CHAIR CARLOS BERUFF
APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
Education: Stetson University
University of South Florida
Occupation: Real Estate Developer; CEO, Medallion Homes
Highlights: Member, Board of Trustees, State College of Florida; Member, Governing
Board, Southwest Florida Water Management District; Member, Sarasota Manatee
Airport Authority Board

DR. JOSE “PEPE” ARMAS
APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
Education: Catholic University in Santiago, Dominican Republic, M.D.
Mt. Sinai Medical Center
St. Barnabas Hospital
Occupation: Doctor
Highlights: MCCI Group, Chairman and founder; Florida International University Board of
Trustees, Member; National Advisory Board of Health Research Resources, Member; Dean’s
Advisory Board, Member; Interview Committee of Florida International University Herbert
Wertheim College of Medicine, Member; Advisory Board for the School of Nursing and
Healthcare of Georgetown University, Member

PAM BONDI
APPOINTED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI
Education: Stetson University, J.D., 1990
University of Florida, B.A., 1987
Occupation: Florida’s 37th Attorney General
Highlights: Sworn into Office January 4, 2011; Former prosecutor and spokeswomen in
Hillsborough County, Florida; Awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award in 2011 by Stetson
University; Awarded the Lawyers of Distinction award by the Tampa Bay review; Serves on
the Special Olympics Florida Board of Directors; Member of the Board of The Spring, Tampa’s
Domestic Violence Shelter

LISA CARLTON
APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
Education: Mercer University School of Law, J.D.
Stetson University, B.A.
Occupation: Co-owner Mabry Carlton Ranch, Inc.
Highlights: Florida Senate, Senator, 1998-2008; Florida House of Representatives,
Representative, 1994-1998; Gulf Coast Community Foundation Board of Directors, Member;
Florida Historic Capitol Foundation, Founding Member

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Education: University of Florida Law, J.D.
          University of Florida, B.A.
Occupation: Attorney
Highlights: General Counsel to Governor Rick Scott, 2015-2016; Florida Department of Health, Chief of Staff and General Counsel, 2005-2007; Judicial Nominating Commission for the First District Court of Appeal, 2013; Florida Blue Key, Member; Gray Robinson Law Firm, Former Shareholder; University of Florida Alumni Association, President; UF College of Law Alumni Council, President

APPOINTED BY CHIEF JUSTICE JORGE LABARGA
Education: Washington and Lee University School of Law, 1972, J.D.
          University of the South, 1969, B.A., Political Science
Occupation: Criminal Defense Attorney
Highlights: The Florida Bar, President 2006-2007; Board of Governors 1997-2007; Jacksonville Bar Association, President, Board of Governors 1992-1996; American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow; Florida Supreme Court Historical Society President 2013-2014; Florida Super Lawyers (Top 10 Lawyers in Florida); The Best Lawyers in America, Criminal Trial, 1988-Present; Top Ranked in Chambers USA; The Florida Bar, Selig Goldin Award

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN
Education: Columbia University, JD
          University of Miami, BA
Occupation: Attorney
Highlights: Florida House of Representatives, Representative, 2010-Present; Miami River Commission, Vice-Chair, 2016; Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation, Chairman, 2015-present; Regulatory Affairs Committee, Chair, 2014-2016; Southern States Energy Board, Florida Representative, 2013-present; Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation, Vice-Chairman, 2011-2015; Public Service Commission Nominating Council, Chairman, 2013, 2015; Energy & Utilities Subcommittee, Chair, 2012-2014, Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee, Vice-Chair, 2011-2012

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN
Education: Florida Atlantic University, M.A.
          Florida State University, BS
Occupation: Chief Financial Officer/Chief Compliance Officer and Partner at Dalton, Greiner, Hartman, Maher & Co., LLC
Highlights: Vice Chair, Collier County Public Schools; Founding member and Past President of Parents R.O.C.K., “Parents’ Rights Of Choice for Kids”; Advisory Board Member for Mason Classical Academy; Founder and Past President of Florida Coalition of School Board Members

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON
Education: Troy State University, M.P.A.
          Concordia College, B.A., Religion and Political Science
Occupation: Co-founder and Vice Chairman (retired) VITAS Healthcare Corporation
Highlights: Florida State Senate, Senator, District 1, 2006-2016; Florida State Senate, President, 2012-2014; Okaloosa School Board, elected Superintendent, 2000-2006; Okaloosa County School Board, Chairman, 1995-1996; Seaside, Florida, Town Chairman, 1990-1991; James Madison Institute, Board of Directors; National Hospice Organization, Washington, D.C., President and Chairman of the Board; Florida State Hospice Organization, Founding Chairman; Niceville-Valparaiso-Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors

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APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON
Education: University of Miami School of Law, J.D.
Florida International University, B.A., History, Political Science
Occupation: Partner, Holland & Knight
Highlights: Litigation and real estate attorney in Holland & Knight; Cuban American Bar Foundation, President, 2017; Top Lawyer, South Florida Legal Guide, 2017; Florida Association for Women Lawyers; The Cuban American Pro Bono Project, Inc. d/b/a CABA Pro Bono Legal Services, Director, 2015-present

BRECHT HEUCHAN
APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
Education: B.S., Finance from FSU. J.D., Duke University with distinction.
Occupation: Attorney

EMERY GAINEY
APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
Education: FBI National Academy
University of Florida, B.A.
Occupation: Attorney General’s Office, Director of Law Enforcement
Highlights: Sheriff of Marion County, 2016-2017; Alachua County Sherriff’s Office, 1982-2007; Florida Sheriffs Association; Florida Police Chiefs Association; FBI National Academy Associates, Florida Chapter

MARVA JOHNSON
APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
Education: B.S., Finance from FSU. J.D., Emory University’s Goizueta Business School, M.B.A. Georgetown University, B.S.
Occupation: Regional Vice President of State Government Affairs for Charter Communications
Highlights: Florida State Board of Education, Chair; Florida Virtual School Board, Member; Advisory Board for Rollins College’s Crummer Center for Leadership Development, Member; Minority Media and Telecommunications Council’s Champion for Digital Equality Award, 2014

TOM GRADY
APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
Education: Florida State University, B.S.
Occupation: Founder and CEO of ContributionLink, LLC Owner of The Labrador Company
Highlights: Served as President and Founder of a political and governmental consulting firm, 2001 -2004; Director of Senate Campaigns for the Republican Party of Florida, 1999

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Education: Rollins College, M.B.A.
Bob Jones University, B.A., Finance
Occupation: CEO, Foundation for Excellence in Education
Executive Director, Foundation for Florida's Future
Highlights: Deputy Chief of Staff for education, enterprise solutions for government, minority procurement, and business and professional regulation under Jeb Bush; Staff director over education policy for 6 years, Florida Legislature, Office of the Speaker; Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, 2007-2008

APPOINTED BY CHIEF JUSTICE JORGE LABARGA
Education: Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.
University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, M.S. in Accounting
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Occupation: Lawyer
Highlights: Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers; United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Special Recognition Award; The Florida Bar's Voluntary Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award; Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission, Former Chair; Florida State Board of Education, Vice Chair; Miami-Dade College, Former Chair, District Board of Trustees; Governor-Elect Jeb Bush Transition, General Counsel

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN
Education: University of Florida College of Law, J.D
Florida State University, BS
Occupation: Senior partner of the Newsome Melton law firm
Highlights: Former federal prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Florida Guardian Ad Litem Foundation, Board of Directors, 2017; Florida Voluntary Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award; Florida Justice Association (FJA), Executive Committee, 2005-2012; American Association for Justice (AAJ), Board of Governors, 2005-2015; 5th District Court of Appeals Judicial Nominating Commission, Member and Chairman, 1999-2002; Central Florida Trial Lawyers Association (CFTLA), President, 2004; Orlando Federal Bar Association, President, 1990-1996; National Trial Lawyers, Top 100 Diplomat; The National Crime Victim Bar Association, Member

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT
Education: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Louisiana Tech University, B.A.
Occupation: Vice President of The Villages for Community Relations
Highlights: Ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church; United States Military Academy Nominations Board; Judicial Nominating Commission – Middle District of Florida

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN
Education: University of Tampa, BS
Hillsborough Community College, BS
Occupation: Vice President and Director, Sabal Homes of Florida
Highlights: Elected to the Senate in 2012, reelected subsequently; Deputy Majority (Republican) Leader, 2012-2014; Senate, 1996-2006; Senate President, 2004-2006; Republican National Convention Delegate, 2004; Hillsborough County City/County Planning Commission, Former Member; Hillsborough County Zoning Board of Adjustment, Former Member; Republican National Convention Delegate, 2004; Hillsborough County City/County Planning Commission, Former Member; Hillsborough County Zoning Board of Adjustment, Former Member

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Education: University of Florida College of Law, J.D
Florida State University, BS
Occupation: Senior partner of the Newsome Melton law firm
Highlights: Former federal prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Florida Guardian Ad Litem Foundation, Board of Directors, 2017; Florida Voluntary Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award; Florida Justice Association (FJA), Executive Committee, 2005-2012; American Association for Justice (AAJ), Board of Governors, 2005-2015; 5th District Court of Appeals Judicial Nominating Commission, Member and Chairman, 1999-2002; Central Florida Trial Lawyers Association (CFTLA), President, 2004; Orlando Federal Bar Association, President, 1990-1996; National Trial Lawyers, Top 100 Diplomat; The National Crime Victim Bar Association, Member

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APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON
Education: St. Leo University
Occupation: Trustee, Florida Atlantic University
Highlights: State Board of Community Colleges, Chair; Florida Republican Party, Vice Chair; Chief of Staff, Florida Department of Education; Trustee, St. Leo University; Martin County School Readiness, Board Member; Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees, Chair; Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Member; YMCA Treasure Coast, Board Member

DARRYL ROUSON

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN
Education: University of Florida, JD
Xavier of New Orleans, BA
Occupation: Attorney
Highlights: Elected to the Senate in 2016; House of Representatives, 2008-2016; Former Prosecutor, Pinellas County; The National Bar Association; Commissioner, Tax and Budget Reform Commission, 2007-2008; President, St. Petersburg NAACP, 2000-2005; Chair, St. Petersburg Black Chamber; Member, Legatus; School Board, St. Petersburg Catholic High School

WILLIAM SCHIFINO, JR.

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON
Education: University of Florida College of Law, J.D., 1985
Tulane University, B.A., 1982
Occupation: Partner, Burr & Forman Law Firm
Highlights: Burr & Forman Law Firm Executive Committee, Member; University of Florida Levin College of Law Board of Trustees, Board Member; Member of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for 8 years; Appointed by Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist; Florida Bar, Trial Lawyer Section; Hillsborough County Bar Foundation, Trustee; Boys & Girls Club of Tampa Bay, Inc, Director; Florida Guardian Ad Litem Foundation, Director; Tampa Bay Little League, President
APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: Florida State University J.D., 1995
Johnson C. Smith University, B.S., 1992

Highlights: Florida Senate, Senator, 2008-2016; Florida House of Representatives, Representative, 1998-2006; Florida House of Representatives Democratic Leader, 2004-2006; Fort Lauderdale Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, President; City of Fort Lauderdale Planning and Zoning Board, Member; Broward County Democratic Party Executive Committee

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: Fordham University School of Law, J.D.
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.B.A.
University of Denver, B.S.

Occupation: President and Manager, RMS Financial Services L.L.C.

Highlights: Founded the Institute for Conservative Studies; Served as the lobbyist for Florida Right to Life; 1992, Political Director of the Republican Party of Florida; Member of the Council for National Policy; Member, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2002; Member, Judicial Nominating Commission, Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2001 to 2009; Chairman, Judicial Nominating Commission, Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2002 to 2003; Barrister Member, First Central Florida Inns of Court, Orlando Chapter; Admitted, United States Supreme Court; Admitted, United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal; Admitted, United States Federal Court- Middle District of Florida; Member, Orange County Bar Association; Member, Volusia County Bar Association; Allied Lawyer, Alliance Defending Freedom; Indian River Land Trust, Member; Republican Women of Indian River, Member; Leadership Florida Class XXV, Member; City of Vero Beach Council, Former member

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: Stetson University College of Law, JD
University of South Florida, BA, 2006

Occupation: Lawyer

Highlights: Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2014, reelected subsequently; Formerly in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association; Former Assistant State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit

APPOINTED BY HOUSE SPEAKER RICHARD CORCORAN

Education: Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, JD; Florida State University, BS

Occupation: Attorney

Highlights: Founded the Institute for Conservative Studies; Served as the lobbyist for Florida Right to Life; 1992, Political Director of the Republican Party of Florida; Member of the Council for National Policy; Member, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2002; Member, Judicial Nominating Commission, Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2001 to 2009; Chairman, Judicial Nominating Commission, Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2002 to 2003; Barrister Member, First Central Florida Inns of Court, Orlando Chapter; Admitted, United States Supreme Court; Admitted, United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal; Admitted, United States Federal Court- Middle District of Florida; Member, Orange County Bar Association; Member, Volusia County Bar Association; Allied Lawyer, Alliance Defending Freedom;

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: University of Central Florida, M.Ed.
Stetson University, Certification in Educational Leadership
University of South Florida, B.A.

Occupation: Commissioner, Florida Department of Education

Highlights: Florida Department of Education’s Division of Public Schools as Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality, 2004; Deputy Superintendent for Academic Services in St. Johns County

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APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: University of West Florida, M.A., 1999
University of Florida, B.A., German, 1994
University of Florida, B.A., Journalism, 1986

Occupation: Author of the Blog: Indian River Lagoon

Highlights: City Commissioner Stewall’s Point, 2008-2016; Stewall’s Point Mayor, 2011-2012; Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Vice Chair; Florida League of Cities, Chair; Senator Joe Negron’s Select Senate Hearing on Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee, Special Panel member, 2013; Sewall’s Point Cultural Committee, founding member

CAROLYN TIMMANN

APPOINTED BY SENATE PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

Education: Florida State University, B.A.
University of Georgia, B.A.
Indian River State College, A.A.

Occupation: Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller of Martin County

Highlights: Former legislative assistant to State Representative Tom Warner; Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor Charlie Crist; Division Director, Executive Office of the Governor; Former Judicial Assistant, Nineteenth Circuit Court; Special Assistant, Florida Solicitor General; Helping People Succeed Board of Directors, Board Member

NICOLE WASHINGTON

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Education: Teachers College, Columbia University, M.A.
Mercy College, M.S.
Princeton University, B.A.

Occupation: State Policy Consultant for the Lumina Foundation

Highlights: Former Associate Director of Governmental Relations for the State University System Board of Governors; Former Budget Director for Education in the Governor’s Office of Policy and Budget; Board Member of Florida A&M University; Board Member LeRoy Collins Institute; Board Member Veterans Trust Board; Member of Class VII of Connect Florida