



Palm Beach County State Legislative Update

2025 Organization Session

On November 20, 2024, the Florida Legislature convened for its organizational session, formally commencing the 2024-2026 term. Both chambers of the legislature officially installed new presiding officers and swore in their newly elected members. Currently, Republicans hold a supermajority in both chambers, giving them significant control over the legislative process. The incoming Senate President and Speaker of the House gave remarks during the session outlining their vision for Florida over the next two years.



Senate President Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula) emphasized collaboration, fiscal responsibility, and support for rural communities in his address. Albritton highlighted Florida's #1 ranking in economy and education by *U.S. News & World Report*, citing balanced budgets, low taxes, and investments in school choice and public education. A proud son of rural Florida, he called for a "Rural Renaissance," focusing on modernizing infrastructure, supporting agriculture, and preserving rural lifestyles while fostering economic growth. With recent hurricanes impacting Florida, he stressed the need for efficient disaster response and holding insurance companies accountable to consumers. Albritton pledged to protect Florida's water resources through data-driven solutions addressing nutrient pollution and urban impacts.

Speaker of the House Danny Perez (R-Miami) underscored the need for deliberate action, fiscal discipline, and prioritizing the real needs of Floridians. Perez rejected politics driven by labels and performative legislation. He likened Florida's opportunities to an open road, emphasizing personal freedom, entrepreneurial spirit, and minimal government interference. Perez highlighted the concerns of small business owners, single parents, and working families, pledging to make government work for ordinary citizens, not special interests or bureaucratic inefficiencies. He criticized wasteful spending, particularly in disaster response, land management, and state projects, advocating for a budget focused on value and accountability. Finally, Perez called for dismantling regulatory barriers that hinder competition emphasizing fair treatment for everyday Floridians.



The Florida House will convene in their first of several interim committee weeks on December 3-6. The Senate will convene their first full week of committee meetings the week of December 9-13.