

Navigating State Government in Florida

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A Guide to the Executive Branch Agencies, Boards, and Commissions

Agency: Acupuncture, Board of (housed under DOH)

General Description: Regulates & licenses acupuncturists

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/acupunct

Agency: Administrative Commission

General Description:

- Oversees Division of Administration Hearings
- Takes final action on growth management matters
- Resolves disputes re: sheriffs' budgets, property appraisers' budgets, military base reuse, local option gas tax, Correctional Medical Authority & Florida School for Deaf & Blind
- Reviews university & community college requests to exercise eminent domain

Agency Head: Full Cabinet*

Website: <http://cabinet.myflorida.com>

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan, M. Chumbler

Agency: Administration, State Board of (SBOA)

General Description: Manages & invests state funds & trusts, including the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund

Agency Head: Governor, CFO, Attorney General*

Website: <http://www.sbaFloridacom/fsb/>

Carlton Fields Primary

Contact:

N. Linnan, Kelly Cruz-Brown (Hurricane Catastrophe Fund)

Agency:

Agriculture & Consumer Services, Department of (DACs)

- Inspects & tests food and other consumer products
- Investigates consumer fraud

General Description:

- Licenses concealed weapons carriers
- Regulates private investigators

Agency Head:

Commissioner of Agriculture

Website:

www.freshfromflorida.com

Carlton Fields Primary

Contact:

L. Lockett, R. Harbison, N. Linnan, M. Donaldson

Agency:

Architecture & Interior Design, Board of (housed under DBPR)

General Description:

Regulates & licenses architects & interior designers

Agency Head:

11 Members

Reports To:

Appointed by Governor

Website:

www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/arch

Carlton Fields Primary

Contact:

L. Lockett, M. Donaldson

Agency:

Athletic Training, Board of (housed under DOH)

General Description:

Regulates athletic trainers (licensing by DOH)

Agency Head:

9 Members

Reports To:

Appointed by Governor

Website:

www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/athtrain

Agency:

Attorney General

- Represents state in litigation
- Conducts consumer investigations

General Description:

Agency Head:

Attorney General

Website:

www.myfloridalegal.com

Carlton Fields Primary

Contact:

N. Linnan, M. Chumbler

Agency:

Auctioneers, Board of (housed under DBPR)

General Description: Regulates & licenses auctioneers
Agency Head: 5 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/auct

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Donaldson

Agency: **Auditor General, Office of**

General Description: Performs audits of state and local agencies, charter and virtual schools, direct support organizations, government contractors, grant recipients, and pari-mutual wagering permittees

Agency Head: Auditor General
Reports To: Appointed by Legislative Auditing Committee
Website: www.myflorida.com/audgen/

Agency: **Barbers' Board (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses barbers
Agency Head: 7 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/barb

Agency: **Bond Finance, Division of (housed under SBOA)**

General Description:

- Issues state bonds
- Maintains system for local bond reporting
- Administers volume cap allocation for private activity bonds

Agency Head: Full Cabinet*
Website: <https://www.sbaFloridacom/bondfinance/>

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan

Agency: **Boxing Commission, State (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses boxing, kick boxing, & mixed martial arts
Agency Head: 5 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/sbc/index.html

Agency: **Building Code Administrator & Inspectors, Board of (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses building code inspectors & administrators

Agency Head: 9 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/build
Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Donaldson

Agency: **Business & Professional Regulation, Department of (DBPR)**

- Licenses and regulates various businesses & professions (see list of boards below)
- Regulates & licenses alcoholic beverages
- Regulates & collects taxes on tobacco products
- Regulates condominiums, timeshares, coops, and mobile home parks
- Regulates & licenses yacht & ship brokers
- Regulates & licenses hotels and restaurants
- Regulates & licenses pari-mutuel wagering, card rooms, and slot machines

General Description:

- Regulates & licenses drug, medical device, and cosmetic manufacturers and wholesale distributors
- Regulates & licenses asbestos contractors & consultants
- Regulates & licenses sports agents
- Regulates & licenses home inspectors
- Regulates & licenses mold assessors & remediators
- Regulates & licenses talent agencies
- Regulates & licenses CPAs

Agency Head: Secretary
Reports To: Governor
Website: www.myfloridalicense.com
Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan, M. Chumbler, M. Donaldson, N. Kibert (*Div. of Condos*)

Agency: **Chief Inspector General, Office of (housed under EOG)**

General Description: Oversees inspectors general in executive branch agencies

Agency Head: Chief Inspector General

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: <http://www.floridaoig.com/>

Agency: **Children & Families, Department of (DCF)**

- Provides protective services to vulnerable adults
- Regulates & licenses child care facilities & homes
- Provides domestic violence intervention and crisis services
- Administers public assistance programs

General Description:

- Administers child welfare programs
- Administers homeless grant programs
- Provides services to refugees
- Provides substance abuse & mental health services

Agency Head: Secretary

Reports To: Governor

Website: www.myflfamilies.com

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan, M. Chumbler,

Agency: **Chiropractic Medicine, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates chiropractors, chiropractic physician's assistants, & chiropractic assistant (licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/chiro

Agency: **Citrus, Department of**

General Description: Regulates & markets citrus industry

Agency Head: 9 Commissioners

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.floridajuice.com

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: R. Harbison, N. Linnan

Agency: Clemency, Executive Board of

General Description: Considers requests for clemency (Parole Commission acts as staff)

Agency Head: Full Cabinet*

Website: <https://fpc.state.fl.us/Clemency>

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan

Agency: **Clinical Laboratory Personnel, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates & certifies clinical laboratory directors, supervisors, technologists, blood gas analysts, and technicians who perform test procedures (final licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/ClinLab

Agency: **Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy, & Mental Health Counseling, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates social workers, counselors, and therapists (licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 9 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/491

Agency: **Community Association Managers, Regulatory Council of**

General Description: Regulates & licenses community association managers

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/cam

Agency: **Construction Industry Licensing Board (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses construction contractors

Agency Head: 18 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/cilb

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Donaldson

Agency: **Correctional Medical Authority (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Supervises health care provided in state correctional facilities

Agency Head: 11 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/cma

Agency: **Corrections, Department of (DOC)**

General Description: Administers state prison system

Agency Head: Secretary

Reports To: Governor

Website: www.dc.state.fl.us

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan, M. Chumbler,

Agency: **Cosmetology, Board of (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses cosmetologists

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/cosmo

Agency: **Dentistry, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates dentists, dental hygienists, & dental laboratories (licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 11 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/dentistry

Agency: **Economic Opportunity, Department of (DEO)**

General Description:

- Administers unemployment compensation
- Administers workforce development initiatives
- Administers economic development initiatives
- Reviews local comprehensive plans

Agency Head: Secretary

Reports To: Governor

Website: www.floridajobs.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan, M. Donaldson

Agency: **Education, Department of (housed under DEO)**

General Description:

- Administers Bd. of Educ. Rules
- Administers state funding of K12 public schools

- Conducts assessment of K12 schools
- Regulates private schools
- Develops statewide education standards
- Regulates homeschooling
- Regulates adult education
- Regulates vocational education

Agency Head: Commissioner

Reports To: Governor

Website: www.fldoe.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: R. Harbison, N. Linnan, S. Sutton

Agency: **Education, State Board (housed under DEO)**

- General Description:**
- Adopts rules applicable to K12 and community colleges
 - Resolves charter school appeals

Agency Head: 8 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.fldoe.org/board/

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan

Agency: **Elder Affairs, Department of (DEA)**

- General Description:**
- Administers Medicaid waiver programs for the elderly
 - Administers various community support, transportation, nutrition, & other programs for the elderly
 - Serves as statewide public guardian

Agency Head: Secretary

Reports To: Governor

Website: elderaffairs.state.fl.us/

Carlton Fields Primary
Contact: R. Harbison

Agency: **Elections Commission (FEC)**

General Description: Enforces state elections laws

Agency Head: 9 Commissioners

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.fec.state.fl.us

Carlton Fields Primary
Contact: K. Tinkler

Agency: **Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses electrical contractors

Agency Head: 11 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/elboard

Carlton Fields Primary
Contact: M. Donaldson

Agency: **Employee Leasing Companies, Board of (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses employee leasing companies

Agency Head: Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/emplo

Carlton Fields Primary
Contact: Kelly Cruz-Brown, M. Donaldson

Agency: **Enterprise Information Technology, Agency for (AEIT) (housed under EOG)**

General Description: Develops and provides guidance regarding state IT policy

Agency Head: Chief Information Officer/Executive Director

Reports To: Full Cabinet

Website: <http://aeit.myflorida.com>

Agency: **Environmental Protection, Department of (DEP)**

General Description:

- Regulates businesses and activities impacting the air, water, and environment
- Regulates resource removal
- Regulates coastal & marine resources

- Administers hazardous waste & other contaminated site cleanup programs
- Regulates community potable water systems
- Serves as staff to Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund

Agency Head: Secretary
Reports To: Governor
Website: www.dep.state.fl.us

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: L. Lockett, R. Allen, N. Linnan, M. Chumbler, M. Donaldson, D. Taylor, J. Verdone (*mining*)

Agency: **Ethics, Commission on (COE)**

General Description: Acts on complaints, issues advisory opinions, and adopts rules relating to state ethics statutes

Agency Head: 9 Commissioners
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.ethics.state.fl.us

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: K. Tinkler, N. Linnan, M. Chumbler

Agency: **Financial Services, Department of (DFS)**

- General Description:**
- Serves as State Treasurer, including payment, accounting & auditing of state agency expenditures
 - Regulates insurance agents & agencies
 - Oversees rehabilitation & liquidation of insolvent insurance companies
 - Regulates funeral homes & cemeteries
 - Investigates and regulates insurance & public assistance fraud
 - Administers workers' compensation system
 - Serves as State Fire Marshal
 - Administers risk management for state agencies

Agency Head: CFO
Website: www.myfloridacfo.com

Carlton Fields Primary
Contact: K. Cruz-Brown

Agency: **Financial Services Commission (FSC)**

General Description: See OFR and OIR

Agency Head: Full Cabinet*

Website: <http://www.flofr.com/staticpages/financialservicescommission.htm>

Agency: **Financial Regulation, Office of (OFR) (*housed under FSC*)**

General Description: Licenses & regulates financial services entities, state-chartered banks, credit unions, mortgage brokers and lenders, & securities-related entities

Agency Head: 1 Commissioner

Reports To: Full Cabinet

Website: www.flofr.com

Carlton Fields Primary
Contact: K. Cruz-Brown

Agency: **Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC)**

General Description:

- Enforces laws for protection & management of fish and wildlife
- Regulates and licenses fishing & hunting

Agency Head: 7 Commissioners

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.myfwc.com

Carlton Fields Primary
Contact: D. Taylor, N. Kibert, N. Linnan, J. Verdone

Agency: **Florida Building Commission (*housed under DBPR*)**

General Description: Develops & interprets state building code

Agency Head: 25 Commissioners

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/bcs/buildingcomm.html

Carlton Fields Primary
Contact: M. Chumbler, M. Donaldson

Agency: **Florida Land & Water Adjudicatory Commission (FLWAC)**

General Description:

- Reviews rules & orders of water management districts
- Adopts rules and reviews orders relating to areas of critical state concern

- Resolves appeals regarding DRIs

Agency Head: Administration Commission* (Full Cabinet)
Website: http://cabinet.myflorida.com/flwac/flwac_index.html

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan, M. Chumbler

Agency: **Florida Real Estate Commission (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates and licenses real estate brokers & sales associates

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/re/frec.html

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Chumbler, M. Donaldson

Agency: **Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates and licenses real estate appraisers

Agency Head: 9 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/re/freab.html

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Chumbler, M. Donaldson

Agency: **Governor, Executive Office of (EOG)**

- General Description:**
- Direct or shared supervision over executive branch agencies
 - Recommend legislation
 - Recommend state budget
 - Analyze public policy
 - Veto legislation
 - Appointments to Boards & Commissions
 - Judicial appointments
 - Fill vacancies in state and local government office (except legislature)
 - Suspension of public officers
 - Approve fixed capital outlay program

- Convene legislative special sessions
- Chair, Enterprise Florida
- Propose revisions to state comprehensive plan
- Execute death warrants/stay execution
- Negotiation of Indian gaming compacts
- Issue executive orders
- Declare state holidays
- Emergency powers

Agency Head: Governor
Website: <http://www.flgov.com>
Carlton Fields Primary Contact: R. Harbison, N. Linnan

Agency: **Governors, Board of (housed under DEO)**

General Description:

- Adopts rules applicable to State University System
- Establishes university tuition & fees

Agency Head: 17 Members (14 Appointed)
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.flbog.org
Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan

Agency: **Health, Department of (DOH)**

General Description:

- Licenses health care professionals (see Board descriptions below)
- Regulates and licenses pain management clinics
- Licenses pharmacies
- Provides medical services to children in dependency
- Makes disability determinations
- Develops statewide health statistics

- Provides disease control services
- Regulates and permits noncommunity sewage systems
- Regulates and permits noncommunity potable water wells
- Provides public health services
- Administers WIC
- Issues birth certificates

Agency Head: Surgeon General

Reports To: Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan, M. Chumbler, M. Donaldson

Agency: **Healthcare Administration, Agency for (AHCA)**

- General Description:**
- Regulates & licenses health care facilities & providers
 - Manages Medicaid providers and claims

Agency Head: Secretary

Reports To: Governor

Website: www.ahca.myflorida.com

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: R. Harbison, Kelly Cruz-Brown, M. Bernier

Agency: **Hearing Aid Specialists, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates hearing aid specialists (licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 9 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/HearingAid

Agency: **Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, Department of (DHSMV)**

- General Description:**
- Provides law enforcement on state highways
 - Licenses motor vehicle drivers
 - Registers & licenses motor vehicles

Agency Head: Executive Director

Reports To: Full Cabinet

Website: www.flhsmv.gov

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan

Agency: **Housing Finance Corp. (FHFC)**

General Description: Administers affordable housing programs

Agency Head: 8 Directors + DEO (Department of Economic Opportunity) designee

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.floridahousing.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Donaldson

Agency: **Human Relations, Commission on (COHR)**

General Description:

- Investigates claims of discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations
- Investigates state whistle-blower retaliation

Agency Head: 12 Commissioners

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: <http://fchr.state.fl.us>

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: Kelly Cruz-Brown

Agency: **Insurance Regulation, Office of (OIR) (*housed under FSC*)**

General Description:

- Licenses & regulates insurance companies, third party administrators, & service warranty companies
- Regulates HMOs

Agency Head: 1 Commissioner

Reports To: Full Cabinet

Website: www.floir.com

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: K. Cruz-Brown

Agency: **Juvenile Justice, Department of (DJJ)**

General Description:

- Provides detention, probation, and intervention of youth & children adjudicated delinquent
- Provides delinquency prevention services

Agency Head: Secretary
Reports To: Governor
Website: www.djj.state.fl.us

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Chumbler,

Agency: **Landscape Architecture, Board of (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses landscape architects
Agency Head: 7 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/larch

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Donaldson

Agency: **Law Enforcement, Department of (FDLE)**

General Description:

- Provides background screening
- Conducts criminal investigations
- Provides forensic services
- Provides domestic security

Agency Head: Commissioners
Reports To: Full Cabinet
Website: www.fdle.state.fl.us

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan

Agency: **Legal Affairs, Department of (see also Attorney General, Office of)**

General Description: See Attorney General, Office of

Agency Head: Attorney General

Agency: **Lottery, Department of (DOL)**

General Description: Operates state lottery & other state-sponsored games of chance

Agency Head: Secretary

Reports To: Governor
Website: www.flalottery.com
Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Chumbler, M. Donaldson

Agency: **Management Services, Department of (DMS)**

- Serves as human resource manager for state employees
- Serves as principal executive branch procurement agency

General Description:

- Manages state buildings
- Manages state telecommunications systems

Agency Head: Secretary
Reports To: Governor
Website: www.dms.myflorida.com

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Chumbler, R. Harbison, N. Linnan

Agency: **Massage Therapy, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates massage therapists and massage schools (licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 7 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/massage

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: K. Cruz-Brown

Agency: **Medicine, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates & certifies physicians, physician assistants, anesthesiologist assistants, dieticians & nutritionists (final licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 15 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/medical

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan

Agency: **Military Affairs, Department of (DMA)**

General Description: Provides oversight of Florida National Guard
Agency Head: Adjutant General
Reports To: Governor

Website: <http://dma.myflorida.com/>

Carlton Fields Primary
Contact: M. Chumbler, D. Taylor

Agency: **Nursing, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates nurses, certified nursing assistants, and licensed practical nurses (licensed by DOH)

Agency Head: 13 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nursing

Carlton Fields Primary
Contact: K. Cruz-Brown

Agency: **Nursing Home Administrators, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates nursing home administrators (licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nurshome

Agency: **Occupational Therapy Practice, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/occupational

Agency: **Opticianry, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates & certifies opticians (final licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/opticianry

Agency: **Optometry, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates optometrists (licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/optometry

Agency: **Orthotists & Prosthetists, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates orthotists, pedorthists, & prosthetists (licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/OrthPros

Agency: **Osteopathic Medicine, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates & certifies osteopathic physicians, osteopathic physician's assistants, & osteopathic anesthesiologist assistants (final licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/osteopath

Agency: **Parole Commission (FPC)**

- Administers parole & conditional release
- Investigates clemency petitions

General Description:

Agency Head: 3 Commissioners

Reports To: Appointed by Full Cabinet

Website: <https://fpc.state.fl.us/>

Agency: **Persons With Disabilities, Agency for (APD)**

General Description: Provides services to developmentally disabled persons

Agency Head: Director

Reports To: Governor

Website: <http://apd.myflorida.com>

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan

Agency: **Pharmacy, Board of (housed under DOH)**

- Regulates pharmacists (licensing by DOH)
- Registers out-of-state pharmacies that ship to FL & pharmacy technicians

General Description:

Agency Head: 9 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/pharmacy

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: K. Cruz-Brown

Agency: **Physical Therapy Practice, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates physical therapists and physical therapist assistants (licensing by DOH)
Agency Head: 7 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/physical

Agency: **Pilot Commissioners, Board of (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses harbor pilots
Agency Head: 10 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/pilotc

Agency: **Podiatric Medicine, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates podiatrists (licensing by DOH)
Agency Head: 7 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/podiatry

Agency: **Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Board**

General Description: Certifies power plants and transmission line (Department of Environmental Protection serves as staff)
Agency Head: Full Cabinet*
Website: www.myflorida.com/myflorida/cabinet/; www.dep.state.fl.us/siting/

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan, W. Hall

Agency: **Professional Engineers, Board of (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses professional engineers
Agency Head: 11 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.fbpe.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: Kelly Cruz-Brown, M. Donaldson, N. Linnan

Agency: **Professional Geologists, Board of (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses professional geologists
Agency Head: 7 Members
Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/geolo

**Carlton Fields Primary
Contact:** L. Lockett

Agency: **Psychology, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates & certifies psychologists, school psychologists, sex therapists, & juvenile sex offender therapists (final licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/psychology

Agency: **Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC)**

General Description:

- Resolves disputes regarding collective bargaining, unfair labor practices & other matters involving public employees
- Registers public employee unions and conducts union elections

Agency Head: 3 Commissioners

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: <http://perc.myflorida.com>

Agency: **Public Service Commission (PSC)**

General Description:

- Regulates public utilities
- Regulates telecommunications companies

Agency Head: 5 Commissioners

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.psc.state.fl.us

**Carlton Fields Primary
Contact:** M. Walls, M. Bernier, M. Donaldson

Agency: **Regional Planning Councils (RPCs)**

General Description:

- Prepare strategic regional policy plans
- Comment on & have authority to appeal developments of regional impact
- Comment on comprehensive plans
- Provide technical assistance to local governments

- Participate as party in power plant & transmission line siting proceedings

Agency Head: Council 2/3 elected officials from local governments, 1/3 appointed by Governor

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: See below

Agency: **RPC, Apalachee**

Geographic Jurisdiction: Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, & Wakulla Counties

Website: www.thearpc.com

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan

Agency: **RPC, Central Florida**

Geographic Jurisdiction: DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, & Polk Counties

Website: www.cfrpc.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan

Agency: **RPC, East Central Florida**

Geographic Jurisdiction: Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, & Volusia Counties

Website: www.ecfrpc.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan

Agency: **RPC, North Central Florida**

Geographic Jurisdiction: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, & Union Counties

Website: www.ncfrpc.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan

Agency: **RPC, Northeast Florida**

Geographic Jurisdiction: Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, & St. Johns Counties

Website: www.nefrpc.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan

Agency: **FPC, South Florida**

Geographic Jurisdiction: Broward, Dade, & Monroe Counties

Website: www.sfrpc.com

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan

Agency: **RPC, Southwest Florida**

Geographic Jurisdiction: Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, & Sarasota Counties

Website: www.swfrpc.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor

Agency: **RPC, Tampa Bay**

Geographic Jurisdiction: Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, & Pinellas Counties

Website: www.tbrpc.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, K. Tinkler

Agency: **RPC, Treasure Coast**

Geographic Jurisdiction: Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, & St. Lucie Counties

Website: www.tcrpc.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, L. Harris

Agency: **FPC, West Florida**

Geographic Jurisdiction: Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, & Washington Counties

Website: www.wfrpc.org

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan

Agency: **RPC, Withlacoochee**

Geographic Jurisdiction: Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion, & Sumter

Website: www.wrpc.cc

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan

Agency: **Respiratory Care, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses respiratory therapists, respiratory care practitioners

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/respiratory

Agency: **Revenue, Department of (DOR)**

- Collects state taxes & audits tax payers

- Collects local option tax

General Description:

- Collects child support

- Oversees property taxes

- Implements one-stop business registration portal (in development)

Agency Head: Executive Director

Reports To: Full Cabinet

Website: <http://dor.myflorida.com/>

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Chumbler, N. Linnan, R. Allen (*ad valorem* only)

Agency: **Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology, Board of (housed under DOH)**

General Description: Regulates & certifies audiologists, audiology assistants, & speech-language pathologists (final licensing by DOH)

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/speech

Agency: **State, Department of (DOS)**

- General Description:**
- Administers statewide elections
 - Provides for registration and reporting of business entities
 - Maintains Florida Administrative Code (to become Florida Admin. Register Oct. 2012)
 - Maintains state library & archives
 - Enhances, protects, & supports state historical resources & cultural affairs

Agency Head: Secretary
Reports To: Governor
Website: www.dos.state.fl.us
Carlton Fields Primary Contact: N. Linnan, K. Tinkler

Agency: **Transportation, Department of (DOT)**

- General Description:**
- Designs, constructs, & maintains state highway system
 - Develops & implements aviation, rail, intermodal, & seaport systems

Agency Head: Secretary
Reports To: Governor
Website: www.dot.state.fl.us
Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan, R. Allen

Agency: **Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund**

- General Description:**
- Acquires, disposes, and manages most state-owned lands.
 - Regulates activities on state's sovereign submerged lands
 - (Department of Environmental Protection serves as staff)

Agency Head: Full Cabinet*
Website: www.myflorida.com/myflorida/cabinet/cabprocess.html,
www.dep.state.fl.us/lands
Carlton Fields Primary Contact: M. Chumbler, N. Linnan, R. Allen

Contact:

Agency: **Veteran Affairs, Department of (DVA)**

- Provides assistance to Florida veterans

General Description:

- Operates veterans nursing homes

Agency Head: Executive Director

Reports To: Full Cabinet

Website: www.floridavets.org

Agency: **Veterinary Medicine, Board of (housed under DBPR)**

General Description: Regulates & licenses veterinarians

Agency Head: 7 Members

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Website: www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/vetm

Agency: **Water Management Districts (WMDs)**

- Regulates water use
- Administers flood protection programs
- Regulates stormwater management

General Description:

- Regulates activities impacting surface waters (environmental resource permitting)
- Regulates aquifer recharge
- Regulates well construction

Agency Head: Governing Board

Reports To: Appointed by Governor

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: See below

Agency: **WMD, NW Florida (NFWWMD)**

General Description: All of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Homes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa, Wakulla, Walton, & Washington Counties and the western half of Jefferson County

Agency Head: 9 Members

Website: www.nfwwmd.state.fl.us

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan

Agency: **WMD, St. Johns River (SJRWMD)**

General Description: All of Brevard, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Nassau, Seminole, St. Johns, & Volusia Counties and portions of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Lake, Marion, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, & Putnam Counties

Agency Head: 9 Members

Website: www.floridaswater.com

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan, M. Chumbler, K. Tinkler

Agency: **WMD, S. Florida (SFWMD)**

General Description: All of Broward, Collier, Dade, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Monroe, Palm Beach, & St. Lucie Counties and portions of Charlotte, Highlands, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, & Polk Counties

Agency Head: 9 Members

Website: www.sfwmd.gov

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: R. Allen, K. Tinkler

Agency: **WMD, SW Florida (SWFWMD)**

General Description: All of Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota, & Sumter Counties and portions of Charlotte, Highlands, Lake, Levy, Marion, & Polk Counties

Agency Head: 13 Members

Website: www.swfwmd.state.fl.us

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: D. Taylor, N. Linnan, R. Allen, K. Tinkler

Agency: **WMD, Suwannee River (SRWMD)**

General Description: All of Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor & Union Counties and portions of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson & Levy Counties

Agency Head: 9 Members

Website: www.srwmd.state.fl.us

Carlton Fields Primary Contact: R. Allen

Agency: **Workforce Florida (housed under DEO)**

General Description: Develop policies to enhance Florida workforce

Agency Head: Board of Directors

Reports To: Appointed by Governor
Website: <http://www.workforceflorida.com/>
Carlton Fields Primary Contact: R. Harbison

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