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# **Transportation & Ports Subcommittee**

# **ACTION PACKET**

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Sumner Hall (404 HOB)**

**Steve Crisafulli  
Speaker**

**Patrick Rooney, Jr.  
Chair**

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Transportation & Ports Subcommittee**

**1/6/2015 2:00:00PM**

**Location:** Sumner Hall (404 HOB)

**Summary:** No Bills Considered

Committee meeting was reported out: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 3:22:31PM

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Transportation & Ports Subcommittee**

**1/6/2015 2:00:00PM**

**Location:** Sumner Hall (404 HOB)

**Attendance:**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Patrick Rooney, Jr. (Chair)	X		
Bill Hager	X		
Shevrin Jones	X		
Mike Miller	X		
George Moraitis, Jr.	X		
Edwin Narain	X		
Kathleen Passidomo	X		
Kathleen Peters	X		
Bobby Powell	X		
Lake Ray	X		
David Santiago	X		
Ross Spano	X		
Barbara Watson	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Presentation/Workshop/Other Business Appearances:**

Agency Overview

Jim Boxold (State Employee) (At Request Of Chair) - Information Only  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Secretary  
605 Suwannee Street  
Tallahassee FL 32399  
Phone: 850-414-4575

Agency Overview

Bob Roimig (At Request Of Chair) - Information Only  
Florida Transportation Commission  
Executive Director  
Tallahassee FL 32399

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# **OVERVIEW**



## **A Synopsis of the Responsibilities and Organization of the Florida Transportation Commission**

**January, 2015**



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the Florida Transportation Commission is to provide leadership in meeting Florida's transportation needs through policy guidance on issues of statewide importance and by maintaining oversight and public accountability for the Department of Transportation and other statutorily specified transportation authorities.*

## ***Guiding Legislation***

### **FDOT Enabling Legislation**

Florida Statutes, 20.23 Department of Transportation.--There is created a Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized agency.

### **Commission Nominates Secretary Candidates to Governor**

(1)(a) The head of the Department of Transportation is the Secretary of Transportation. The secretary shall be appointed by the Governor from among three persons nominated by the Florida Transportation Commission and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. The secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

### **Qualifications of Secretary**

(b) The secretary shall be a proven, effective administrator who by a combination of education and experience shall clearly possess a broad knowledge of the administrative, financial, and technical aspects of the development, operation, and regulation of transportation systems and facilities or comparable systems and facilities.

### **Department Assistance to the Commission**

(c) The secretary shall provide to the Florida Transportation Commission or its staff, such assistance, information, and documents as are requested by the commission or its staff to enable the commission to fulfill its duties and responsibilities.

(d) The secretary may appoint up to three assistant secretaries who shall be directly responsible to the secretary and who shall perform such duties as are assigned by the secretary. The secretary may delegate to any assistant secretary the authority to act in the absence of the secretary.

(e) Any secretary appointed after July 5, 1989, and the assistant secretaries shall be exempt from the provisions of part III of chapter 110 and shall receive compensation commensurate with their qualifications and competitive with compensation for comparable responsibility in the private sector.

### **Commission Enabling Legislation**

(2)(a)1. The Florida Transportation Commission is hereby created and shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. Members of the commission shall serve terms of 4 years each.

### **Commissioner Qualifications**

2. Members shall be appointed in such a manner as to equitably represent all geographic areas of the state. Each member must be a registered voter and a citizen of the state. Each member of the commission must also possess business managerial experience in the private sector.

shall determine if the current district organizational structure is responsive to Florida's changing economic and demographic development patterns. The initial report by the commission must be delivered to the Governor and Legislature by December 15, 2000, and each year thereafter, as appropriate. The commission may retain such experts as are reasonably necessary to effectuate this subparagraph, and the department shall pay the expenses of such experts.

8. Monitor the efficiency, productivity, and management of the authorities created under chapters 348 and 349, including any authority formed using the provisions of part I of chapter 348 and any authority formed under chapter 343 which is not monitored under subsection (3). The commission shall also conduct periodic reviews of each authority's operations and budget, acquisition of property, management of revenue and bond proceeds, and compliance with applicable laws and generally accepted accounting principles.

### **Commission Prohibitions**

(c) The commission or a member thereof may not enter into the day-to-day operation of the department or a monitored authority and is specifically prohibited from taking part in:

1. The awarding of contracts.
2. The selection of a consultant or contractor or the prequalification of any individual consultant or contractor. However, the commission may recommend to the secretary standards and policies governing the procedure for selection and prequalification of consultants and contractors.
3. The selection of a route for a specific project.
4. The specific location of a transportation facility.
5. The acquisition of rights-of-way.
6. The employment, promotion, demotion, suspension, transfer, or discharge of any department personnel.
7. The granting, denial, suspension, or revocation of any license or permit issued by the department.

### **Commission Meeting Procedures**

(d)1. The chair of the commission shall be selected by the commission members and shall serve a 1-year term.

2. The commission shall hold a minimum of 4 regular meetings annually, and other meetings may be called by the chair upon giving at least 1 week's notice to all members and the public pursuant to chapter 120. Other meetings may also be held upon the written request of at least four other



**Commission  
Review of  
Department  
Policy**

department, but such budget shall be submitted to the Governor along with the budget of the department.

(3)(a) The central office shall establish departmental policies, rules, procedures, and standards and shall monitor the implementation of such policies, rules, procedures, and standards in order to ensure uniform compliance and quality performance by the districts and central office units that implement transportation programs. Major transportation policy initiatives or revisions shall be submitted to the commission for review.

**Commission  
Review of the  
Department's  
Work Program**

339.135 Work program; legislative budget request; definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

4(g)1. The Florida Transportation Commission shall conduct a statewide public hearing on the tentative work program and shall advertise the time, place, and purpose of the hearing in the Florida Administrative Weekly at least 7 days prior to the hearing. As part of the statewide public hearing, the commission shall, at a minimum:

a. Conduct an in-depth evaluation of the tentative work program for compliance with applicable laws and departmental policies; and

b. Hear all questions, suggestions, or other comments offered by the public.

2. By no later than 14 days after the regular legislative session begins, the commission shall submit to the Executive Office of the Governor and the legislative appropriations committees a report that evaluates the tentative work program for:

a. Financial soundness;

b. Stability;

c. Production capacity;

d. Accomplishments, including compliance with program objectives in s. [334.046](#);

e. Compliance with approved local government comprehensive plans;

f. Objections and requests by metropolitan planning organizations;

| recommend actions to be taken to improve the department's performance.

**Katherine Frazier**, Tampa. Attorney with Hill Ward Henderson. Serves on the Executive Council of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar, current Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Henry B. Plant Museum, also serves on the Board for the Child Abuse Council, and the Board for the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation. Appointed in December, 2011. Term ends September 30, 2015.

**Jim Sebesta**, St. Petersburg. President of Sebesta Consulting Services. Former member of the Florida Senate and served as Chairman of the Transportation Committee. Currently a member of the Pinellas Housing Finance Authority. Appointed in June, 2013. Term ends September 30, 2015.

**Ken Wright**, Orlando. Attorney with Shutts & Bowen LLP. Co-Chairman of the firm's Government Relations Practice Group. Previously served as Chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and currently serves as a Trustee on the Board of Directors for Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute. He is past chair for eight years of the Florida Environmental Regulation Commission. Wright also served on the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and served eight years on, and chaired the board of, the Orlando/Sanford International Airport. He served as general counsel to the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and is presently serving as right-of-way counsel. Appointed in September, 2013. Term ends September 30, 2014.

management funding on the FDOT five-year work program and an analysis of other aspects of the legislation related to transportation.

11. ***FDOT Executive Compensation Study***, March 26, 2004 (Commission initiative). An assessment of the current labor market for senior transportation managers working in the Department and recommendations for how to address problems FDOT may have in relation to that market.
12. ***Assessment of Florida's Regional and Intermodal Transportation Planning Process***, December 15, 2003 (Commission initiative). An assessment of the need for an improved philosophical approach to regional and intermodal input in the planning for and governing of the Strategic Intermodal System and other transportation systems.
13. ***Organizational and Operational Review of the Florida Department of Transportation***, January 12, 2001 (Commission initiative). The purpose of the report was to present opportunities for improving the Department's operation and enhancing the quality of service provided by the Department, its management and employees.
14. ***Independent Review of Florida's High Speed Rail Ridership Forecasts***, August 1998 (Commission initiative). An assessment of the reasonableness, soundness, and validity of the processes, methodologies and assumptions used in arriving at the Department's high-speed rail ridership estimates.
15. ***Transportation: An Investment in Florida's Future***, June 1996 (Commission initiative). Joint effort with Floridians for Better Transportation that documents the strong linkage between transportation investment and economic strength and quantifies the economic return on that investment.
16. ***Functional Classification of Roads***, December 1994 (Statutory mandate). Study undertaken to develop, apply and identify fiscal impacts of a new system for determining road ownership based on road function.
17. ***Analysis of Department Right of Way Acquisition Activities on the Central Connector Project***, September 1993 (Requested by Governor). Conclusions and recommendations regarding the Department's right of way acquisition activities.
18. ***Truck Weights and Penalties in Florida***, July 1993 (Statutory mandate). Reviews Florida's regulation of truck weights and associated penalties and makes findings and recommendations to the Legislature.
19. ***Transportation Performance and Productivity Measures***, January 1992 (Statutory mandate). Documentation and explanation of the transportation performance measures that were developed by the Commission's 13 member Working Group to provide accountability for the Department of Transportation.

28. **Public Transit in Florida**, February 1989 (Statutory mandate). An assessment of public transit needs, institutional relationships, financing strategies and the effect of urban density on the feasibility of public transit.
29. **Funding Alternatives** March 1988 (Requested by Governor). Analysis by the Commission addressing the State's transportation funding needs. The Commission proposed three funding initiatives: an increase in tolls to support a bonding program for Turnpike expansion; a Constitutional Amendment allowing debt financing of the State Transportation Trust Fund for infrastructure needs; and an increase in transportation user-type fees. All three proposed initiatives were subsequently approved by the Legislature.

Reports can be obtained by contacting the Commission Office at:

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## ***Commission Members***



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