THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR JIM BOYD
Republican President-Designate

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Jim Boyd
SUBJECT: Leadership Team
DATE: November 5, 2026

As we prepare for the Organization Session, I would like to share with you the following information regarding the Senators I have asked to serve on my leadership team.

Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez – Senate President Pro Tempore
I respectfully ask you to join me in voting for Senator Rodriguez to serve as our Senate President Pro Tempore for the 2026-2028 Legislative Term. The role of Senate President Pro Tempore is a position of significant trust and authority. Together with the President and the Rules Chair, the Pro Tempore is responsible for making certain we abide by the letter and spirit of the Senate Rules to ensure all Senators have the opportunity to advocate for their constituents.

Senator Rodriguez is one of the most positive, approachable, and friendly people I have ever worked with. She has great respect for the dignity of each person she meets and is always the first to offer a kind word of support or encouragement to others. She listens to contrasting points of view and reserves judgment until she has heard all sides of an issue. If she disagrees with someone, she does so gently, respectfully, and with great care and consideration for their perspective. I am confident Senator Rodriguez will approach the position of President Pro Tempore with the same fair and thoughtful countenance we have all come to know and appreciate.

Senator Danny Burgess – Chair, Senate Committee on Rules
Senator Burgess and I served together in the House and later came into the Senate together in 2020. I have always respected his ability to take on difficult issues and build consensus. He has earned the respect of those on both sides of the political aisle by listening to the concerns Senators bring forward and working to incorporate their feedback when possible.

A talented attorney and dedicated family-man, time and time again, I have seen Senator Burgess exhibit sound judgment and a fair-minded, reasonable, and thoughtful approach to leadership. Uncle Sam seems to agree. Next week Senator Burgess will be promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel in our United States Army Reserve. I know we are all grateful for his continued service to our state and Nation in this important role.

Given his immense responsibilities outside of the process, I am grateful Senator Burgess has agreed to take on the extremely time-consuming role of Rules Chair during his last two years in the Senate. His dedication, knowledge of the legislative process, and keen attention to detail will serve the Senate well.

Senator Jay Trumbull – Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senator Trumbull will serve as Chair of our Senate Committee on Appropriations. Having led the budget process as House Appropriations Chair, in addition to his service as Chair of the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services here in the Senate, Senator Trumbull understands this detailed and time-intensive responsibility inside and out.

During my years in the Senate, the budget has usually passed unanimously, which is a testament to the hard work it takes to ensure the priorities of all Senators and their constituents are reflected in a balanced, fiscally responsible manner. I know Senator Trumbull to be a strong and fair leader who will respect the budget priorities of all Senators.

Senator Trumbull and I have similar backgrounds in that, like several of our fellow Senators, we both run family businesses. He understands the pressure that comes with the responsibility to sign the front of a paycheck and knows that it is not government, but the private sector that generates a thriving economy, creating the jobs needed in our growing communities. As Appropriations Chair, he will continue the Senate's efforts to keep taxes low, reduce the growth of our state budget, pay down debt, and save for the future, bearing in mind that every dollar we have to appropriate in the budget was taken from a family or a business who earned it.

Senator Colleen Burton – Chair, Senate Committee on Fiscal Policy
In order to allow the Committee on Appropriations ample time to thoroughly review and prepare the General Appropriations Act, the Committee on Fiscal Policy will continue to provide an alternative path to the Senate Calendar for bills with a fiscal impact. This structure allows time for robust discussion and debate on both budget items and policy initiatives prior to consideration by the full Senate. Senator Burton will lead this important committee.

Throughout our service together in both the House and Senate I have witnessed Senator Burton's distinct leadership abilities. She is fair, thoughtful, thorough, and highly respected by Senators on both sides of the political aisle. Returning Senators can attest to her talent for digging into and

mastering complex areas of public policy. You can be confident her policy positions are well-studied and the product of thoughtful consideration. Whether she agrees with you, or not, she is direct, firm and honest, qualities that are both appreciated and needed.

Over the last several years, we saw an important shift as we made smart, fiscally-responsible adjustments to align our budget with post-pandemic level spending that is sustainable for the long term. The results of that effort are reflected in Florida's Long Range Financial Outlook approved by the Legislative Budget Commission in September. While we have made significant progress, there is more work to do. Senator Burton will make certain we continue to hold the line and thoroughly vet requests for continued funding as well as new funding.

Senator Nick DiCeglie – Majority Leader
Prior to running for the Florida House and later the Senate, Senator DiCeglie came up through the local political party structure, making him a natural choice to lead the Republican Caucus. Frustrated by the impacts of red tape and government bureaucracy on his family business, Senator DiCeglie set out to improve the system, not just for himself, but for every small business that provides a service or creates a job in our state.

We have all witnessed his strong work ethic and fierce loyalty to his constituents and community. When Indian Rocks Beach was devastated during the 2024 Hurricane Season (including significant impacts to his own home), Senator DiCeglie saw firsthand the challenges his neighbors were facing as they struggled to rebuild. He offered all stakeholders a seat at the table and drafted comprehensive legislation to support homeowners and small businesses, improve debris removal, and increase disaster management planning that benefits communities across Florida.

Senator DiCeglie is not only a tried-and-true conservative, but a common sense, consensus builder. He tackles tough issues in a quiet, deliberate manner, often working behind the scenes to uplift and build confidence in others. Together with Senator Davis, he will work to ensure a smooth and productive operation on the Senate Floor where all Senators will have the opportunity to have their voices heard.