Commission on Offender Review  
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: David A. Wyant, Chairman

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 31, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 31, 2026

**FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW**

RULE NO.: 23-21.006  
RULE TITLE: Initial Interview Procedure

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose is to change the timeframe for investigators to provide materials to the Commission from business days to calendar days, to delete the provision of an oral recommendation from the investigator to the inmate, to change the manner by which an investigator may communicate with inmates in particular cases, to update citations to rulemaking authority, and to otherwise update the rule to make consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability. The effect will be to bring the rule in line with statutory authority and to make the rule consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability.

SUMMARY: To change the timeframe for investigators to provide materials to the Commission, to delete the provision of an oral recommendation from the investigator to the inmate, to change the manner by which an investigator may communicate with inmates in particular cases, to update citations to rulemaking authority, and to otherwise update the rule to make consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability.

**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 agency conducted an economic review of the revisions to the rule and determined that the impact or regulatory cost, if any, will not exceed any review of the revisions to the rule and determined that the impact or regulatory cost, if any, will not exceed any one of the economic analysis criteria in a SERC as set forth in s. 120.541(2)(a), FS. 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: 947.07, 947.20, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 947.002, 947.16, 947.165, 947.172

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: Rana Wallace, General Counsel, Commission on Offender Review, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; (850)488-4460; ranawallace@fcor.state.fl.us.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**23-21.006 Initial Interview Procedure.**

(1) Upon receipt of notice that an inmate has been committed to the Department or to a county jail for a parole eligible cumulative sentence of 12 months or more, the Commission shall schedule an initial interview for the inmate. Inmates shall be eligible for parole consideration on all sentences which were not imposed pursuant to Sentencing Guidelines. An inmate currently serving a sentence imposed pursuant to Sentencing Guidelines shall not be eligible for parole consideration upon a consecutive non-guidelines sentence until service of the latter sentence has begun. The following criteria shall be used in determining parole eligibility:

(a) Is the inmate confined solely as a result of a sentence(s) ~~sentence or sentences~~ imposed under Sentencing Guidelines? If the answer is yes, the inmate is not eligible for parole consideration. If the answer is no, then:

(b) No change.

(2) Inmates received into the custody of the Department of ~~Corrections~~ with sentences imposed under Sentencing Guidelines will be identified by the Department. Commission ~~Staff located in the Commission's central office~~ will then make preliminary parole eligibility determinations and assign initial ~~parole~~ interview dates.

(a) The initial parole interview date for an inmate a person whose parole is revoked and who is returned to the custody of the Department to resume service of the sentence(s) shall be set by the Commission within 6 ~~six~~ months of the revocation.

(b) The initial parole interview date for a parole violator returned to the Department's custody with any new sentence(s) not imposed under Sentencing Guidelines shall be assigned by staff according to current interview scheduling procedures set forth in subsection (5) of this rule (3), ~~herein~~.

(c) In the event an inmate is scheduled for an initial or subsequent interview and is not in the Department's custody at that time, and the inmate is not determined to be an escapee, the investigator shall prepare a transaction sheet reflecting same and the case shall be rescheduled for the appropriate interview within 90 days. If the inmate is in another jurisdiction ~~(state or federal)~~ and is not serving a Florida sentence, the interview

shall be conducted upon the inmate's return to the Department's custody.

(d) If the inmate exits the system while still under the service of an active commitment and is returned to the Department's custody with a new sentence(s), the following action will be taken by the investigator at the time of interview:

1. New sentence(s) imposed solely under Sentencing Guidelines. If no presumptive parole release date PPRD was established prior to the inmate exiting the system, the inmate shall be afforded an initial interview at the next regularly scheduled interview date. In calculating establishing a presumptive parole release date recommended PPRD, the sentence(s), including sentences to time served of 60 days or more, imposed under Sentencing Guidelines shall not be scored, but may be considered an aggravating circumstance ~~treated as information for possible use as aggravation~~. If a presumptive parole release date PPRD was established prior to the inmate exiting the system, the existing presumptive parole release date PPRD shall be vacated and an initial interview shall be provided as set forth herein.

2. New sentence(s) ~~sentences~~ imposed, one of which is a sentence imposed under Sentencing Guidelines. If no presumptive parole release date PPRD was established prior to the inmate exiting the system, the inmate shall be afforded an initial interview at the next regularly scheduled interview date. In calculating a presumptive parole release date recommended PPRD, ~~the investigator shall apply~~ current rules of aggregation shall be applied on sentences ~~that are~~ not imposed under Sentencing Guidelines. Sentences of 60 days or more, including sentences of time served, imposed under Sentencing Guidelines shall not be scored, but may be considered an aggravating circumstance qualify as information for use as possible aggravation. If a presumptive parole release date PPRD was established prior to the inmate exiting the system, the existing presumptive parole release date PPRD shall be vacated and an initial interview shall be provided as set forth herein.

(3) Parole revocation with a new felony or misdemeanor conviction: Inmates whose parole is revoked after conviction for a new felony or misdemeanor offense, and who are committed to a jail, stockade, or correctional institution shall ~~will~~ be considered under these guidelines as a new admission ~~and the Commission can use concurrent new commitments as aggravation or aggregation in the establishment of a PPRD~~ presumptive parole release date. If the new inmate is found to be eligible for consideration for parole on the ensuing sentence(s) is parole eligible, the Commission shall aggregate. If the new sentence(s) is not parole eligible, the new sentence(s) may be considered an aggravating circumstance in the establishment of a new presumptive parole release date. ~~Further, The Commission shall aggravate or aggregate each consecutive sentence.~~

(4) Conviction for crimes committed while incarcerated: Escape or any other crime committed during incarceration with an ensuing conviction and sentence vacates any previously established presumptive parole release date and shall cause the inmate to be considered a new admission. If the ~~new inmate is found to be eligible for consideration for parole on the ensuing sentence(s) is parole eligible~~, the Commission shall aggregate. If the ~~new inmate's ensuing sentence(s) is are~~ not parole eligible, the ~~new sentence(s) may be considered an aggravating circumstance~~ Commission can use these new commitments as ~~aggravation~~ in the establishment of a new presumptive parole release date.

(5) Initial interviews for parole eligible inmates shall be scheduled as follows:

(a) For inmates convicted on or before April 19, 1982, ~~in order to meet statutory time frames~~, inmates serving an indeterminate sentence or a sentence of 5 years or less shall be scheduled for an initial interview not later than the end of the 5th month from the initial date of confinement in execution of the judgment ~~of the Court~~ and inmates serving sentences in excess of 5 years shall be scheduled for an initial interview not later than the end of the 10th month from the initial date of confinement in execution of the judgment ~~of the Court~~. ~~An~~ Any inmate may ~~freely and voluntarily~~ waive in writing before a Commission investigator or a Department ~~Department's~~ classification officer the initial interview.

(b) For inmates convicted on or after April 20, 1982, ~~the following schedule shall apply:~~

1. Inmates sentenced to an indeterminate term or a term of 3 or less years or who have been sentenced under the provisions of the Youthful Offender Act or are determined to be youthful offenders by the Department shall have their initial interview scheduled within 7 months of the initial date of confinement in execution of the judgment ~~of the Court~~.

2. Inmates sentenced to a term in excess of 3 years but not more than 6 years shall have their initial interview scheduled within 13 months of the initial date of confinement in execution of the judgment ~~of the Court~~.

3. Inmates sentenced to a term in excess of 6 years but other than a life term shall have their initial interview scheduled within 23 months after the initial date of confinement in execution of the judgment ~~of the Court~~.

4. Inmates sentenced to ~~for~~ a term of life shall have their initial interview scheduled within 59 months after the initial date of confinement in execution of the judgment ~~of the Court~~.

5. Inmates sentenced to serve a mandatory minimum sentence shall be scheduled for an initial interview from the initial date of confinement in execution of the judgment ~~of the Court~~ as follows:

a. through c. No change.

6. Inmates designated mentally disordered sex offenders shall be scheduled for an initial interview within 90 days of receiving written ~~notice notification~~ from the Department of the need for such interview and that all investigative reports deemed necessary by the Commission are available for examination in the inmate's file.

7. Any inmate who is adjudicated incompetent ~~pursuant to statutes~~ shall be scheduled for an initial interview within 90 days of ~~the date~~ the Commission ~~receiving receives~~ written notice from the ~~c~~Court that mental competency has been restored.

8. The Commission may, by a vote of a quorum, order request an initial interview earlier than scheduled except in cases where the inmate is serving a minimum mandatory term.

(6) Postponement or deferral of initial interview, for inmates convicted on or after April 20, 1982.

(a) A regularly scheduled initial interview may be postponed for a period not to exceed 90 days for good cause which shall include but not be limited to securing from the Department a copy of the inmate's presentence or postsentence investigation report, a parole or probation violation report, or whatever other information is deemed necessary to conduct the initial interview. The Commission investigator shall note the reason(s) reasons for postponement ~~shall be noted~~ in writing. The Commission investigator shall forward the reason(s) for postponement to the Commission for rescheduling and the same shall be included in the inmate's offender's institution file and forwarded to the Commission Headquarters for subsequent rescheduling and to be included in the Department's central office offender's file.

(b) No change.

1. Inmates who are out to court when the initial interview is scheduled. Upon notification by the Department that the inmate has been returned from ~~c~~Court without a new commitment, the initial interview shall be conducted no later than 90 days from the date of receipt of the written notification of return. Inmates who have received a new commitment shall be scheduled for an initial interview pursuant to these rules.

2. No change.

(7) Inmates convicted of capital crimes on or before April 19, 1982, shall be interviewed as follows:

(a) Inmates serving life sentences for capital crimes with 25 twenty-five year minimum mandatory sentences will be interviewed within the last 18 eighteen months before the expiration of the mandatory portion of the sentence. To calculate the interview date, begin with the most recent date of sentence for the capital felony, add 25 twenty-five years representing the mandatory portion of the sentence, subtract the jail credit awarded by the court, add in any out time for post-conviction bond or escape, and then subtract 18 months. The inmate will not be interviewed before the resulting date.

(b) through (c) No change.

(8) No change.

(9) The initial interview shall be in two parts. In Part I, the Commission investigator shall determine whether the inmate is eligible for consideration for parole. The determination shall be based upon the following ~~matters~~:

(a) Is the inmate confined in execution of the judgment and sentence, ~~i.e. of the court; that is~~, is there a judgment and sentence in the inmate's Department file which indicates a sentence of ~~12 twelve~~ months or more or which indicates an indeterminate sentence? If the answer is no, then the Commission investigator shall postpone the interview for ~~60 sixty~~ days and notify the Commission the reason for postponement. If the answer is yes, then:

(b) For inmates subject to incarceration as a condition of probation, the following ~~matters~~ shall be determined:

1. No change.

2. Where the inmate has multiple commitments, at least one of which is a concurrent commitment where his current incarceration is a condition of probation, and at least one of which is a non-probationary commitment which will expire subsequent to the expiration of the condition of incarceration, the inmate shall not be ineligible for parole ~~on that account~~, but shall have a presumptive parole release date established beyond the expiration date of the condition of probation.

3. Where the inmate has multiple commitments, at least one of which is a consecutive commitment where his incarceration is a condition of probation, the inmate shall be eligible for parole to the incarceration portion of his probation ~~on that account~~.

(c) Is the inmate's record during confinement good? If the answer is no, then the interview is at an end. The recommendation of the Commission investigator shall be to reschedule the initial interview within ~~6 six~~ months; ~~if the answer is yes, then, proceed with~~ Part II of the initial interview shall proceed as set forth in these rules ~~in subsection 23-21.006(8), F.A.C.~~ Record during confinement is good means that within the ~~3 three~~ months preceding the initial interview, an inmate has:

1. through 5. No change.

(10) Part II of the initial interview. The Commission investigator shall explain to the inmate the scoring of the inmate's salient factor score and the severity of his offense behavior. The Commission investigator shall discuss the inmate's individualized institutional conduct record and explain the requirements of a satisfactory release plan for parole supervision and how those factors can impact ~~on his~~ parole release. The Commission investigator will record any direct input offered by the Department's representative, if present during the interview. The Commission investigator shall discuss any aggravating or mitigating factors with the inmate.

The Commission investigator shall explain the calculation of time in custody. At the close of the interview, the inmate shall be orally informed ~~of the investigator's final recommendation and~~ that only a quorum may establish his or her presumptive parole release date. The inmate shall be requested to sign a statement which is an acknowledgment that the inmate was present during the initial interview and was verbally advised that only a quorum may establish his or her presumptive parole release date ~~of the recommendation in his case~~.

(11) The Commission investigator shall reduce the ~~recommended oral recommendation for parole~~, salient factor score, severity of offense behavior, aggravation, mitigation, time in custody calculation, and the recommended presumptive parole release date to writing and, within 10 ~~business~~ days of the initial interview, forward those written recommendations to the Commission ~~Commission's headquarters~~.

(12) Inmates serving parole eligible sentence(s) ~~parole-eligible sentences~~ imposed by a court of this state in a facility outside the confines of this state shall not be scheduled for an in-person initial interview with a ~~Florida~~ Commission investigator, but are entitled to ~~in~~ establishment of a presumptive parole release date in accordance with the same timeframes ~~time frames~~ provided for inmates confined within this state in Florida.

(a) If the inmate was sentenced in a court of this state Florida, but was transferred to another jurisdiction state before entering the custody of the Department of ~~Corrections~~, the Commission will not be aware of the parole eligible sentence unless the inmate or another individual or entity notifies the Commission. Upon such notification, the Commission shall obtain the commitment package from the Florida sentencing court(s) ~~court in Florida~~ and begin the parole review process. Inmates who are received into the custody of the ~~Florida Department of Corrections~~ and later transferred to another jurisdiction state will have had a Commission review of parole eligibility upon their Florida commitment(s) ~~commitment in Florida~~.

(b) At the time the ~~out-of-state~~ inmate would have been scheduled for an initial interview if confined within this state in Florida, the Commission investigator will request a summary of information from the inmate's file from the other jurisdiction. The Commission investigator will review the inmate's commitment papers and institutional progress. If the Commission investigator determines that the inmate is presently eligible for consideration for parole, the investigator will record recommendations for the inmate's salient factor score, severity of offense behavior, time in custody calculation, and any aggravating or mitigating ~~aggravating/mitigating~~ factors. The Commission investigator's recommendation shall ~~will~~ be forwarded to the case manager of the prison where the inmate is incarcerated with a request that the inmate be called

out and allowed to review the Commission investigator's recommendation. The case manager shall be informed that the inmate should be asked to sign an acknowledgment of the interview and give an input statement for consideration by the Commission. If questions arise about the formulation of the presumptive parole release date PPRD, the case manager is encouraged to contact the investigator directly. If prison regulations permit, the Commission investigator may choose to discuss the presumptive parole release date PPRD recommendation directly with the inmate by telephone or other virtual means. The Commission investigator shall ~~must~~ telephonically notify in writing any inmate convicted on or before April 19, 1982, of the presumptive parole release date PPRD recommendation. Within 10 days of the Commission investigator receiving the acknowledgment of interview signed by the inmate or witnessed by the case manager, the Commission investigator shall will forward the recommendation along with acknowledgment of interview and any input statement to the Commission's headquarters.

(13) Upon receipt of the Commission investigator's recommendation recommendations, the Chair Chairman or designee shall assign the case them to a quorum for decision making.

(14) Within 90 ninety days of the initial interview, the quorum shall reach a decision and notify the inmate of each recommendation made by a Commission investigator and shall, based upon competent and persuasive evidence, determine whether the inmate is eligible for consideration for parole.

(a) through (b). No change.

1. Either establish a presumptive parole release date and inform the inmate in writing of its decision regarding the salient factor score, severity of offense behavior, aggravating or mitigating factors with individual particularity, time in custody calculation of time, and the established presumptive parole release date, or

2. Determine that the inmate is not eligible for consideration for parole, and inform the inmate in writing as to the reasons for ineligibility. If the reason for ineligibility is that the inmate was not eligible at the time he or she was interviewed, and reschedule an initial interview shall be rescheduled for the inmate at an appropriate time.

(15) Presumptive Parole Release Date exceeds expiration of sentence. Pursuant to these rules, the Commission shall establish a presumptive parole release date for inmates found to be eligible for parole consideration. If the established presumptive parole release date exceeds the expiration of sentence date, that date shall not incarcerate the inmate past the expiration of his sentence.

*Rulemaking Authority 947.07, 947.20 FS. Law Implemented 947.002, 947.16, 947.165, 947.172 FS. History—New 9-10-81, Amended 10-1-82, 8-1-83, Formerly 23-21.06, Amended 1-26-93, 1-5-94, 8-17-06, 3-31-10, 11-10-25, \_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Florida Commission on Offender Review

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: David A. Wyant, Chairman

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 31, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 31, 2026

#### FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

23-21.013 Subsequent Interview Procedure

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose is to delete the provision of an oral recommendation from the investigator to the inmate and to otherwise update the rule to make consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability. The effect will be to make the rule consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability.

SUMMARY: To delete the provision of an oral recommendation from the investigator to the inmate and to otherwise update the rule to make consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability.

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 agency conducted an economic review of the revisions to the rule and determined that the impact or regulatory cost, if any, will not exceed any review of the revisions to the rule and determined that the impact or regulatory cost, if any, will not exceed any one of the economic analysis criteria in a SERC as set forth in s. 120.541(2)(a), FS. 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: 947.07, 947.174, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 947.174, 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: Rana Wallace, General Counsel, Commission on Offender Review, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; (850)488-4460; ranawallace@fcor.state.fl.us.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**23-21.013 Subsequent Interview Procedure.**

(1) The Commission shall schedule a subsequent interview for every eligible inmate as required by ~~§~~Section 947.174, F.S.

(2) The Commission investigator shall review the inmate’s institutional file to determine if there is new information since the previous interview. New information shall include new court actions; successful appeals of court actions; prison progress reports; disciplinary reports; psychological or psychiatric reports; gain-time and extra gain-time awards; vocational training or treatment programs successfully completed, in progress, or abandoned; educational accomplishments or abandonments; work release or terminations of work release; pardons, sentence commutations, or expunctions of record; and any other aggravating or mitigating factors which were not included in the institutional file at the time of the previous interview.

(3) No change.

(4) The Commission investigator shall discuss the information with the inmate and any ~~Department~~ ~~Departmental~~ representative. The ~~Department~~ ~~Department’s~~ ~~Representative~~ will be contacted and ~~permitted~~ ~~allowed~~ to provide the Department’s recommendation directly to the Commission investigator. The inmate will also be allowed to provide the Commission investigator comments or may ask the investigator to attach material(s) which the inmate wants the Commission to consider. The Commission investigator shall request the inmate sign an acknowledgment that the inmate was present during the subsequent interview ~~and the investigator shall inform the inmate orally of the investigator’s final recommendation.~~ The Commission investigator shall reduce the recommendation to writing and send it to the Commission Chair within 10 business days of the interview.

(5) For inmates serving parole eligible sentence(s) ~~parole-eligible sentences~~ imposed by a court of this state and housed in a facility outside of this state Florida, the Commission shall request, through the ~~Department’s~~ ~~Department of Corrections’~~ Interstate Compact Office, an inmate progress report and any additional information the Commission needs from the other jurisdiction ~~state~~. The ~~Department of Corrections~~ shall forward the Commission’s Inmate Input Form to the other jurisdiction

~~state~~ for the inmate to provide comments to the Commission. The inmate may include material(s) which the inmate wants the Commission to consider. The Commission investigator shall reduce the recommendation to writing and send it to the Commission Chair within 10 business days of receipt of the out-of-state materials. The Inmate Input Form, FPC IC-001, effective August 17, 2006, adopted and incorporated by reference

<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/Reference.asp?No=Ref-03646>, may be obtained by contacting the Florida Commission on Offender Review, Office of the Commission Clerk, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2450, (850)488-1293.

(6) Within 90 ~~ninety~~ days following the subsequent interview or receipt of the out-of-state materials, the quorum shall reach a decision on the each ~~each~~ recommendation made by the Commission investigator and notify the inmate of the decision. Based upon competent and persuasive evidence, the quorum may accept or reject the Commission investigator’s recommendation and may independently determine whether or not information has been gathered which affects the inmate’s presumptive parole release ~~release~~ date. The cCommissioners shall each identify the reason(s) ~~reasons~~ for rejecting a Commission investigator recommendation ~~to modify~~. The cCommissioners shall ~~also~~ each identify the reasons for any final determinations modifying the presumptive parole release date.

(7) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 947.07, 947.174 FS. Law Implemented 947.174 FS. History—New 9-10-81, Amended 8-1-83, Formerly 23-21.13, Amended 1-26-93, 1-5-94, 8-17-06, 2-12-13, 2-3-14, 11-10-25,*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Florida Commission on Offender Review  
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: David A. Wyant, Chairman  
DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 31, 2026  
DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 31, 2026

**FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW**

RULE NO.: 23-21.015  
RULE TITLE: Effective Parole Release Date Interview Procedure

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose is to delete the provision of an oral recommendation from the investigator to the inmate and to otherwise update the rule to make consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability. The effect will be to make the rule consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability.

SUMMARY: To delete the provision of an oral recommendation from the investigator to the inmate and to otherwise update the rule to make consistent with current usage and practice and to promote readability.

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 agency conducted an economic review of the revisions to the rule and determined that the impact or regulatory cost, if any, will not exceed any review of the revisions to the rule and determined that the impact or regulatory cost, if any, will not exceed any one of the economic analysis criteria in a SERC as set forth in s. 120.541(2)(a), FS. 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: 947.07, 947.20, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 947.1745, 947.24, 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: Rana Wallace, General Counsel, Commission on Offender Review, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; (850)488-4460; ranawallace@fcor.state.fl.us.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**23-21.015 Effective Parole Release Date Interview Procedure.**

(1) Within ~~90 ninety (90)~~ days before the effective parole release date interview, the Commission shall send written notice to the sentencing judge of any inmate who has been scheduled for an effective parole release date interview. If the sentencing judge is no longer serving, the notice must be sent to the chief judge of the circuit in which the offender was sentenced. The chief judge can designate any circuit judge within the circuit to act in place of the sentencing judge. Within ~~30 thirty (30)~~ days after receipt of the Commission's notice, the sentencing judge or the designee shall send to the Commission

notice of objection to parole release, if the judge objects to such release. If there is objection by the judge such objection may constitute good cause in exceptional circumstances as described in Section 947.173, F.S., and the Commission can schedule a subsequent interview ~~per Rule 23-21.013, F.A.C.~~, extending the presumptive parole release date beyond that time. The same procedure will be followed for any effective or extraordinary interview that follows with any subsequent review outlined herein. If the judge remains silent with respect to parole release, the Commission ~~may~~ can authorize an effective parole release date. This procedure applies if the Commission desires to consider the establishment of an effective parole release date without delivery of the effective parole release date interview. Notice of the effective parole release date must be sent to the sentencing judge and either the judge's response to the notice must be received or the time period allowed for such response must have lapsed before the Commission can authorize an effective parole release date. Within 90 ninety (90) days before an inmate's presumptive parole release date, ~~the Commission shall direct a Commission investigator to~~ shall interview the inmate for purposes of making a recommendation to the Commission on whether or not to authorize an effective parole release date and to establish a parole release plan.

(2) The Commission ~~investigator~~ shall interview the inmate and discuss the inmate's institutional conduct. The Commission ~~investigator~~ shall request the inmate present his parole release plan but shall not comment on the acceptability or suitability of that plan. If the inmate has no parole release plan, the Commission ~~investigator~~ shall inform the inmate that the absence of a satisfactory parole release plan may cause the Commission to extend the effective parole release date up to one year until a satisfactory parole release plan has been developed. At the close of the effective parole release date interview, the inmate shall be ~~orally informed of the investigator's final recommendation and shall be~~ requested to sign an acknowledgment of presence at the effective parole release date interview.

(3) For inmates serving a parole eligible ~~parole eligible~~ sentence imposed by a court of this state and housed in a facility outside ~~of this state Florida~~, the Commission shall request, through the Department's Department of Corrections' Interstate Compact Office, an inmate progress report and any additional information the Commission needs from the other jurisdiction state. The Department of Corrections shall forward the Commission's Inmate Input Form to the other jurisdiction state for the inmate to provide comments to the Commission. The inmate may include material(s) which the inmate wants the Commission to consider. The Commission investigator shall reduce the recommendation to writing and send it to the Commission Chair within 10 business days of receipt of the out-of-state materials.

(4) No change.

(5) Extension of presumptive parole release date: The pending prosecution of a criminal offense in a court of this state Florida Court, supported by information or indictment, and alleged to have occurred during the service of the present sentence, may result in the extending of a presumptive or effective parole release date until resolution of the pending prosecution. The Commission shall, upon notice that the pending prosecution is completed, schedule the inmate for an interview.

(6) Within 10 business days of the interview, the Commission ~~i~~Investigator shall reduce the recommendation regarding the inmate's institutional conduct to writing and forward the recommendation to the Commission to inform the Commission if, at the effective parole release date interview, new information, either favorable or detrimental, was discovered which might affect the presumptive parole release date, and forward the inmate's release plan to the Commission.

(7) Within ~~30 thirty (30)~~ days after receipt of the inmate's parole release plan at the Commission headquarters, the ~~full~~ Commission shall determine whether to authorize the effective parole release date. The inmate ~~shall~~ must be notified of the decision in writing within ~~30 thirty (30)~~ days of the Commission's decision after the decision of the Commission.

(8) If the ~~full~~ Commission finds ~~that~~ the inmate's parole release plan is unsatisfactory, this finding can constitute new information and good cause in exceptional circumstances as described in s.Section 947.173, F.S., under which the Commission ~~may can~~ extend a presumptive parole release date for not more than one year. The Commission ~~may can~~ review any subsequently proposed parole release plan at any time.

(9) The decision whether to authorize an effective parole release date requires a two-part analysis. In Part I, the Commission shall determine whether new information has been gathered which requires modification of the presumptive parole release date. ~~If Should~~ the Commission ~~decides decide~~ to modify the presumptive parole release date, it shall enter a written order modifying extending the presumptive parole release date. ~~Additionally,~~ The order shall state, with particularity, the reason(s) reason or reasons for modifying extending the presumptive parole release date and shall inform the inmate of the date scheduled for his or her next interview.

(10) ~~If Where~~ the Commission does not modify the presumptive parole release date during Part I ~~of the effective review process~~, it shall proceed to Part II wherein ~~of the effective parole release date review. During this portion of the review,~~ the Commission shall determine whether the inmate meets the criteria for parole release under the provisions of sSection 947.18, F.S. This determination is to be based upon a review of the entire official record in the inmate's case. If the inmate is found to meet the criteria for parole release, an

effective parole release date ~~shall should~~ be authorized. If the inmate is found not to meet the criteria to be ineligible for parole release, ~~however,~~ the Commission shall enter an order declining to authorize the effective parole release date and referring the case ~~to the Commission~~ for extraordinary review.

(11) If the Commission establishes an effective parole release date, the Commission shall reduce the term and conditions of the inmate's parole to writing and inform the inmate of ~~the these conditions and term and conditions~~.

(12) In establishing the term of parole, the Commission shall examine the inmate's sentence structure for the purpose of determining the existence of consecutive sentences. If it is discovered that consecutive sentences exist, the parole term shall be established for the maximum of the total sentence structure. In all cases, if the term of parole exceeds two years, the Commission shall advise the parolee in writing of the reasons for the extended term.

(13) No change.

(14) If an inmate refuses parole, the Commission shall nullify the grant of parole and the presumptive parole release date may be extended up to the maximum release date. The Commission shall continue to interview the inmate as set out in ~~per~~ Rule 23-21.013, F.A.C. Should an inmate waive his or her effective interview or at the time of the effective interview indicate the inmate indicates his or her unwillingness to accept parole, the presumptive parole release date may be extended up to the his maximum release date. The Commission shall continue to interview the inmate as set out in ~~per~~ Rule 23-21.013, F.A.C.

*Rulemaking Authority 947.07, 947.20 FS. Law Implemented 947.1745, 947.24 FS. History—New 9-10-81, Amended 10-1-82, 8-1-83, Formerly 23-21.15, Amended 1-26-93, 1-5-94, 8-16-94, 8-17-06, 2-3-14, 9-10-18, 11-10-25, \_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Florida Commission on Offender Review

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: David A. Wyant, Chairman

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

**Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes**

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
61B-32.003	Designation of Homeowners' Committee
61B-32.004	Meeting Between Park Owner and Homeowners' Committee

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rules 61B-32.003 and 61B-32.004 address the designation of a homeowners' committee and the appointment of a mediator and mediation fees for mobile home park owners and mobile home owners. The Petition for Mediation by Mobile Homeowners form – BPR 34-001 is being updated to reflect a more user-friendly and easier to understand format. The existing form does not request all the appropriate information the Division needs to collect. The revised form will flow in a way that makes sense to the Petitioners requesting mediation and will help streamline the Division's administration of the mediation process. The Petition for Mediation by Park Owner form —BPR34.002 will be revised to mirror and reflect BPR 34-001.

SUMMARY: Rule 61B-32.003 and Rule 61B-32.004, F.A.C. set forth guidelines for meetings between mobile home park owners or subdivision developers and the homeowners' committee, including mediation between the parties.

**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 economic review conducted by the Agency. 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.

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: 723.006(7), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 723.037, 723.038 FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Madison Presley, Senior Paralegal, Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)717-1415. [Madison.presley@myfloridalicense.com](mailto:Madison.presley@myfloridalicense.com)

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**61B-32.003 Designation of Homeowners' Committee.**

(1) If the mobile home park has a homeowners association, the homeowners committee must be designated by the homeowner association's board of directors.

(2)(4) If the mobile home park does not have a homeowners association, the homeowners committee must be designated by the by a majority of affected homeowners. Designation by majority of affected homeowners may only be used if there is no homeowners' association. Any homeowner or group of homeowners may obtain the approval of the affected required homeowners to the designation of a homeowners' committee either at a meeting, by agreement in writing, or a combination thereof.

(3)(2) No change.

(4)(3) The homeowners' association or committee shall retain records to verify the selection of the committee by a majority of the affected homeowners or the board of directors of the association. The records shall be retained until the dispute is resolved or the mediation process described in section 723.037, F.S., has been completed, or, in the case of a homeowners' association, for not less than 3 7 years.

*Rulemaking Authority 723.0051, 723.006(7) FS. Law Implemented 723.037 FS. History—New 2-6-85, Formerly 7D-32.03, Amended 8-2-87, 10-2-90, Formerly 7D-32.003, Amended 11-15-95, \_\_\_\_.*

**61B-32.004 Meetings Meeting Between Park Owner and Homeowners' Committee.**

(1) "Division" means the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

(2)(4) The park owner or subdivision developer shall make and maintain a written record of the reasons for the increase in lot rental amount or reduction in services or utilities or changes to rules and regulations as applicable, which shall be as specific as the explanation required by subsection 61B-32.004(2), F.A.C., and which shall be retained for a period of 3 years. For example, if the reason for an increase in lot rental amount is an increase in operational costs, the park owner must disclose the item or items which have increased, the amount of the increase, any similar item or items which have decreased and the amount of the decrease. If an increase is based upon the lot rental amount charged by comparable mobile home parks, the park owner shall disclose the name, address, lot rental amount and any other relevant factors concerning the mobile home parks relied upon by the park owner.

(2) At the meeting required by section 723.037(4), F.S., the park owner or subdivision developer shall in good faith disclose and explain all material factors resulting in the decision to increase lot rental amount, reduce services or utilities, or change rules and regulations, including how those factors justify the specific change proposed. The park owner or subdivision

developer may not limit the discussion of the reasons for the change to generalities only, such as, but not limited to, increases in operational costs, changes in economic conditions, or rents charged by comparable mobile home parks. For example, if the reason for an increase in lot rental amount is an increase in operational costs, the park owner must disclose the item or items which have increased, the amount of the increase, any similar item or items which have decreased and the amount of the decrease. If an increase is based upon the lot rental amount charged by comparable mobile home parks, the park owner shall disclose the name, address, lot rental amount and any other relevant factors concerning the mobile home parks relied upon by the park owner.

(3) No change

(4) If an agreement is not reached in the ~~meeting(s)~~ meeting the homeowners' committee may petition the ~~Division~~ division to initiate mediation by mailing or delivering a completed DBPR Form 34-001, PETITION FOR MEDIATION BY HOMEOWNERS, incorporated herein by reference <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19549> and effective May 2026 on the Division's website at: <https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/condos-timeshares-mobile-homes/> the following items to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1030 within 30 days after the meeting required by Section 723.037(4), F.S.:

~~(a) A completed BPR form 34-001, PETITION FOR MEDIATION BY HOMEOWNERS, incorporated herein by reference and effective 1-19-97, which may be obtained by writing to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1030; and,~~

~~(b) A copy of the written designation required by section 723.037(5), F.S., which shall include lot identification for each signature; and~~

~~(c) A copy of the notice or notices of lot rental increase, reduction in services or utilities, or change in rules and regulations which is being challenged as unreasonable; and,~~

~~(d) A copy of the records which verify the selection of the homeowner's committee in accordance with rule 61B-32.003, F.A.C., and section 723.037(4), F.S.~~

(5)(a) A Petition for Mediation will be dismissed if a current DBPR Form 34-001 and all exhibits ~~Mediation will not be initiated pursuant to section 723.037(5)(a), F.S., if the following items are not postmarked mailed or delivered to the division within 30 days after the date of the meeting required by Section 723.037(4), F.S. or if the park owner and mobile home owners fail to comply with section 723.037 F.S.:~~

~~1. Completed BPR form 34-001; and,~~

~~2. A copy of the written designation required by paragraph (4)(b) of this rule and section 723.037(5), F.S.~~

(b) A petition that does not include a properly completed current DBPR Form 34-001 and all exhibits ~~the items identified in paragraphs (4)(c) and (d) of this rule or the lot identification required by paragraph (4)(b) of this rule~~ shall be considered deficient. The ~~Division~~ division will notify the committee in writing of the deficiency. The committee shall have 5 ~~14~~ days after the date of the notice to mail or deliver to the Division corrections of the deficiencies. If all deficiency corrections are not postmarked mailed ~~mailed~~ or delivered within 5 ~~14~~ days after the date of the notice, the Petition for Mediation will be dismissed ~~mediation will not be initiated pursuant to section 723.037(5)(a), F.S.~~ A petition will be considered received pursuant to Section 723.038(4), F.S., when all items required by this rule have been received and all deficiencies have been corrected.

(6) If the homeowners' committee petitions for mediation, a copy of the completed DBPR Form 34-001 and all exhibits ~~four items required by subsection (4) of this rule~~ shall be furnished to the park owner by Certified U.S. Mail, Return Receipt Requested, at the time the petition is filed with the Division. Notwithstanding this requirement, a mediator will be appointed within the time required by Section 723.038(4), F.S.

~~(7) A decision by the Division regarding the sufficiency of a petition to initiate mediation does not constitute an adjudication of any issue arising under section 723.037, F.S. Any dispute concerning the applicability of section 723.037(6), F.S., must be submitted to a court of competent jurisdiction in the event that judicial proceedings are initiated.~~

~~(7)(8)~~ The park owner may petition the ~~Division~~ division to initiate mediation by mailing or delivering a completed DBPR Form 34-002, PETITION FOR MEDIATION BY PARK OWNER, incorporated herein by reference <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19550> and effective May 2026, and which may be obtained on the Division's website at: <https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/condos-timeshares-mobile-homes/> the following items to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1030, within 30 days after the date of the meeting required by Section 723.037(4), F.S.:

~~(a) a completed BPR form 34-002, PETITION FOR MEDIATION BY PARK OWNER, incorporated herein by reference and effective 1-19-97, and which may be obtained by writing to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1030; and,~~

~~(b) A copy of the notice or notices of the lot rental increase, reduction in services or utilities, or change in the rules and regulations identifying the issue for mediation.~~

~~(8)(a) A Petition for Mediation will be dismissed if a current DBPR Form 34-002 and all exhibits are not mailed postmarked or delivered to the division within 30 days after the date of the meeting required by section 723.037(4), F.S or if the park owner and mobile home owners fail to comply with section 723.037 F.S.~~

~~(b) A petition that does not include a properly completed current DBPR Form 34-002 and all exhibits shall be considered deficient. The Division will notify the park owner in writing of the deficiency. The park owner shall have 5 days after the date of the notice to mail or deliver to the Division corrections of the deficiencies. If all deficiency corrections are not postmarked or delivered within 5 days after the date of the notice, the Petition for Mediation will be dismissed. A petition will be considered received pursuant to section 723.038(4), F.S., when all items required by this rule have been received and all deficiencies have been corrected.~~

~~(9) Mediation will not be initiated pursuant to Section 723.037(5)(a), F.S., if a completed BPR Form 34-002, PETITION FOR MEDIATION BY PARK OWNER, is not mailed or delivered to the division within 30 days after the date of the meeting required by Section 723.037(4), F.S~~

~~(10) A petition that does not include the items identified in paragraph (8)(b) of this rule shall be considered deficient. The division will notify the park owner in writing of the deficiency. The park owner shall have 14 days after the date of the notice to mail or deliver to the division corrections of any deficiency. If the deficiency corrections are not mailed or delivered to the division within 14 days after the date of the notice, mediation will not be initiated pursuant to Section 723.037(5)(a), F.S. A petition will be considered received pursuant to Section 723.038(4), F.S., when all items required by this rule have been received and all deficiencies have been corrected.~~

~~(9)(11) If the park owner petitions for mediation, a copy of the completed DBPR form 34-002 and all exhibits, two items required by subsection (8) of this rule shall be furnished by the park owner to the homeowners' committee by Certified U.S. Mail, Return Receipt Requested, at the time the petition is filed with the Division division. Notwithstanding this requirement, a mediator will be appointed within the time required by Section 723.038(4), F.S.~~

*Rulemaking Authority 723.0051, 723.006(7) FS. Law Implemented 723.037, 723.038 FS. History—New 2-6-85, Formerly 7D-32.04, Amended 8-2-87, 10-13-87, 10-2-90, Formerly 7D-32.004, Amended 8-31-94, 11-15-95, 1-19-97,\_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Madison Presley, Senior Paralegal, Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850) 717-1415. Madison.presley@myfloridalicense.com

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary, Department of Business and Professional Regulation

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 19, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: February 4, 2026, Vol. 52, No. 23

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### Board of Medicine

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B8-13.005 Continuing Education for Biennial Renewal  
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update continuing education requirements to add an additional provider for the controlled prescribing course.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule will add an additional provider for the controlled substance prescribing course.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.013, 456.031, 456.033, 458.309, 458.319 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.013, 456.031, 456.033, 458.319 FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Morgan Rexford, MPH, Executive Director, Board of Medicine/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C03, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253, (850)245-4131 or Morgan.Rexford@flhealth.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**64B8-13.005 Continuing Education for Biennial Renewal.**

(1) Every physician licensed pursuant to Chapter 458, F.S., shall be required to complete 40 hours of continuing medical education courses approved by the Board in the 24 months preceding each biennial renewal period as established by the Department.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) A licensee who is registered with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency and is authorized to prescribe controlled substances is required to complete a 2-hour course on prescribing controlled substances at each biennial renewal of licensure as required by Section 456.0301, F.S. The Board approves the controlled substance prescribing courses offered by the Florida Medical Association, the Florida Academy of Family Physicians, the Florida College of Emergency Physicians, Baptist Health South Florida/Quality Network, InforMed, Florida Psychiatric Society, Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, the University of Florida, NetCE, The Doctors Company, CE Group, AchieveCE, the University of Central Florida (UCF) College of Medicine, Integris Group, White Coat Institute d/b/a GetMyCME, ~~and~~ Orlando Health, and Florida Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network for the purpose of meeting this continuing education requirement.

(2) through (10) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 456.013, 456.031, 456.033, 458.309, 458.319 FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.031, 456.033, 458.319 FS. History—New 9-7-86, Amended 11-17-87, 11-15-88, 1-31-90, 9-15-92, Formerly 21M-28.002, Amended 12-5-93, Formerly 61F6-28.002, Amended 3-1-95, 1-3-96, 1-26-97, Formerly 59R-13.005, Amended 5-18-99, 2-7-01, 6-4-02, 10-8-03, 5-4-04, 5-20-04, 4-5-05, 4-25-06, 12-26-06, 1-16-08, 5-6-08, 11-25-08, 7-6-09, 2-23-10, 4-3-12, 3-12-14, 5-15-14, 10-26-14, 2-29-16, 2-26-18, 9-10-18, 4-29-19, 3-2-20, 3-2-22, 3-7-24, 9-25-24, 4-13-25, 6-4-25, 11-24-25, 3-19-26,\_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Rules/Legislative Committee, Board of Medicine

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 5, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: April 8, 2026

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Board of Osteopathic Medicine**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B15-13.001 Continuing Education for Biennial Renewal

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Physicians who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a board – approved continuing education course on controlled substances as set forth in Section 456.0301, F.S. The proposed rule amendment will add additional providers for the controlled substance prescribing course.

SUMMARY: The rule amendment will add additional providers for the controlled substance prescribing course.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

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

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.013, 456.0301, 456.031, 459.005, 459.008 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.013, 456.0301, 456.031, 459.008 FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Osteopathic Medicine/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256, (850)245-4161 or by email at Stephanie.Webster@flhealth.gov.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**64B15-13.001 Continuing Education for Biennial Renewal.**

Every person licensed pursuant to Chapter 459, F.S., except those licensed as physician assistants pursuant to Section 459.022, F.S., shall be required to complete forty (40) hours of continuing medical education courses approved by the Board in the twenty-four (24) months preceding each biennial renewal period as established by the Department. Continuing medical education (CME) requirements for biennial renewal of licensure are set forth in this rule. The CME required by this rule may be obtained by completion of courses offered in any format, including in a distance learning format, with the proviso in paragraph (1)(a).

(1)(a) For each biennial renewal, a licensee shall complete a one (1) hour continuing medical education course in Florida Laws and Rules/Professional and Medical Ethics, and a two (2) hour course in Prevention of Medical Errors. For purposes of this rule, Florida Laws and Rules means Chapters 456 and 459, F.S., and rule Title 64B15, F.A.C. These CME courses may be obtained in any format, including in a distance learning format, provided that the format includes an ability to interact with the presenter of the course.

(b) through (d) No change.

(e) A licensee who is registered with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency and is authorized to prescribe controlled substances is required to complete a 2-hour course on prescribing controlled substances at each biennial renewal of licensure as required by Section 456.0301, F.S. The Board approves the controlled substance prescribing courses offered by the Florida Medical Association, the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, the Florida Academy of Family Physicians, the Florida College of Emergency Physicians, Baptist Health South Florida/Quality Network, InforMed, Florida Psychiatric Society, NetCE, The Doctors Company, TeamHealth Institute, CE Group, AchieveCE, the University of Central Florida (UCF) College of Medicine, Integris Group,

White Coat Institute d/b/a GetMyCME, ~~and~~ Orlando Health, and Florida Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network for the purpose of meeting this continuing education requirement.

(2) through (8) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 456.013, 456.0301, 456.031, 459.005, 459.008 FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.0301, 456.031, 459.008 FS. History—New 10-23-79, Amended 1-29-86, Formerly 21R-13.01, Amended 12-5-89, 4-8-91, 2-16-92, Formerly 21R-13.001, Amended 1-10-94, Formerly 61F9-13.001, Amended 10-25-95, Formerly 59W-13.001, Amended 1-19-98, 6-3-98, 4-14-99, 5-26-02, 5-10-04, 7-27-04, 2-9-05, 2-14-06, 1-29-07, 5-10-09, 4-5-10, 11-6-12, 8-14-14, 8-21-16, 5-17-18, 8-9-18, 11-15-18, 8-12-19, 8-13-20, 9-8-20, 3-2-22, 10-15-23, 3-7-24, 9-25-24, 6-1-25, 11-24-25, 3-19-26,\_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Osteopathic Medicine

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 20, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: April 8, 2026

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Marine Fisheries**

RULE NO.: 68B-2.012      RULE TITLE: Tagging of Marine Organisms

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this proposed rulemaking is to amend regulations related to the tagging of marine organisms to expand the exemptions for the requirement to have a Marine Special Activity License (SAL) to tag marine organisms, and to make these regulations more transparent and easier for the public to find. The Commission is proposing rule amendments that would allow state and federal natural resource management agencies to tag marine organisms without a Marine SAL. The proposed rule amendments would also increase the number of fish a fishing tournament director may tag without a Marine SAL and clarify that fishing tournament directors may not tag marine prohibited species. This proposed rulemaking would also move regulations related to the tagging of marine organisms from Marine SAL program rules in rule 68B-8.003, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), into the general marine fisheries rule chapter, 68B-2, F.A.C., so they are easier for the public to find and understand.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would allow state and federal natural resource management agencies to tag marine organisms without a Marine Special Activity License (SAL), increase the number of fish the director of a fishing tournament may tag without a Marine SAL, clarify that fishing tournament directors cannot tag marine prohibited species, and would move regulations related to the tagging of marine organisms Florida’s

Marine SAL rules in subsection 68B-8.003(8), F.A.C., to the general marine fisheries rule chapter, 68B-2, F.A.C. This would ensure that specific regulations establishing when a Marine SAL is required to tag marine organisms are easier for the public to find and understand. This rule accompanies proposed rulemaking for Chapter 68B-8, 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 Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: the nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

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

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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

**DATE AND TIME:** During the Commission’s regular meeting on May 13, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Caloosa Sound Convention Center, 1375 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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

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

**68B-2.012 Tagging of Marine Organisms.**

(1) A person may not tag a marine organism within or without Florida Waters unless such tagging activity is conducted by or on behalf of a federal or state natural resource management agency, or has been authorized pursuant to a Special Activity License issued pursuant to Chapter 68B-8, F.A.C.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the director of a fishing tournament or their designee may tag up to five (5) fish per tournament or up to five (5) fish per county for a fishing tournament that occurs in more than one county for purposes of awarding prizes to tournament participants.

(b) However, a fishing tournament director or designee may not tag a prohibited species as defined in Rule 68B-8.002, F.A.C.

(3) For purposes of this rule, “tag” means any internal or external device or other marking, placed in or on an organism for purposes of identification or data collection.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 7-1-26.*

**NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:** Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE:** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

**DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD:** February 4, 2026

**DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR:** December 5, 2025

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Marine Fisheries**

<b>RULE NOS.:</b>	<b>RULE TITLES:</b>
68B-8.002	Definitions
68B-8.003	General Conditions and Restrictions
68B-8.006	Scientific Research Special Activity License
68B-8.007	Education/Exhibition Special Activity License
68B-8.008	Florida Marine Science Educators Association Certification
68B-8.009	Prohibited Species Collection Criteria
68B-8.010	Stock Collection and Release Special Activity License
68B-8.011	Aquaculture Broodstock Collection Special Activity License
68B-8.012	Snook Special Activity License
68B-8.013	Non-Conforming Gear Special Activity Licenses and Exemptions
68B-8.0131	Gear Innovation Special Activity License

- 68B-8.0132 Governmental Purpose Special Activity License; Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption
- 68B-8.0133 Nonprofit Corporation Special Activity License

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this proposed rulemaking is to improve the operation of the Marine Special Activity License (SAL) program and to provide updates related to marine prohibited species, including the incorporation of an updated policy on the collection of prohibited species for education and exhibition purposes; revisions to the Florida Marine Science Educators Association (FMSEA) Certification; and updates to the Gear Innovation, Governmental Purpose, and Nonprofit Corporation SALs. The effect of these changes would be to increase transparency by clarifying the definition of the term “prohibited species;” establish more restrictive guidelines for the issuance of Education/Exhibition SALs for the collection of marine species listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act; improve the FMSEA Certification and rename it as the Aquatic Species Collection Certificate; improve organization of rules related to non-conforming gear SALs; expand opportunities to test innovative gear for collection of nonnative marine organisms under the Gear Innovation SAL; modify authorizations for fish kill cleanups under the Governmental Purpose SAL; and update the Nonprofit Corporation SAL. This rulemaking would also provide greater transparency to the public by moving regulations related to tagging marine organisms into the marine fisheries general rule chapter (68B-2, F.A.C.), making them easier to locate.

SUMMARY: This proposed rulemaking would improve the operation of the Marine Special Activity License (SAL) program and would provide updates and clarifications related to marine prohibited species; revise an incorporated policy to provide guidance and transparency when reviewing Education/Exhibition SAL applications for species listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act; make tagging regulations easier for the public to find by moving them from the SAL rule chapter (68B-8, F.A.C.) to the general marine fisheries rule chapter (68B-2, F.A.C.); revise the framework for the Florida Marine Science Educators Association (FMSEA) Certification and rename it the Aquatic Species Collection Certificate; and update and reorganize the non-conforming gear SAL rule language. The Marine SAL program issues licenses to accommodate activities requiring exemptions to state marine fisheries regulations, such as scientific research, education, exhibition, the release of marine organisms, and the collection of broodstock for aquaculture. The Commission is updating Marine SAL program rules to address evolving program needs, improve program operation, better accommodate current and new practices, and provide greater transparency to applicants.

This proposed rulemaking represents Phase III of a multi-phase project to update the rules for the Marine SAL program.

**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.

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**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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

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

**68B-8.002 Definitions.**

As used in Chapter 68B-8, F.A.C.:

- (1) No change.

(2) “Aquatic Species Collection Certificate” or “ASCC” means an authorization issued pursuant to Rule 68B-8.008, F.A.C.

(2) through (9) renumbered as (3) through (10) No change.

(10) ~~“FMSEA Certification” means documentation validating a person’s completion of the Florida Marine Science Educators Association Aquatic Species Collection workshop.~~

(11) through (21) No change.

(22) ~~“Prohibited species” means: a marine organism for which harvest, possession, or sale is prohibited in Title 68, F.A.C., or Chapter 379, F.S.~~

(a) Any species designated as endangered or threatened pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §1531 et seq. and the associated regulations.

(b) Any Florida endangered and threatened species or marine endangered and threatened species, as designated in Chapter 68A-27, F.A.C.,

(c) Any hard or stony coral (order Scleractinia), any black coral (order Antipatharia), any fire coral (family Milleporidae), or any hydrocoral (family Stylasteridae).

(d) Live rock as defined in Chapter 68B-42, F.A.C., excluding aquacultured live rock,

(e) Any sea fan of the species *Gorgonia flabellum* or of the species *Gorgonia ventalina*,

(f) Bahama starfish (*Oreaster reticulatus*),

(g) Bonefish (family Albulidae),

(h) Goliath grouper (*Epinephelus itajara*),

(i) Longspine urchin (*Diadema antillarum*),

(j) Non-erect, encrusting octocorals of the subclass Octocorallia,

(k) Any prohibited species of sharks and rays as identified in Chapter 68B-44, F.A.C.,

(l) Longbill spearfish (*Tetrapturus pfluegeri*), and

(m) Mediterranean spearfish (*Tetrapturus belone*).

(23) through (30) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 7-1-04, Amended 11-19-09, 5-19-25, 2-1-26, 7-1-26.*

### **68B-8.003 General Conditions and Restrictions.**

(1) An SAL or ASCC ~~FMSEA Certification~~ is not transferable.

(2) Law Enforcement Notification – A license holder must provide notice to the Commission’s Division of Law Enforcement of their intent to conduct activities authorized by an SAL or ASCC ~~FMSEA Certification~~ no less than 24 hours prior to conducting such activities. The content and submission of such notice shall be made in the manner prescribed on the license holder’s SAL or ASCC ~~FMSEA Certification~~.

(3) Release of Marine Organisms – No marine organism that has been maintained in captivity shall be released unless the release is authorized by an SAL or ASCC. The Commission may include license conditions or restrictions under an SAL or ASCC related to the release of marine organisms as appropriate to the licensed activity. ~~FMSEA Certification and the release is conducted in accordance with the “Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Policy on the Release of Marine Organisms, September 2009,” which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref 17387>.~~

~~(4) Tagging of Marine Organisms – No marine organism shall be tagged unless such tagging activity has been authorized pursuant to an SAL or FMSEA Certification. The tagging restrictions of this subsection do not apply to directors of a fishing tournament or their designee, who may tag up to five (5) fish per tournament for purposes of awarding prizes to tournament participants.~~

~~(4)(5) Transferability of Marine Organisms –~~

(a) The commission may include license conditions or restrictions under an SAL or ASCC ~~FMSEA Certification~~ related to the transfer or loan of marine organisms as appropriate to the licensed activity.

(b) A marine organism authorized for sale under subsection 68B-8.003(6) ~~68B-8.003(7)~~, F.A.C., is not eligible for a transfer or loan.

~~(5)(6) Possession of Marine Organisms After Expiration of an SAL or ASCC FMSEA Certification – The Commission recognizes that a marine organism harvested, possessed, or produced pursuant to an SAL or ASCC FMSEA Certification may need to be retained for a period of time that extends beyond the expiration date of the SAL or ASCC FMSEA Certification issued for the harvest or possession of such marine organism. For this purpose, the following conditions must be met for marine organisms collected or possessed pursuant to an SAL or ASCC FMSEA Certification to be legally possessed beyond the expiration of the SAL or ASCC FMSEA Certification:~~

~~(a) No change.~~

~~(b) The SAL or ASCC FMSEA Certification, or a copy thereof, that authorized the harvest or possession of the marine organism must be promptly produced at the request of the Commission or an authorized law enforcement officer.~~

~~(6)(7) Sale of Marine Organisms – A marine organism harvested pursuant to an SAL or ASCC FMSEA Certification shall not be sold unless it was harvested pursuant to a Gear Innovation SAL, Governmental Purpose SAL, Snook SAL, Marine Chemical SAL, or a Nonprofit Corporation SAL, and the sale is conducted in accordance with any condition of sale required by such SAL.~~

~~(7)(8) Consumption of Marine Organisms – A marine organism harvested pursuant to an SAL or ASCC FMSEA~~

~~Certification~~ shall not be consumed unless the marine organism was harvested pursuant to a Gear Innovation SAL or a Governmental Purpose SAL.

(9) through (10) renumbered as (8) through (9) No change.

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**68B-8.006 Scientific Research Special Activity License.**

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Evaluation Criteria – In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection ~~68B-8.003(8)~~ ~~68B-8.003(9)~~, F.A.C., an application for a Scientific Research SAL will be evaluated based on the following criteria as applicable to the request:

(a) through (b) No change.

(5) through (6) No change.

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**68B-8.007 Education/Exhibition Special Activity License.**

(1) The purpose of an Education/Exhibition SAL is to accommodate the need for the harvest of marine organisms and to conduct activities with such organisms to increase the public’s knowledge and awareness of Florida’s marine resources.

(2) through (3) No change.

(4) Evaluation Criteria – In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection ~~68B-8.003(8)~~ ~~68B-8.003(9)~~, F.A.C., an application for an Education/Exhibition SAL will be evaluated based on the following criteria as applicable to the request:

(a) through (e) No change.

(5) through (6) No change.

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**68B-8.008 Aquatic Species Collection Certificate ~~Florida Marine Science Educators Association Certification.~~**

(1) The Aquatic Species Collection Certificate (ASCC) ~~Florida Marine Science Educators Association (FMSEA) Certification~~ provides a streamlined process to authorize ~~accommodate~~ members of the educational community with smaller collecting needs ~~to allow them~~ to conduct educational activities with aquatic organisms. The ASCC provides

~~exemptions to certain A FMSEA Certification holder is exempt from a number of saltwater and freshwater resource regulations to allow the holder to collect and temporarily possess aquatic organisms for up to two weeks for educational purposes.~~

(2)(a) The Commission may enter into an agreement with a public or private education group or institution to provide Commission-approved training workshops for educators to promote best practices for the collection and maintenance of marine and freshwater organisms for educational activities.

(b) Training standards – The training curriculum for such workshops must include, but is not limited to, the following subjects:

1. Rationale for collecting aquatic organisms.
2. Alternatives to the collection of live aquatic organisms.
3. Collection methods.
4. Minimization of environmental impacts.
5. Minimization of aquatic organism mortality.
6. Regulations and regulatory requirements.
7. Appropriate gear deployment and use.
8. Establishment of collecting teams.
9. Collection and documentation of field data.

(c) The Commission shall maintain and shall provide a list of Commission-approved training workshop providers electronically at [www.myfwc.com/license/saltwater/special-activity-licenses/](http://www.myfwc.com/license/saltwater/special-activity-licenses/).

(3)(2) Eligibility – An ASCC FMSEA Certification may be issued only to the following persons who have successfully completed a Commission-approved training workshop within the previous 36 months:

(a) An instructor employed by, or under sponsorship of, a public or private ~~an~~ elementary or secondary school.

(b) through (d) No change.

~~(3) Workshop Curriculum – FMSEA Certification requires successful completion of a training workshop. The primary workshop objective must be to promote best practices in the collection and maintenance of aquatic organisms for educational activities. The curriculum must include but is not limited to:~~

- ~~(a) Rationale for collecting aquatic organisms.~~
- ~~(b) Alternatives to the collection of live aquatic organisms.~~
- ~~(c) Collection methods.~~
- ~~(d) Minimization of environmental impacts.~~
- ~~(e) Minimization of aquatic organism mortality.~~
- ~~(f) Regulatory concerns.~~
- ~~(g) Appropriate gear deployment and use.~~
- ~~(h) Establishment of collecting teams.~~
- ~~(i) Collection and documentation of field data.~~

(4) Aquatic Species Collection Certificate Certification Documentation – Upon verification of an applicant’s eligibility and that the applicant has successfully completed a Commission-approved ~~successful completion of the training~~

workshop within the previous 36 months, the Commission shall issue an Aquatic Species Collection Certificate to the applicant. a participant receives a certification that is authorized by both FMSEA and Commission representatives. The certification:

(a) Authorizes the harvest of certain fresh and saltwater organisms and specifies bag and possession limits.

(b) Authorizes the use of specific scientific, educational, and recreational harvesting gears.

(c) Specifies the fresh and saltwater areas in which harvest of aquatic organisms is allowed.

(d) Provides an exemption from local laws when harvesting in a designated saltwater area.

(5) Certification Period – The valid certification period for an ASCC a FMSEA Certification may not exceed 3 years (36 months).

(6) Authorized Personnel—

(a) The number of authorized personnel on a FMSEA Certification will be limited to the Certification holder, teaching assistants, and up to 100 students per collecting trip. Both the teaching assistants and students must be operating under the direct supervision of the Certification holder and there must be at least one adult per ten students.

(6)(b) A contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to an ASCC a FMSEA Certification.

(7) Aquatic Species Collection Certificate General Conditions and Restrictions – The holder of a FMSEA Certification is subject to the General Conditions and Restrictions in subsections 68B-8.003(1) through (8), F.A.C.

(a) A person issued an ASCC must comply with all conditions set forth under an Aquatic Species Collection Certificate.

(b) A person issued an ASCC is subject to the General Conditions and Restrictions in subsections 68B-8.003(1) through (7), F.A.C.

(c) The Commission may include conditions or restrictions under an Aquatic Species Collection Certificate related to the following subjects as they apply to activities authorized under such Certificate:

1. Conditions related to the collection of certain marine and freshwater organisms, including bag and temporary possession limits.

2. Conditions related to authorized or prohibited gear, methods, and activities as they apply to marine or freshwater areas.

3. Conditions related to designated authorized and prohibited marine or freshwater areas.

4. Conditions or restrictions related to the release of marine organisms.

(8) An ASCC does not authorize the holder to collect or possess a prohibited species as defined in Rule 68B-8.002, F.A.C.

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### 68B-8.009 Prohibited Species Collection Criteria.

(1) No change.

(2) Eligibility – An SAL request involving the harvest or possession of prohibited species may only be authorized pursuant to for the following SALs:

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) A Governmental Purpose SAL, when the harvest, collection, or possession of prohibited species is necessary for emergency response needs and to meet the needs of public health, safety, or welfare.

(3) Prioritization – When the requested harvest of a prohibited species exceeds an established harvest limit, scientific research activities will take priority over in-state education/exhibition activities, which in turn will take priority over out-of-state education/exhibition activities.

(a) Among eligible Florida-based education/exhibition applicants, priority will be given to those applicants who meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. No change.

2. The applicant conducts captive breeding under human care programs or husbandry studies related to the targeted prohibited species.

3. No change.

4. The applicant supports or sponsors conferences or symposia that promote the sharing of information related to captive breeding under human care, husbandry, and management of prohibited species.

(b) No change.

(4) Evaluation Criteria –

(a) In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection 68B-8.003(8) 68B-8.003(9), F.A.C., an application for a Scientific Research SAL involving prohibited species will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. through 7. No change.

(b) In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection 68B-8.003(8) 68B-8.003(9), F.A.C., an application for an Education/Exhibition SAL involving prohibited species will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. through 9. No change.

10. Whether the requested collection is consistent with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Policy on Marine Prohibited Species and Education/Exhibition Special Activity Licenses (May 2026), “Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Marine Prohibited Species Policy (September 2009),” which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at

<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19566>

~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17390>~~

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**68B-8.010 Stock Collection and Release Special Activity License.**

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Evaluation Criteria – In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection ~~68B-8.003(8)~~ ~~68B-8.003(9)~~, F.A.C., an application for a Stock Collection and Release SAL will be evaluated via genetic risk assessment using the flowchart titled, “Decision Process for the Genetic Risk Assessment of Release Activities” (November 2025) which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18894>. A text-only accessible version of the Decision Process for the Genetic Risk Assessment of Release Activities (November 2025) is incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18896>.

(5) through (7) No change.

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**68B-8.011 Aquaculture Broodstock Collection Special Activity License.**

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Evaluation Criteria – In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection ~~68B-8.003(8)~~ ~~68B-8.003(9)~~, F.A.C., an application for an Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

(a) through (k) No change.

(5) through (7) No change.

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**68B-8.012 Snook Special Activity License.**

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Evaluation Criteria – In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection ~~68B-8.003(8)~~ ~~68B-8.003(9)~~, F.A.C., an application for a Snook SAL for the harvest of broodstock, and production, possession, transport, transfer or sale of the broodstock progeny will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

(a) through (j) No change.

(5) through (9) No change.

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**68B-8.013 Non-Conforming Gear Special Activity Licenses and Exemptions.**

(1) ~~Background~~— No person shall use any gear or equipment to harvest a marine organism if the gear is not allowed by rule of the Commission, Chapter 379, F.S., or the Constitution of the State of Florida unless such person has first obtained authorization for such gear via an SAL or an exemption. ~~The use of non-conforming gear shall be authorized in a Scientific Research SAL or a Stock Collection and Release SAL for scientific research purposes if the use of non-conforming gear is specifically requested in an application for such SAL and the use is justified.~~

(2) The use of non-conforming gear may also be authorized under ~~an SAL as follows:~~

(a) A Scientific Research SAL issued pursuant to Rule 68B-8.006, F.A.C., if the use of non-conforming gear is specifically requested in the application for the SAL and the use is justified.

(b) A Stock Collection and Release SAL issued pursuant to Rule 68B-8.010, F.A.C., for scientific research purposes if the use of non-conforming gear is specifically requested in the application for the SAL and the use is appropriate to the species and location.

(c)(a) A Gear Innovation SAL, issued pursuant to Rule 68B-8.0131, F.A.C.

(d)(b) A Governmental Purpose SAL, issued pursuant to Rule 68B-8.0132, F.A.C.

(e)(e) A Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption, issued pursuant to Rule 68B-8.0132, F.A.C.

(f)(d) A Nonprofit Corporation SAL, issued pursuant to Rule 68B-8.0133, F.A.C.

(3) through (4) No change.

~~(5) Gear Innovation Special Activity License.~~

~~(a) The purpose of a Gear Innovation SAL is to allow for harvesting gear not historically or traditionally used within Florida to be evaluated, monitored, and tested. The Commission may use the information collected pursuant to a Gear Innovation SAL to evaluate the impact that a proposed gear type would have on the stock of the species targeted, species not targeted but incidentally harvested, and the marine environment, as well as to determine if the gear could be responsibly introduced into general use. However, a Gear Innovation SAL will not be issued for the harvest of sponges in state waters, for oysters in Apalachicola Bay, or for prohibited species.~~

(b) Eligibility—A Gear Innovation SAL may be issued only to the following:

1. An individual who holds all of the applicable commercial harvesting licenses, permits, or endorsements required for the fishery requested for harvest pursuant to the SAL and,

a. Has at least five years' experience as a commercial harvester in Florida;

b. Has landings of the species targeted for harvest with the innovative gear and,

e. Has working knowledge of the area where the gear will be tested.

2. An applicant eligible to receive a Scientific Research SAL pursuant to Rule 68B-8.006, F.A.C.

(c) Fees and Application—

1. The processing fee for a Gear Innovation SAL is \$25.00. A processing fee is non-refundable.

2. An applicant for a Gear Innovation SAL must complete and submit a Gear Innovation SAL application form (Form DMF-GISAL (9/09)), which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17394>.

(d) Evaluation Criteria—In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection 68B-8.003(9), F.A.C., an applicant for a Gear Innovation SAL will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Construction of the proposed gear.

2. Intended use of the proposed gear and any potential impacts on the marine environment.

3. Impact on the species targeted for harvest with the proposed gear and any species that may be harvested incidentally.

4. Benefits to the state through the use of the innovative gear.

(e) License Period—The valid license period for a Gear Innovation SAL shall not exceed 1 year (12 months).

(f) General Conditions and Restrictions—

1. The SAL holder shall only operate in areas designated by the SAL. The gear shall not be used in areas that would otherwise be closed to the commercial harvest of the targeted species.

2. The SAL holder must conform to gear marking or tending requirements specified in the SAL.

3. The individual to whom the SAL is issued must provide on-site supervision of all activities conducted pursuant to the SAL.

4. All marine organisms harvested pursuant to the SAL must be in compliance with any commercial regulations established for the species being harvested, including but not limited to seasons, commercial limits on harvest and sale, area

closures, commercial size limits, and documentation requirements for the commercial sale of marine organisms.

(g) A third party contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to a Gear Innovation SAL.

(h) Reporting Requirements—A log of activities that includes area fished, time fished, catch composition, and any other information required by the Commission to properly evaluate the specific gear being tested, must be maintained for the duration of the SAL and submitted to the Commission on a schedule specified in the SAL. All documentation required by the Commission pursuant to an SAL or pursuant to any regulation for commercial harvesting activities, including logs and trip tickets, must be available for inspection by the Commission and its employees at any reasonable time.

(6) Governmental Purpose Special Activity License.

(a) The purpose of a Governmental Purpose SAL is to allow government agencies to use non-conforming gear to meet the needs of public health, safety, or welfare. However, a Governmental Purpose SAL will not be issued for activities related to a prohibited species.

(b) Eligibility—A Governmental Purpose SAL may be issued only to a state or federal agency or to a municipal or county government.

(c) Fees and Application—

1. There is no fee for a Governmental Purpose SAL.

2. An applicant for a Governmental Purpose SAL must submit a written request that contains the following information:

a. The need for the use of non-conforming gear in furtherance of the public health, safety, or welfare.

b. A detailed description of the proposed gear, an explanation of how it will be used, and any anticipated impacts of the gear on the marine environment.

c. A list of species targeted for harvest with the proposed gear and any anticipated species that may be harvested incidentally.

d. The quantity of targeted species to be harvested necessary to achieve the stated purpose.

e. The center point and corner coordinates of each area where the non-conforming gear will be used.

f. The time period when the non-conforming gear will be used.

(d) General Conditions and Restrictions—

1. The use of non-conforming gear must be limited to the minimum area and time necessary to achieve the governmental purpose.

2. A marine organism harvested and sold pursuant to a Governmental Purpose SAL must be in compliance with any documentation requirements for the commercial sale of that species.

~~(e) License Period—The valid license period for a Governmental Purpose SAL will be based on the duration of the proposed activity, provided that it is no longer than is necessary to achieve its stated purpose.~~

~~(f) Reporting Requirements—A log of activities including area fished, time fished, catch composition, and any other information deemed necessary to properly evaluate the requested activity must be maintained for the duration of the SAL and submitted to the Commission on a schedule established in the SAL. All documentation required by the Commission pursuant to an SAL or pursuant to any regulation for commercial harvesting activities, including logs and trip tickets, must be available for inspection by the Commission at any reasonable time.~~

~~(7) Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption.~~

~~(a) The purpose of a Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption is to allow for the use of net gear that does not conform to Article X, Section 16 of the Florida Constitution to conduct activities permitted, provided, or required by a governmental agency. A Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption shall only be issued in conjunction with a Marine Turtle Permit, an Education/Exhibition SAL, or a Stock Collection and Release SAL.~~

~~(b) Eligibility—A Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption may be issued only to a person who:~~

~~1. Holds an Endangered Species Permit or other such authorization issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service for purposes of marine turtle harvest and relocation, marine turtle research, testing of experimental devices designed to exclude turtles from commercial harvesting gear, or conducting marine turtle population assessments in a specified area.~~

~~2. Serves as a support unit for the Florida Department of Education who operates a facility on behalf of the State of Florida to provide marine services support for state agencies and institutions.~~

~~3. Is required by a federal agency to conduct stock enhancement activities for mitigation purposes.~~

~~(c) Fees and Application—~~

~~1. There is no fee for a Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption.~~

~~2. An application for a Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption must be submitted in the form of a written request from an eligible applicant. The written request for an exemption must be accompanied by a copy of a Marine Turtle Permit, an Education/Exhibition SAL, or a Stock Collection and Release SAL.~~

~~(8) Nonprofit Corporation Special Activity License.~~

~~(a) The purpose of a Nonprofit Corporation SAL is to allow for a nonprofit corporation to use non conforming gear to harvest marine organisms and to sell them to scientific research, education, or exhibition entities to financially support research,~~

~~educational, and exhibitional activities conducted by such nonprofit corporation. However, a Nonprofit Corporation SAL may not be issued for a prohibited species.~~

~~(b) Eligibility—To obtain a Nonprofit Corporation SAL, a nonprofit corporation must meet the following criteria:~~

~~1. The bylaws of the nonprofit corporation must provide for, and its activities must include, the harvest of marine organisms for purposes of research, education, and exhibition that further the knowledge of marine biology, marine life, and the marine environment; and,~~

~~2. The nonprofit corporation must hold the applicable wholesale and retail dealers licenses and hold the applicable commercial harvesting licenses, permits, or endorsements required for the fishery requested for harvest and sale pursuant to the SAL.~~

~~(c) Fees and Application—~~

~~1. The processing fee for a Nonprofit Corporation SAL is \$25.00. A processing fee is non-refundable.~~

~~2. An applicant for a Nonprofit Corporation SAL must complete and submit a Nonprofit Corporation SAL application form (Form DMF NPSAL (September 2009)), which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at [http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No\\_Ref\\_17395](http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No_Ref_17395).~~

~~(d) License Conditions—A Nonprofit Corporation SAL holder will be subject to the following conditions for operation:~~

~~1. A marine organism harvested pursuant to a Nonprofit Corporation SAL shall only be sold to an entity conducting activities for scientific research, educational, or exhibitional purposes, and cannot be sold for human consumption.~~

~~2. Marine shellfish harvested pursuant to a Nonprofit Corporation SAL must be harvested from an area that is closed to the public for the harvest of shellfish.~~

~~(e) License Period—The valid license period for a Nonprofit Corporation SAL shall not exceed 3 years (36 months).~~

~~(f) A third party contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to a Nonprofit Corporation SAL.~~

~~(g) Reporting Requirements—A Nonprofit Corporation SAL holder must submit the following documentation during the 12th month and 24th month of the valid license period, and within 30 days of the expiration of the SAL or during the renewal application process if the SAL is requested for renewal:~~

~~1. An activity report documenting the harvest of all specifically named marine organisms authorized for harvest pursuant to a Nonprofit Corporation SAL and of all marine organisms not reported via the Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program, by the marine organism's common name and scientific classification, amount harvested, and, if sold, the entity that purchased the marine organism.~~

~~2. Marine Fisheries Trip Tickets, except that a marine organism must not be reported via a trip ticket if one or more of the following apply:~~

~~a. The marine organism is specifically named in the Nonprofit Corporation SAL.~~

~~b. The marine organism has no species code in the MFTT system.~~

~~c. The marine organism is subject to a seasonal restriction on its commercial harvest and sale.~~

~~d. The commercial licensing requirements for the marine organism have not been met.~~

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### **68B-8.0131 Gear Innovation Special Activity License.**

(1) The purpose of a Gear Innovation SAL is to allow for harvesting gear not historically or traditionally used within Florida to be evaluated, monitored, and tested. The Commission may use the information collected pursuant to a Gear Innovation SAL to evaluate the impact that a proposed gear type would have on the stock of the species targeted, species not targeted but incidentally harvested, and the marine environment, as well as to determine if the gear could be responsibly introduced into general use. However, a Gear Innovation SAL may not be issued for the harvest of oysters in Apalachicola Bay or prohibited species.

(2) Eligibility – A Gear Innovation SAL may be issued only to a person who meets all of the requirements of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) as follows:

(a) An individual who:

1. Holds all of the applicable commercial harvesting licenses, permits, or endorsements required for the fishery requested for harvest pursuant to the SAL;

2. Has at least five years' experience as a commercial harvester in Florida;

3. Except for requests related to the harvest of non-native species, has landings of the species targeted for harvest with the innovative gear; and

4. Has working knowledge of the area where the gear will be tested.

(b) An applicant eligible to receive a Scientific Research SAL pursuant to Rule 68B-8.006, F.A.C.

(3) Fees and Application –

(a) The processing fee for a Gear Innovation SAL is \$25.00. A processing fee is non-refundable.

(b) An applicant for a Gear Innovation SAL must complete and submit a Gear Innovation SAL Application form (Form DMF-GISAL (May 2026)), which is incorporated herein by

reference and is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19568>.

(4) Evaluation Criteria – In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection 68B-8.003(8), F.A.C., an applicant for a Gear Innovation SAL will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

(a) Construction of the proposed gear.

(b) Intended use of the proposed gear and any potential impacts on the marine environment.

(c) Impact on the species targeted for harvest with the proposed gear and any species that may be harvested incidentally.

(d) Benefits to the state through the use of the innovative gear.

(5) License Period – The valid license period for a Gear Innovation SAL shall not exceed 1 year (12 months).

(6) License Conditions –

(a) A licensee must comply with all conditions set forth under a Gear Innovation SAL.

(b) The Commission may include license conditions or restrictions under a Gear Innovation SAL related to the following subjects as they apply to activities authorized under such license:

1. On-site supervision of all activities conducted pursuant to the SAL.

2. Compliance with any commercial regulations established for the species being harvested, including but not limited to seasons, limits on harvest and sale, area closures, size limits, and documentation and reporting requirements for the commercial sale of marine organisms.

(7) A contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to a Gear Innovation SAL.

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### **68B-8.0132 Governmental Purpose Special Activity License; Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption.**

(1) The purpose of a Governmental Purpose SAL is to allow government agencies to use non-conforming gear to meet the needs of public health, safety, or welfare.

(2) Eligibility – A Governmental Purpose SAL may be issued only to a state or federal agency or to a municipal or county government.

(3) Fees and Application –

(a) There is no fee for a Governmental Purpose SAL.

(b) An applicant for a Governmental Purpose SAL must submit a written request that contains the following information:

1. The need for the use of non-conforming gear in furtherance of the public health, safety, or welfare.

2. A detailed description of the proposed gear, an explanation of how it will be used, and any anticipated impacts of the gear on the marine environment.

3. A list of species targeted for harvest with the proposed gear and any anticipated species that may be harvested incidentally.

4. The quantity of targeted species to be harvested necessary to achieve the stated purpose.

5. The center point and corner coordinates of each area where the non-conforming gear will be used.

6. The time period during which the non-conforming gear will be used.

7. A statement from the applicant attesting that the requested activities are sanctioned by the applicant's affiliated governmental agency.

(4) License Conditions –

(a) A licensee must comply with all conditions set forth under a Governmental Purpose SAL.

(b) The Commission may include license conditions or restrictions under a Governmental Purpose SAL related to the following subjects as they apply to activities authorized under such license:

1. Limitations to the minimum area and time necessary to achieve the governmental purpose.

2. Allowable or prohibited harvesting areas, harvesting gears, and authorized activities.

3. Requirements for the sale of a marine organism.

4. Reporting requirements appropriate to the licensed activity.

(5) License Period – The valid license period for a Governmental Purpose SAL will be based on the duration of the proposed activity, provided that it is no longer than is necessary to achieve its stated purpose.

(6) Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption. The purpose of a Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption is to allow for the use of net gear that does not conform to Article X, Section 16 of the Florida Constitution to conduct activities permitted, provided, or required by a governmental agency. A Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption shall only be issued in conjunction with a Marine Turtle Permit, or an Education/Exhibition SAL.

(a) Eligibility – A Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption may be issued only to a person who:

1. Holds an Endangered Species Permit or other such authorization issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service for purposes of marine turtle harvest and relocation, marine turtle research, testing of experimental devices designed to exclude turtles from commercial harvesting gear, or conducting marine turtle population assessments in a specified area.

2. Serves as a support unit for the Florida Department of Education who operates a facility on behalf of the State of

Florida to provide marine services support for state agencies and institutions.

(b) Fees and Application –

1. There is no fee for a Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption.

2. An application for a Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption must be submitted in the form of a written request from an eligible applicant. The written request for an exemption must be accompanied by a copy of a valid Marine Turtle Permit or a valid Education/Exhibition SAL, or with the application for an Education/Exhibition SAL.

(7) Emergency Response – The Commission may impose additional conditions or may provide additional exemptions, including authorization to harvest, collect, or possess prohibited species, when a Governmental Purpose SAL is issued for emergency response purposes, such as fish kills or other natural or manmade disasters.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 7-1-26.*

**68B-8.0133 Nonprofit Corporation Special Activity License.**

(1) The purpose of a Nonprofit Corporation SAL is to allow for a nonprofit corporation to use non-conforming gear and to harvest and sell marine organisms to scientific research, education, or exhibition entities to financially support scientific research, education, or exhibition activities conducted by such nonprofit corporation.

(2) Eligibility – To obtain a Nonprofit Corporation SAL a nonprofit corporation must meet the following criteria:

(a) The nonprofit corporation must be designated as non-profit pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(c)3 and must have a current letter of tax-exempt status.

(b) The bylaws of the nonprofit corporation must provide for, and its activities must include, the harvest of marine organisms for purposes of scientific research, education, or exhibition that further the knowledge of marine biology, marine life, or the marine environment.

(c) The nonprofit corporation must hold and maintain a valid commercial Saltwater Products License, a Wholesale Dealer License, and a Retail Dealer License, along with any other applicable commercial harvesting licenses, permits, or endorsements required for each species requested for harvest and sale pursuant to the SAL.

(3) Fees and Application –

(a) The processing fee for a Nonprofit Corporation SAL is \$25.00. A processing fee is non-refundable.

(b) An applicant for a Nonprofit Corporation SAL must complete and submit a Nonprofit Corporation SAL Application form (Form DMF-NPSAL (May 2026)), which is incorporated

herein by reference and is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19569>.

(4) License Conditions –

(a) A licensee must comply with all conditions set forth under a Nonprofit Corporation SAL.

(b) The Commission may include conditions or restrictions under a Nonprofit Corporation SAL related to the following subjects as they apply to activities authorized under such license:

1. The sale of marine organisms.

2. Allowable or prohibited harvesting areas, harvesting gears, authorized personnel, and authorized activities.

3. Documentation and reporting requirements for the commercial sale of marine organisms.

(5) License Period – The valid license period for a Nonprofit Corporation SAL shall not exceed 3 years (36 months).

(6) A contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to a Nonprofit Corporation SAL.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 7-1-26.

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 4, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: December 5, 2025

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Division of Workforce Services**

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:  
 73B-21.010 Briefs and Motions  
 73B-21.011 Supplemental Evidence

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To clarify that documents filed with the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission must be contemporaneously served on the opposing party; to remove language limiting the methods of service; and to clarify the Commission’s scope of review regarding supplemental evidence.

SUMMARY: The amendments to Rule 73B-21.010 clarify that documents filed with the Commission shall be contemporaneously served on the opposing party and remove language limiting the methods that parties can serve such documents. The amendment to Rule 73B-21.011 defines what administrative record means for purposes of the rule’s application.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The proposed rules amend established hearing procedures for reemployment assistance appeals and have no economic impact. Based on the information at the time of the analysis and pursuant to Section 120.541, Florida Statutes, the rules will not require legislative ratification.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 443.012(11), FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 443.151(4)(d), FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Katie Sabo, Executive Senior Attorney, Reemployment Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Ste. 300, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850)692-0157, [katie.sabo@raac.myflorida.com](mailto:katie.sabo@raac.myflorida.com).

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**73B-21.010 Briefs and Motions.**

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) Briefs, motions or requests may be provided ~~transmitted~~ by hand delivery, courier, mail, email, or fax to the Office of the Clerk of the Commission and shall be considered filed when received by the Commission. A copy of all briefs, motions, or requests shall also be provided to served on the opposing party or parties on the same date as provided to the Commission by hand delivery, courier, or by mail.

*Rulemaking Authority 443.012(11) FS. Law Implemented 443.151(4)(d) FS. History–New 5-22-80, Formerly 38E-3.04, Amended 8-20-86, Formerly 38E-3.004, 60BB-7.004, 73B-22.004, Amended 6-6-24.*

**73B-21.011 Supplemental Evidence.**

Notwithstanding subsection 73B-21.008(2), F.A.C., the Commission can consider supplemental evidence under the circumstances as set forth in this rule. Any evidence considered

under this rule will be marked as an exhibit and moved into the record.

- (1) No change.
- (2) Administrative Records.

(a) If the record on appeal indicates that material evidence could be present in the administrative ~~record~~ ~~records of the Florida Department of Commerce~~, the Commission will investigate whether such evidence exists. For purposes of this rule, administrative record means records generated by the Florida Department of Commerce and the Florida Department of Revenue as the agent of the Florida Department of Commerce relating to reemployment assistance tax services. This does not include evidence that a party should have provided the referee prior to the hearing in accordance with Rule 73B-20.015, F.A.C.

- (b) through (c) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 443.012(11) FS. Law Implemented 443.151(4)(d) FS. History--New 5-22-80, Formerly 38E-3.05, Amended 8-20-86, Formerly 38E-3.005, 60BB-7.005, 73B-22.005, Amended 6-6-24,\_\_\_*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Katie Sabo, Executive Senior Attorney  
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission (Charles T. Faircloth, Chair; Geri Atkinson-Hazelton, Commissioner; and Thomas D. Epsky, Commissioner)  
DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 19, 2025  
DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: April 1, 2026

### Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**FSC - Financial Institution Regulation**

RULE NO.:           RULE TITLE:  
69U-100.0977   Gold Coin and Silver Coin, State Banks as  
                          Depository and Custodian of Public Gold  
                          Coin and Silver Coin

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL**

Notice is hereby given that the above rule, as noticed in Vol. 51 No. 137, July 16, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register has been withdrawn.

### Section IV Emergency Rules

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 HEALTH**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 09, 2026, the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, received a petition for variance and waiver submitted by Jenna G. Green, RMHCI, Petitioner. Petitioner is seeking a variance and waiver from subsections 64B4-3.0085(2) and (4), F.A.C. Petitioner requests that the Board grant the requested waiver/variance from subsections 64B4-3.0085(2) and (4), F.A.C. which states that an intern is required to identify a qualified supervisor by requesting that the supervisor submit a letter to the Board with the applicant’s name, supervisor’s name, supervisor’s license number, and a statement that he or she has agreed to provide supervision while the applicant is a registered intern. And an experience obtained under the supervision of a qualified supervisor will not count toward completion of the experience requirement until the registered intern has received board approval of the qualified supervisor. Petitioner requests a waiver of the application of subsections 64B4-3.0085(2) and (4), F.A.C., to obtain her application for full licensure. Petitioner also requests the Board approve her pending application for full mental health counselor licensure in the State of Florida, which was previously submitted.

Comments on the petition should be filed with the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – [Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov](mailto:Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov), within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, at the above address.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B20-2.002 Educational Requirements

The Board of Speech Language Pathology, and Audiology hereby gives notice: has received a petition for variance and waiver filed by Alejandra Valeria Peralba on March 19, 2026. Petitioner sought a variance or waiver of Rule 64B20-2.002, F.A.C., which requires educational requirements and Rule 64B20-4.002, F.A.C., which requires educational requirements for assistants. On April 13, 2026, the Petition for Variance and Waiver was WITHDRAWN. The Notice of Petition published March 30, 2026, in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 52, Number 61.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: 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](mailto:mqa.speechlanguage@flhealth.gov)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

73C-23.0041 Application Process

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 03, 2026, the Florida Department of Commerce, received a petition for Waiver of the funding ceiling requirements of paragraph 73C-23.0041(2)(c), F.A.C., from the Town of Greenville, Florida. Paragraph 73C-23.0041(2)(c), F.A.C, limits the amount of funds that an applicant may request for an Economic Development subgrant under the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Karis De Gannes, Agency Clerk, Florida Department of Commerce, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 110, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; [agency.clerk@commerce.fl.gov](mailto:agency.clerk@commerce.fl.gov); (850)245-7150.

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

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

PLACE: City of Stuart Emergency Operations Center, 800 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34994

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Treasure Coast Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold its quarterly meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or [lgulick@tcrpc.org](mailto:lgulick@tcrpc.org)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or [lgulick@tcrpc.org](mailto:lgulick@tcrpc.org). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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.

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 15, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, 466 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Coco Vista Centre, Suite 111, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will hold its monthly board meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or [lgulick@tcrpc.org](mailto:lgulick@tcrpc.org)

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## REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

## Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 7, 2026, 2:00 p.m., PLACE: Council Offices, 421 SW Camden Avenue, Stuart, FL 34994

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee will hold its bi-monthly meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Stephanie Heidt at (772)221-4060 or sheidt@tcrpc.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Stephanie Heidt at (772)221-4060 or sheidt@tcrpc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Stephanie Heidt at (772)221-4060 or sheidt@tcrpc.org

## REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

## Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 15, 2026, 8:45 a.m. (prior to the regular Council meeting)

PLACE: St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization, Coco Vista Centre, 466 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Suite 111, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's Budget and Personnel Committee will meet to discuss Council's proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.org

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## DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

## Construction Industry Licensing Board

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

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 30, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

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

<https://meet.goto.com/519882189>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 519-882-189

United States: +1(571)317-3116

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

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jordan Jones, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1039, (850)717-1983 or online at <https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/construction-industry/board-meeting-information/>

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Jordan Jones, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1039, (850)717-1983 or online at <https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/construction-industry/board-meeting-information/>. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Jordan Jones, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1039, (850)717-1983 or online at <https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/construction-industry/board-meeting-information/>

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## Board of Pharmacy

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

DATE AND TIME: May 7, 2026, 9:00 a.m., E.T.  
 PLACE: 1(888)585-9008, Participant Code: 599196982(#)  
 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The panel will conduct a meeting related to public disciplinary cases with reconsiderations.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [floridaspharmacy.gov](http://floridaspharmacy.gov)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)245-4474. 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.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Children's Medical Services

The Department of Health/ Division of Children's Medical Services/ Early Steps Program announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 29, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., ET  
 PLACE: Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2601414685310?p=reSPdNRo0dcxMkL2m5>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Discussion of the upcoming Quarterly Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT) Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [FICCIT@flhealth.gov](mailto:FICCIT@flhealth.gov)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: [FICCIT@flhealth.gov](mailto:FICCIT@flhealth.gov). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: [FICCIT@flhealth.gov](mailto:FICCIT@flhealth.gov)

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#### DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., EST

PLACE: Microsoft Teams Direct Link:

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/7e9f317c-cca9-4a9b-ac36-4faf15cdcf71@f70dba48-b283-4c57-8831-cb411445a94c>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This meeting will discuss suicide risk for specific occupations, particularly first responders.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dept. of Children and Families Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention Staff: Jessica Felts ((850)717-4789, [jessica.felts@myflfamilies.com](mailto:jessica.felts@myflfamilies.com)) or Daniela Santos ((850)717-4596, [daniela.santos@myflfamilies.com](mailto:daniela.santos@myflfamilies.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: Jessica Felts, Dept. of Children and Families, (850)717-4789, [jessica.felts@myflfamilies.com](mailto:jessica.felts@myflfamilies.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).

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#### FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

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

DATE AND TIME: May 1, 2026, 8:30 a.m. until adjourned  
 PLACE: Sheraton Orlando North Hotel, 600 North Lake Destiny Road, Maitland, FL 32751

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 1. Consider financing and acknowledgement resolutions for various multifamily developments, under any multifamily program, including the ranking of developments.

2. Consider appointment of professionals including but not limited to trustee and/or originator/servicer for upcoming and/or past multifamily programs and single-family programs.

3. Consider approval of all bond documents for and terms of all upcoming single-family and multifamily bond sales, including those secured by third-party guarantors, letters-of-credit, insurance or other mechanisms.

4. Consider adopting resolutions authorizing negotiated or competitive sale of bonds on various single-family and multifamily issues.

5. Consider directing Staff to submit summaries of various TEFRA/Public Hearings to the Governor.

6. Consideration of policy issues concerning ongoing and upcoming single-family bond issues including initiation of request for proposals on an emergency basis and structuring new issues.

7. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the Multifamily Bond Program.

8. Consideration of approval of underwriters for inclusion on approved master list and teams.
  9. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the HOME Rental Program.
  10. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the HC (Housing Credits) Program.
  11. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the SAIL (State Apartment Incentive Loan) Program.
  12. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the SHIP (State Housing Initiatives Partnership) Program.
  13. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the PLP (Predevelopment Loan) Program.
  14. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to the Homeownership Programs.
  15. Consideration of all necessary actions for initiating new rules or rule amendments on an emergency or non-emergency basis.
  16. Consideration of Appeals from Requests for Applications funding selection with entry of final orders.
  17. Consideration of workouts or modifications for existing projects funded by the Corporation.
  18. Consideration of matters relating to the stated purpose of the Corporation to provide safe and sanitary housing that is affordable for the residents of Florida.
  19. Consideration of funding additional reserves for the Guarantee Fund.
  20. Consideration of audit issues.
  21. Evaluation of professional and consultant performance.
  22. Such other matters as may be included on the Agenda for the May 1, 2026, Board Meeting.
- A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lauren Cronin, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329, phone number (850)488-4197, or by visiting the Corporation's website at [www.floridahousing.org](http://www.floridahousing.org).
- Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
- 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: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The FHFC II, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 01, 2026, 11:00 a.m., or upon adjournment of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors meeting, until adjourned.

PLACE: Sheraton Orlando North Hotel, 600 North Lake Destiny Road, Maitland, FL 32751

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 1. Conduct business necessary for the organization of FHFC II, Inc.

2. Consider adopting resolutions delegating operational authority to the Executive Director.

3. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to any property owned or held by FHFC II, Inc.

4. Consideration of approval of underwriters for inclusion on approved master list and teams.

5. Consideration of all necessary actions for initiating new rules or rule amendments on an emergency or non-emergency basis.

6. Consideration of status, workouts, or modifications for existing projects.

7. Consideration of matters relating to the statutory purpose of FHFC II, Inc., to provide safe and sanitary housing that is affordable for the residents of Florida.

8. Such other matters as may be included on the Agenda for the May 01, 2026, Board Meeting.

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

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For more information, you may contact: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The FHFC III, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 01, 2026, 11:15 a.m., or upon adjournment of the FHFC II, Inc. Board of Directors meeting, until adjourned.

PLACE: Sheraton Orlando North Hotel, 600 North Lake Destiny Road, Maitland, FL 32751

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 1. Conduct business necessary for the organization of FHFC III, Inc.

2. Consider adopting resolutions delegating operational authority to the Executive Director.

3. Consideration of all necessary actions with regard to any property owned or held by FHFC III, Inc.

4. Consideration of approval of underwriters for inclusion on approved master list and teams.

5. Consideration of all necessary actions for initiating new rules or rule amendments on an emergency or non-emergency basis.

6. Consideration of status, workouts, or modifications for existing projects.

7. Consideration of matters relating to the statutory purpose of FHFC III, Inc., to provide safe and sanitary housing that is affordable for the residents of Florida.

8. Such other matters as may be included on the Agenda for the May 01, 2026, Board Meeting.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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: Lauren Cronin at the Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

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

DATE AND TIME: April 24, 2026, 10:30 a.m. (Tallahassee local time)

PLACE: The offices of Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct a TEFRA hearing concerning the potential future issuance of tax-exempt bonds or notes by Florida Housing pursuant to a plan of finance to provide additional financing for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of the following multifamily residential rental development in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,000,000.

The proposed Development is Kissimmee Cove, a 73-unit multifamily residential rental development located at 1790 North Hoagland Blvd., Osceola County, Kissimmee, FL 34741. The owner and operator of the development is HTG Kissimmee Cove, LLC located at 3225 Aviation Ave., 6th Floor, Miami, FL 33133 or such successor in interest in which HTG Kissimmee Cove, LLC or an affiliate thereof, is a managing member, general partner and/or controlling shareholder. The prospective manager of the proposed development is HTG Management, LLC located at 3225 Aviation Ave., Miami, FL 33133.

All interested parties may present oral comments at the public TEFRA hearing or submit written comments regarding the potential bond or note issuance pursuant to a plan of finance for the development being financed. Written comments should be received by Florida Housing by 5:00 p.m. (Tallahassee local time), April 21, 2026, and should be addressed to the attention of Jade Grubbs, Multifamily Loans and Bonds Director. Any persons desiring to present oral comments should appear at the hearing.

If requested in writing, a fact-finding hearing will be held in the county where the property is located. When possible, the local hearing will be held before the formal TEFRA hearing and comments received at the local hearing will be placed on record at the TEFRA hearing.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact Jade Grubbs, Multifamily Loans and Bonds Director, Florida Housing Finance Corporation at (850)488-4197 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing impaired, please contact Florida Housing using the Dual Party Relay

System that can be reached at 1(800)955-8770 (Voice) and 1(800)955-8771 (TDD).

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by Florida Housing with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings be made, which will include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jade Grubbs, Multifamily Loans and Bonds Director

For more information, you may contact: Jade Grubbs, Multifamily Loans and Bonds Director

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PALM BEACH/TREASURE COAST, INC.**

The Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Community Room at 4400 N. Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Advisory Council Executive Committee will discuss general business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lee Hardy, lhardy@aaapbtc.org; (561)684-5885; ext. 59237

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Lee Hardy, lhardy@aaapbtc.org; (561)684-5885; ext. 59237. 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: Lee Hardy, lhardy@aaapbtc.org; (561)684-5885; ext. 59237

**CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING IN CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.**

The Center For Independent Living in Central Florida, INC announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 17, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: 720 North Denning Drive, Winter Park FL 32789

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Executive Committee

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Josue Obando (407)961-5539

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by

contacting: Josue Obando (407)961-5539. 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).

**METRIC ENGINEERING, INC.**

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

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 30, 2026, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., EDT

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

In-Person: Thomasville Road Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 3131 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a hybrid public meeting concerning the State Road (S.R.) 61 (Thomasville Road) from north of 9th Avenue to south of Maclay Road resurfacing project in Leon County.

Those unable to participate virtually may attend the in-person meeting. Pre-registration is required for the virtual format and encouraged for the in-person attendees. The same materials will be presented for each format.

The intent of this project is to resurface all existing travel lanes, auxiliary lanes, median crossovers, and paved shoulders/bike lanes. Project improvements include the installation of new traffic signals at Hermitage Boulevard, updated street lighting, and replacement of pedestrian signals, curb ramps, and sidewalks, as needed, to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Planned safety improvements for SR 61 at Colonial Drive & Pine Street include:

- Convert the full median opening at Colonial Drive to a directional median.
- Close the full median opening at Pine Street.
- Add gore striping along the outside northbound lane near Colonial Drive to delay the transition of SR 61 from a 4-lane to 6-lane roadway to north of Colonial Drive.

Planned safety improvements for SR 61 at Capital Plaza Unsignalized Entrance:

- Close the full median opening at the Capital Plaza Unsignalized Entrance.

No additional right of way is required. Bids for construction are anticipated to occur in late 2027.

The project information can be accessed online beginning at 12 p.m. (EDT) Thursday, April 9, 2026 at [www.nwflroads.com/calendar](http://www.nwflroads.com/calendar). FDOT representatives are available to discuss the proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments via telephone, email or U.S. Mail.

Please visit the project website at [www.nwflroads.com/calendar](http://www.nwflroads.com/calendar) or contact Ricky Dodd, Project

Manager, at (850)845-0294, or via email at ricky.dodd@dot.state.fl.us.

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

Persons wishing to submit written or verbal comments may do so at the hearing or may contact the Project Manager using the information provided above.

The deadline to submit official comments related to this project update is Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

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

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: the FDOT Project Manager using the information above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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

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

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Health (Department) has received the petition for declaratory statement from Katie A. Edwards-Walpole, P.A., acting on behalf of Arion Holdings, L.L.C., on January 30, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Chapter 403, F.S., as it applies to the petitioner.

The petition requests that the Department answer several questions regarding (1) whether Department of Health in Palm Beach County (DOH-PBC) (as a local pollution control program) has the legislative authority to issue permits under Part 1, Chapter 403, F.S. (air installation permits); (2) the force and effect of the 2013 and 2014 agreements, attached to the Petition, which comprise the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) delegation of its Solid Waste Program to DOH-PBC, and DOH-PBC's authority to issue and deny permits and determine permit exemptions pursuant to the delegation; (3) whether DEP and DOH-PBC have legislative jurisdiction to determine exemptions from solid waste permitting or issuing permits pursuant to section 403.701, F.S.

and (4) whether there is a delegation agreement between DOH and/or DOH-PBC over general permitting authority under Part IV, Chapter 403, F.S., specifically the solid waste facility permit currently being processed as identified in the Petition. Motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days of publication of this notice and must contain the information required in Rule 28-105.0027(2), Florida Administrative Code. A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Cathy Linton at (561)671-4009 or at cathy.linton@flhealth.gov. Please refer all comments to: Cathy Linton at the contact information previously listed.

#### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

##### Finance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Office of Financial Regulation has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by EraTree Inc on February 23, 2026. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

On April 14, 2026, a Final Order on the Petition was issued. Under the specific set of facts stated in Petitioner's proposed business model, including that Petitioner never receives or transmits funds, Petitioner would not be a "money transmitter" pursuant to section 560.103(23), Florida Statutes. \*\*The original petition was published February 24, 2026 in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 52, Number 37.

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

Please refer all comments to: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

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

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

NONE

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

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 North Florida  
 UNF RFQ-26-19 Mathews Computer Science Building Phase 1 & 2 A&E Services  
 NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS  
 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
 UNF RFQ-26-19 Mathews Computer Science Building Phase 1&2 A&E Services  
 The University of North Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate, announces that professional A&E services are required for the Mathews Computer Science Building Phase 1 & 2 A&E Services project located at the University of North Florida, Building #15, 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224.  
 Project information  
 This is a two-phase project; the selected A&E firm will be awarded both phases. The first phase includes the renovation of the existing three-story Mathews Computer Science Building, as well as the programming and schematic design of the four-story addition to the Mathews Computer Science Advanced Computing Building.  
 The proposed schedule for this project is:  
 Advertisement April 16, 2026  
 Pre-Proposal (Non-Mandatory) Meeting April 28, 2026, 10:30 a.m.  
 Deadline for Questions May 4, 2026, 12:00 noon  
 Response to Questions May 7, 2026  
 Submittals Due May 19, 2026, 2:00 p.m.  
 Responses will only be accepted electronically through the UNF Bid Portal. Responses delivered in-person, by mail, by fax, or by email will be deemed non-responsive.

Solicitation documents, forms, descriptive project information and selection criteria may be obtained online at the UNF Procurement Services website at <https://bids.sciquest.com/apps/Router/PublicEvent?CustomerOrg=UNF>.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
 New College of Florida  
 LEGAL NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION FOR NEW STUDENT HOUSING DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES LARGE DORMS  
 ITN102225SHDBL  
 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING PROCEDURES OF THE CONSULTANT’S COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION ACT, CHAPTER 287.055, LAWS OF FLORIDA  
 The Board of Trustees of New College of Florida (NCF) announces that design-build professional services will be required from qualified vendors registered in the State of Florida to provide construction services for large dorm building.  
 Responders to the ITN will be required to show State licenses for all trades that are required to have licenses and that are employed as contractors or sub-contractors.  
 Applicants for the Design-Build must apply in writing for consideration.  
 Interested vendors must submit the information required by the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) application packet. Submissions shall include details of the firm’s abilities and previous experience with respect to State funded projects, projects in education institutions and for facilities similar to those found on the campus of New College in Florida. Also required is a synopsis of the firm’s qualifications and resumes of key personnel in accordance with Standard Federal Form 330.  
 Invitation to Negotiate for Design-Build Services, ITN#102225SHDBL, may be viewed and downloaded from the College’s Procurement web Page: (<https://www.ncf.edu/departments/procurement-services/>).  
 Interested parties may also receive additional information, or request a copy of the ITN document via e-mail only to [contracts@ncf.edu](mailto:contracts@ncf.edu) with ITN102225SHDBL in the subject line.  
 Written questions regarding this ITN from shortlisted firms must be submitted no later than June 12, 2026 3:00 p.m. All questions and responses will only be posted to the NCF Procurement’s web page listed above by June 26, 2026 by 3:00 p.m.  
 Deliver seven (7) copies of the printed, one (1) electronic copy on a physical storage device and a completed Statement of Qualification to New College of Florida, Office of Procurement, Palmer D, 227B- Reception located on first floor, 5800 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota, FL 34243-2109. Deliver to Attention: Aimee Jones, Strategic Sourcing and Contracts

Manager, no later than May 6, 2026 at 3 p.m. No electronic submittals will be accepted. The College will not be responsible for any delays in delivery nor for any costs associated with the preparation.

The Design-Build Selection Committee will hold a public meeting via Zoom, on a date to be released in early May 2026 to review and score the received and accepted ITN responses. The link can be found on the College’s Procurement web page <https://www.ncf.edu/about/departments-and-offices/procurement-services/> Under the resources, select Current Bids/RFIs/RFPs/ITNs.

Following a short-listing review, a number of firms may be asked to participate in a discussion and interview with the Selection Committee on a date to be determined.

Firms who submitted a completed Statement of Qualification and who are shortlisted will be notified in writing of any changes to the above discussion and interview date at least five (5) days prior to the discussion and interview date. Any changes will be posted on College’s Procurement web page: (<https://www.ncf.edu/departments/procurement-services/> Under the resources, select Current Bids/RFIs/RFPs/ITNs).

Any addenda to the ITN will be available on the College’s Procurement web page noted above two (2) days before the noted submission date.

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**REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS**

Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council

Request For Quotes

Pediatric Restraint Equipment Request for Quotes

The Northeast Florida Regional Council is issuing a Request for Quotes from qualified vendors to provide pricing for pediatric restraints for safe EMS transport. Specifics are more fully detailed in the Request for Bid located on the webpage <http://www.nefrc.org>

Questions should be submitted via email, addressed to [dstarling@nefrc.org](mailto:dstarling@nefrc.org).

Response submission deadline is 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time Zone, Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Responses received after this date and time WILL NOT be considered.

**EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITIES**

Greater Miami Expressway Agency (GMX)

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

The following is an upcoming GMX procurement opportunity:

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

GMX PROCUREMENT/contract NO.: ITB-26-10

GMX WORK PROGRAM NO.: 40052-000.060

GMX PROJECT/SERVICE TITLE: CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR SR 924 OPERATIONAL

IMPROVEMENTS AT NW 32 AVENUE TO WEST OF NW 27 AVENUE

For detailed information please visit the Procurement Department website at <http://www.gmx-way.com/business/solicitations>, or call the Procurement Department at (305)637-3277 for assistance.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RFP No. 25/26-085, Public Private Partnership (P3) to Design, Build and Finance a Public Safety Complex in Clay County  
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY TO DESIGN, BUILD AND FINANCE A PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX IN CLAY COUNTY

Proposals shall include Design, Construction and Finance Options to build a Public Safety Complex and related site improvements. Clay County has secured a 53+/- acre site for this combined public safety and training campus.

The Public Safety Complex will be located on Rosemary Hill Road.

The Public Safety Complex shall be a shared use facility supporting the Sheriff, Fire Rescue, Emergency Management and other county operations.

Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 04, 2026, for the following: RFP No. 25/26-085, Public Private Partnership (P3) to Design, Build and Finance a Public Safety Complex in Clay County.

Bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter, on Friday, June 05, 2026, in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room “B”, Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida and through the County’s electronic bidding system as well. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.

The solicitation package is available at:

<https://procurement.opengov.com/PORTAL/claycounty?STATUS=ALL>.

In order to submit a response to this solicitation the respondent must be registered on Clay County’s Public Portal.

For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact Jessica Loos in the Purchasing Department at (904)284-6388 or by email: [purchasing@claycountygov.com](mailto:purchasing@claycountygov.com).

Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for bids in any respect during the Request for Bid Period. The Request for Bid Period during which no contact may occur commences from the date of publication of the notice of a Request for Bids and ends upon a Bid Decision becoming final, i.e. after the notice of bid protest

period of 72 hours has expired. However, in the event of a notice of protest, the no contact rule continues in place during the Protest Period and does not end until a resolution of the protest has occurred and become final. The following exceptions exist to the no-contact rule:

Inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department if specifically provided in the Request for Bids;

Pre-bid conferences provided for in the Request for Bids; and Formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.

The Board reserves the right and power to reject any and all Bids without cause and to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the Request for Bids or submittal of any Bid, and in its discretion to re-advertise the Request for Bids. The Board reserves the right to award Bids, quotes, or Proposals which would be in the Best Interest of the County. Interested suppliers are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at:

<https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/vendor-information>.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

**BBICMINC**

**UF Broward Hall North Site Improvements**

BBI Construction Management, Inc. will be accepting bids for subcontractor participation on the HS26504 – UF Broward Hall North Site Improvements, for The University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida for the following trades:

02 Surveying; 02A Site Demo/Prep, 03 Concrete, 05 Metal Railings, 32 Landscaping; 32A Site Furnishings (Install)

A PRE-BID MEETING: will be held Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the University of Florida Broward Hall (North Entrance), 680 Broward Dr., Gainesville, FL 32612.

Parking- on-site parking is limited. Additional parking information for surface lots and parking garages can be found

at <https://taps.ufl.edu/> or by calling (352)392-7275. Please plan in advance.

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

Bids exceeding \$150,000 must be sealed and either MAILED or HAND DELIVERED to: BBI Construction Management, Inc., 4639 NW 53rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32653. ALL BIDS DUE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, April 28th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Construction will begin at the end of the UF spring semester - May, 2026 and will conclude in July, 2026.

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

**MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Proceeding With Unsolicited Proposal For The Martin County Operations Facility**

Pursuant to Section 255.065(3)(D), Florida Statutes

On October 31, 2025, Martin County (County), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, received a public-private-partnership (P3) unsolicited proposal from Building Tomorrow’s Schools, Inc. (BTS) to deliver a new Maintenance and Operations Facility by July 2027 located in unincorporated Martin County.

On December 2, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) held the first duly noticed public meeting pursuant to section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, wherein the County presented and heard public comment regarding BTS’s unsolicited proposal. After the staff presentation and request for public comment, the BOCC voted 3 to 1 in favor of moving the unsolicited proposal to its second publicly noticed meeting of the BOCC to determine if the unsolicited proposal is in the public’s interest.

On February 24, 2026, the BOCC conducted its second duly noticed public meeting on BTS’s unsolicited proposal pursuant to section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes. The County Attorney’s Office provided an overview of the process required under section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, including the five (5) factors the BOCC must consider for its determination of the public’s interest; the proposed Resolution 26-2.50 for the BOCC’s consideration; and, that if the unsolicited proposal is determined to be in the public interest the process will commence with County staff and BTS to prepare a comprehensive agreement for the Martin County Operations

Facility. The comprehensive agreement will need to comply with the requirements of section 255.065, Florida Statutes. The BOCC then heard public comment from the public at the meeting and there was no negative public comment for the project that needs to be addressed. The BOCC engaged in discussion regarding BTS's unsolicited proposal after hearing all public comments, the BOCC passed Resolution No. 26-2.50 finding BTS's unsolicited proposal for the Martin County Operations Facility was in the public's interest in a vote of 4 to 1.

In making its decision, the County considered all public comment, none of which was against the project and therefore no public comment needs to be specifically addressed.

BTS's unsolicited proposal, the BOCC's December 2, 2025, and February 24, 2026, duly noticed public meetings (including the agenda memos, back-up documents, presentations and which are all incorporated in this report by reference) are all available below at:

1. <https://martin.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1335648&GUID=4AEEB6F0-81B5-42EB-B831-582B60BE412B&Search> (December 2, 2025, Public Meeting)

2. <https://martin.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1355637&GUID=56A711CB-5933-42E9-BC65-92D039155891&Search> (February 24, 2026, Public Meeting)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2.50

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY BUILDING TOMORROW'S SCHOOLS INC. FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARTIN COUNTY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FACILITY IS IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST PURSUANT TO SECTION 255.065, FLORIDA STATUTES WHEREAS, on December 2, 2025, at a duly noticed Martin County Board of County Commissioners meeting, pursuant to section 255.065, Florida Statutes, Building Tomorrow's Schools Inc.'s, (BTS) unsolicited proposal to construct a Maintenance and Operations Facility on County property located at 2251 SW Kanner Hwy, Stuart, Florida, in Martin County was presented and affected public entities and members of the public had an opportunity to provide comment; and WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") accepted the unsolicited proposal after staff's presentation and public comment and directed staff to engage in the evaluation process delineated in section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the County engaged professionals to assist in evaluating the unsolicited proposal; and

WHEREAS, under section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, the Board is required to determine whether BTS's unsolicited

proposal is in the public's interest at a second public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board had a second public meeting on February 24, 2026 to determine whether the unsolicited proposal was in the public's interest and to hear public comment; and

WHEREAS, at the second public meeting, the Board evaluated the following factors presented by staff, with the assistance of the retained professionals, to determine whether BTS's unsolicited proposal is in the public's interest:

1. The benefits to the public.
2. The financial structure of and the economic efficiencies achieved by the proposal.
3. The qualifications and experience of the private entity that submitted the proposal and such entity's ability to perform the project.
4. The project's compatibility with regional infrastructure plans.
5. Public comments submitted at the meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THAT:

A. The Board finds BTS's unsolicited proposal in the public's interest as follows:

1. The benefit to the public. The proposal provides measurable public benefits through consolidation of multiple County departments into a centrally located facility, improved operational and administrative efficiency, enhanced emergency response coordination, and relocation of County operations from airport property to other County owned property.
2. The financial structure of and the economic efficiencies achieved by the proposal. The proposed financial structure and delivery method are financially feasible and are anticipated to reduce project delivery time, lower lifecycle costs, and achieve economic efficiencies when compared to traditional delivery methods.
3. The qualifications and experience of the private entity that submitted the proposal and such entity's ability to perform the project. Building Tomorrow's Schools, Inc. has completed over 50 public projects and demonstrates the qualifications, experience, and capacity necessary to design, construct, and deliver a complex, multi-department County Maintenance and Operations Facility in accordance with the proposal.
4. The project's compatibility with regional infrastructure plans. The project is compatible with applicable regional infrastructure plans and is consistent with the County's Capital Improvement Plan and the Federal Aviation Administration approved Voluntary Corrective Action Plan, supporting long-term facilities planning and strategic objectives.
5. Public comments submitted at the meeting. The Board of County Commissioners requested public comment at the

December 2, 2025, public meeting. The Board heard public comments at the February 24, 2026, meeting (second publicly noticed meeting). There was no negative public comment; and accordingly, no public comment needs to be specifically addressed. Additionally, the public will have the opportunity to provide public comments prior to the County entering into a comprehensive agreement with BTS.

B. The Chief Procurement Officer is directed to publish a report in the Florida Administrative Register for at least seven (7) days that includes (1) the public interest determination; (2) the factors considered in the making such public interest determination; and (c) the findings based on each factor.

The vote was as follows:

- Chair Sarah Heard Yes
- Vice Chair Edward V. Ciampi Yes
- Commissioner Stacey Heatherington Yes
- Commissioner J. Blake Capps Yes
- Commissioner Eileen Vargas No

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

Board of County Commissioners Martin County, Florida  
Sarah Heard, Chair

Approved As To Form & Legal Sufficiency  
Frank Moehrle for Elysse Elder, County Attorney

ATTEST:

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

**CITY OF FT. LAUDERDALE**

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL FROM IKE SMART CITY, ACCEPTING UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL FROM IKE SMART CITY AND INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION, FINANCING, OPERATION, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has received an unsolicited proposal from a private entity pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, for the design, installation, financing, operation, and maintenance of a citywide network of interactive digital kiosks. The City of Fort Lauderdale will accept other proposals for the same project on or before the twenty-first (21) day after April 16, 2026. Other proposals for the same project must be received in writing in the City of Fort Lauderdale City Manager’s Office, 101 NE Third Avenue, Suite 2100, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301, before 5:00 p.m. local time on May 7, 2026.

David R. Soloman, City Clerk

Publish:

Florida Administrative Register: April 16, 2026, and April 23, 2026

South Florida Sun Sentinel: April 16, 2026, and April 23, 2026

**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., Thursday, April 9, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5J-7.004	4/14/2026	5/4/2026
5J-21.001	4/10/2026	4/30/2026
5J-21.008	4/10/2026	4/30/2026
5J-21.010	4/10/2026	4/30/2026
5J-21.011	4/10/2026	4/30/2026
5JER26-2	4/13/2026	5/1/2026
14-78.005	4/9/2026	4/29/2026
14-79.006	4/9/2026	4/29/2026
59A-4.107	4/15/2026	5/5/2026
59A-4.1075	4/15/2026	5/5/2026
59A-8.002	4/15/2026	5/5/2026
59A-8.008	4/15/2026	5/5/2026

**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 TRANSPORTATION

Proposed Airport Site Approval Order for Alan B. Miller Medical Center Helistop

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Department of Transportation intends to issue an “Airport Site Approval Order,” in accordance with Chapter

330, Florida Statutes, "Regulation of Aircraft, Pilots, and Airports" and Chapter 14-60, Florida Administrative Code, "Airport Licensing, Registration, and Airspace Protection" for the following site:

Alan B. Miller Medical Center Helistop, a private airport, in Palm Beach County, at Latitude 26° 52' 38.510" and Longitude 80° 7' 24.780", to be owned and operated by Pasteur Commercial Investments LLC, 367 South Gulph Road King of Prussia, PA 19406.

A copy of the Airport Site Approval Order, the Airport's application, the applicable rules, and other pertinent information may be obtained by contacting David Roberts, State Aviation Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, Aviation Office, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 46, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450; (850)414-4514; aviation.fdot@dot.state.fl.us. Website: <http://www.fdot.gov/aviation>.

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING RIGHTS:** Any person whose substantial interests will be determined or affected by this Airport Site Approval Order has the right, pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, to petition for an administrative hearing. The petition for an administrative hearing must conform to the requirements of Rule Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and must be filed, in writing, within twenty-one days of the publication of this notice, with the Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Office of General Counsel, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 58, Room 550, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450. Failure to file a petition within the allowed time constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to request a hearing under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

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### 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.

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