



## OVERVIEW

Florida lawmakers return to Tallahassee before Thanksgiving to prepare for the 2025 Legislative Session. The House and Senate have scheduled organizational sessions November 19. The single-day sessions are mostly ceremonial and called to elect leaders and approve House and Senate rules. The 60-day regular session convenes Tuesday, March 2, 2025.

### **SENATE**

After the election held Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the Senate remains the same with 28 Republicans and 12 Democrats. There are 9 new freshman members to the Florida Senate. They will take their oath of office during Organization Session on November 19, 2024.

Republican Ben Albritton, a Wauchula rancher, is expected to be the next Senate president, presiding to serve a two-year term.

Senate President Albritton announced the Senate Leadership Team, listed below.

- Senator Jason Brodeur – Senate President Pro Tempore
- President Kathleen Passidomo – Chair, Senate Committee on Rules
- Senator Ed Hooper – Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
- Senator Joe Gruters – Chair, Senate Committee on Fiscal Policy
- Senator Jim Boyd – Majority Leader

### **HOUSE**

After the election held Tuesday, November 5, 2024, House Republicans gained 1 seat for an 85-36 advantage. There are 26 new freshman members to the Florida House. The new members will take their oath of office during Organization Session on November 19, 2024.

Republican Daniel Perez, a Miami attorney, is next in line to be House speaker, presiding to serve a two-year term. Speaker Perez announced the House Leadership Team, listed below.

- Representative Chuck Brannan, Judiciary Committee Chair
- Representative James Buchanan, Commerce Committee Chair
- Representative Jennifer Canady, Education & Employment Committee Chair

*Representative Canady represents the people of House District 50, which includes part of Polk County. She was recently re-elected to her second consecutive term. Representative Canady taught fifth grade at elementary schools in Lakeland and also directs a program focused on research, innovation STEM learning and entrepreneurship. The Education & Employment*

Committee includes the Careers & Workforce Subcommittee, the Education Administration Subcommittee and the Student Academic Success Subcommittee.

- Representative Wyman Duggan, Speaker pro tempore and Ways & Means Committee Chair
- Representative Sam Garrison, Rules & Ethics Committee Chair
- Representative Lawrence McClure, Budget Committee Chair
- Representative Will Robinson, State Affairs Committee Chair
- Representative Tyler Sirois, House Majority Leader and Security & Threat Assessment Committee Chair
- Representative Josie Tomkow, Health & Human Services Committee Chair

Speaker Perez announced the proposed committee structure, displayed below.



## 2024 – 2025 INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

### Senate

December 9 – 13, 2024  
January 13 – 17, 2025  
January 21 – 24, 2025  
February 3 – 7, 2025  
February 10 – 14, 2025  
February 17 – 21, 2025

### House

December 2 – 6, 2024  
January 13 – 17, 2025  
January 21 – 24, 2025  
February 3 – 7, 2025  
February 10 – 14, 2025  
February 17 – 21, 2025

## 2025 REGULAR SESSION

March 4, 2025	Regular session convenes (article iii, section 3(b), state constitution) noon; deadline for filing bills for introduction (senate rule 3.7(1))
April 19, 2025	Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (senate rule 6.4(4)). All bills are immediately certified (senate rule 6.8)
April 22, 2025	Day 50 – last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (senate rule 2.9(2))
May 2, 2025	Day 60 – last day of regular session (article iii, section 3(d), state constitution)