



Florida Educational Facilities Planners
Association
2025 Winter Conference
DOE Legislative Update



Office of Educational Facilities (OEF)

The mission of the Office of Educational Facilities is to provide technical support and information for all issues related to educational facilities planning, funding, construction, and operations throughout Florida's K-20 Education System.

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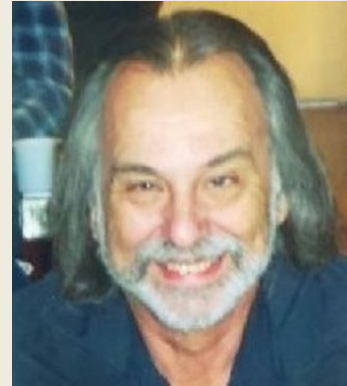


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 - Robert Manspeaker – 850-245-9928

Other FDOE Offices & Programs

- Florida College System
 - Financial Policy, Facilities Planning & Budgeting, Campus Safety & Security
 - Stephanie Leland, Director of Facilities Planning & Budgeting
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Interagency Programs

- Green Schools Awards Program
 - Don Whitehead, Safe and Efficient Facilities Design Manager, Office of Educational Facilities
- Domestic Security Coordinating Group
 - Florida Department of Law Enforcement
 - Educational Focus Group
 - Advisory and funding recommendations
 - Mark Weigly, DOE K-12 Representative

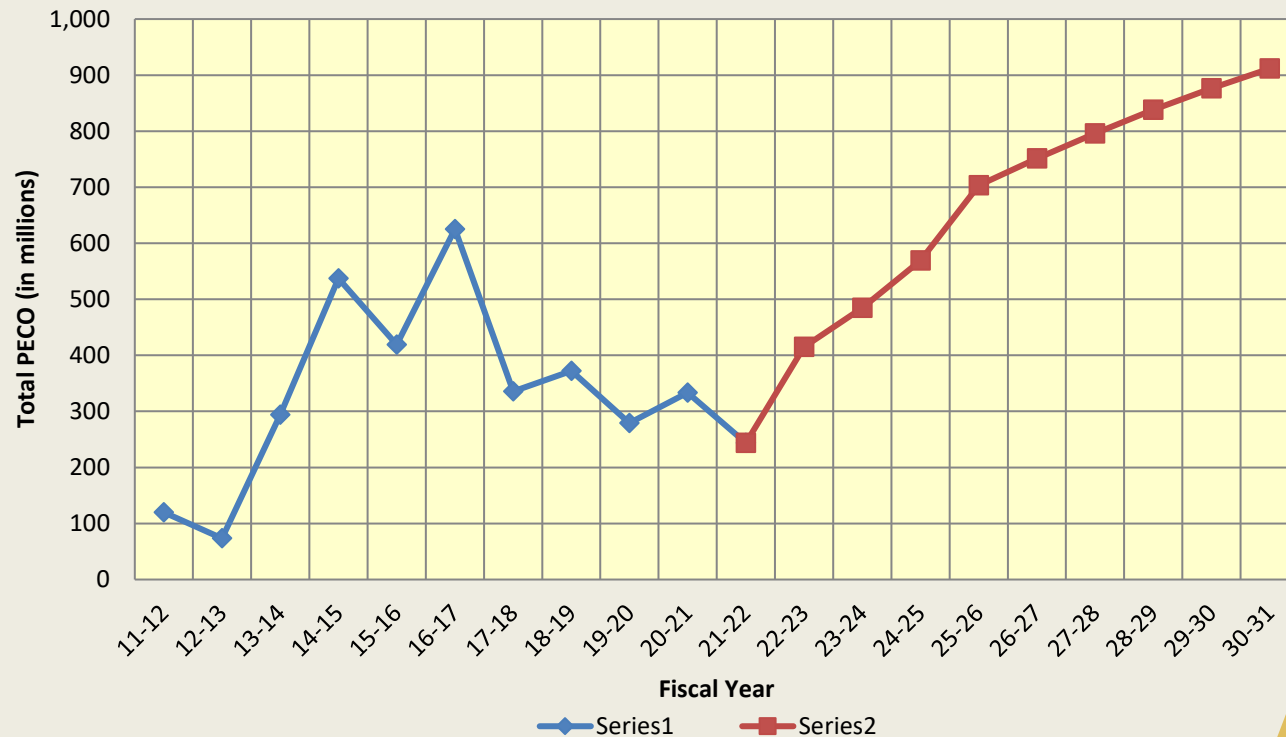
Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO)

Fixed Capital Outlay Office

- Sandra Sidwell, Director
 - Administer the FCO funds established by the Florida constitution and statutes
 - Make monthly cash disbursements
 - Prepare the Commissioner's Annual K-20 FCO Legislative Budget Request
 - Collect cost of construction reports, compute average costs and forward reports to the Auditor General

PECO Appropriations

- Past, Present and Future (2002-2028)



PECO Appropriations Projections

- Per January 11, 2024 PECO Revenue Estimating Conference (in millions)

| <u>Projects</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> | <u>2024-2025</u> | <u>2025-2026</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Non-Bonded | \$1,146.0 | \$ 933.9 | \$ 873.7 |
| Bonded | <u>\$ 0.0</u> | <u>\$ 0.0</u> | <u>\$ 0.0</u> |
| Total | \$1,146.0 | \$ 933.9 | \$ 873.7 |

2024 - 2025 Appropriation

- Excludes appropriations for debt service
- Amounts are in millions

| | PECO & GR | CO&DS* | Total |
|----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| K-12 | \$ 508.1 | \$ 118.0 | \$ 626.1 |
| Colleges | \$ 100.3 | \$ 0.0 | \$ 100.3 |
| SUS | \$ 611.6 | \$ 0.0 | \$ 611.4 |
| FSDB | \$ 13.5 | \$ 0.0 | \$ 13.5 |
| DBS | \$ 0.6 | \$ 0.0 | \$ 0.6 |
| PBS | \$ 6.3 | \$ 0.0 | \$ 6.3 |
| Other | <u>\$ 41.3</u> | <u>\$ 0.0</u> | <u>\$ 41.3</u> |
| Total | \$1281.7 | \$ 118.0 | \$ 1399.7 |

* CO&DS distributions will be made to the public school districts and Florida colleges based upon instructional units

Fixed Capital Outlay SFCA

| DISTRICT | APPROPRIATION (in millions) |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Gadsden | \$ 32.8 |
| Gilchrist | \$ 13.4 |
| Glades | \$ 35.0 |
| Hendry | \$ 30.2 |
| Putnam | \$ 59.8 |
| Wakulla | \$ 22.0 |
| Total | \$ 193.2 |

Other Facilities Related Items

Castaldi Reports

- Submittals should be in Adobe PDF format.
- Submit through a secure file share.
- Will provide cursory reviews at any time.

Construction Planning & Training

- Plan Review Submittals
 - Service the state provides at no cost to the districts
 - Submit Plans
 - Digital format in Adobe PDF
 - Through TIBCO File Transfer Appliance
- 208A
 - New Excel document will be in SREF
- Plans Review Turnaround
 - 30 days, when fully staffed

Legislative Update

2025 Legislative Session

- Session begins
 - March 4th, 2025
- Session concludes
 - May 2nd, 2025



2025 Legislative Session

- SB 140/HB 123 – Education
 - Amends s. 1002.33, F.S., to:
 - Clarify who may submit an application to convert a district school to a charter school
 - Grant the status of “job engine charter” to municipal charter schools that are in a school district that has received a grade below an “A” for five consecutive years
 - Requiring a school board to submit a 5-year plan to the Department of Education before occupying purchased or acquired real property
 - Prohibiting a school board from purchasing or acquiring real property if enrollment in the school district has declined in the preceding 5-year period

2025 Legislative Session

- SB 140/HB 123 – Education (Continued)
 - Allows state grants and capital improvement fees to be used for construction, debt service, maintenance, and operation of such dormitories
 - Requires school districts to:
 - Dispose of real property deemed by the State Board of Education to be a surplus if a decline of enrollment has occurred in the preceding five-year period; and
 - Making the surplus property available to teachers, first responders or military service members as affordable housing, or making the facility available to charter schools or local governments for recreational usage

2025 Legislative Session

- SB 62/HB 143 – Resilient Buildings
 - Defining the term “resilient building”
 - Specifying that owners of resilient buildings are eligible to receive a specified tax credit
 - Requiring building owners to file a specified application with the Department of Environmental Protection by a specified date to claim such tax credit
 - Creating the Florida Resilient Building Advisory Council adjunct to the Department of Environmental Protection, etc.
 - Effective July 1, 2025

Lead Testing Program

- Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program
 - This program was put in place to sample drinking water in School and Child Care Facilities to determine if there are any potential problems with a lead exceedance in the drinking water. The testing and retesting procedures are free.
- Links
 - [Department of Environmental Protection \(DEP\)](#)
 - [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#)

Lead Testing Program

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Questions???

Thank you!!