THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR BEN ALBRITTON
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Ben Albritton
SUBJECT: Update on the Budget Timeline
DATE: February 12, 2026

I apologize for the late update but wanted to be clear about our schedule and what you can expect in the coming days.

As you are aware, we had been hoping to release our budget proposal in concert with our partners in the House. The Senate had initially noticed meetings to roll out our budget on February 4. We then updated our schedule and noticed meetings for this afternoon. When it became clear this morning the House was not planning to release its budget proposals during their committee meetings today, we announced we would hold off until next week, again hoping to align with our House partners. The budget is a joint endeavor, and as a sign of mutual respect, and with deference to the House hosting the budget conference this year, our goal had been to coordinate and not move forward in advance of our partners.

This afternoon, the House released its budget. Throughout our budget development process, we prepared for flexibility. As you can tell from the weekly schedules posted to our website, we developed a flexible schedule to maintain a deliberative and transparent process and provide the opportunity for ongoing input from all Senators and their constituents. We are now implementing that schedule, consistent with the motions Chair Hooper made on the Floor yesterday. The schedule is below for your reference.

Friday, February 13 – 10:00 a.m.
The Senate Appropriations Committees will release budget spreadsheets.

Friday, February 13 – 3:00 p.m.
The Senate Appropriations Committee will release the General Appropriations Act (GAA), implementing and conforming bills.

Monday, February 16 – 1:00 p.m.
Amendment deadline for the GAA.

Tuesday, February 17 – 1:00 p.m.
Amendment to the Amendment deadline for the GAA.

Wednesday, February 18
Previously scheduled Appropriations Committee Meeting Blocks at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for public hearings on budget spreadsheets.

Wednesday, February 18 – 1:30 p.m.
Previously scheduled Full Appropriations Committee Meeting to consider the GAA, implementing bill, conforming bills, and amendments.

Friday, February 20 – 10:00 a.m.
Previously scheduled Senate Sitting for consideration of the GAA, implementing bill, and conforming bills.

All documents will be available here: https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations/2026.

As President, the most important factor in all of this is that our Senate remains informed, engaged, and prepared to do our work. I appreciate everyone's hard work and diligence as we move forward with our House partners on completing this important constitutional responsibility. I am especially grateful to Chair Hooper, our Appropriations Chairs, Committee Members and Staff. I look forward to seeing you next week.