Florida Education Governance Before First Reorganization (2000)

Postsecondary Education Planning Commission

State Board of Education (Governor and Cabinet)
• Governor is the Chair
• Commissioner is the Secretary

Department of Education
• Commissioner is the head of the department

Division of Community Colleges
• State Board of Community Colleges is the head of the division

Division of Workforce Development

Division of Universities
• Florida Board of Regents is the head of the division

State Board of Nonpublic Career Education (SBNCE)
• The Department is the administrative agent of the board

State Board of Independent Colleges & Universities (SBICU)
• The Department is the administrative agent of the board

28 Community College Boards of Trustees
67 District School Boards (Technical Centers)
10 University Presidents

Florida Education Governance After Second Reorganization

State Board of Education (SBE)
• 7-member board appointed by Governor and confirmed by the Senate.
• The SBE is head of the Department of Education

Office of Early Learning

Department of Education (DOE)
• The DOE is an administrative & supervisory agency and serves as the SEA.
• The areas of DOE responsibility include public schools, Florida colleges, workforce education, vocational rehabilitation, blind services, and student financial assistance.
• The Commissioner of Education serves as Executive Director of the DOE and is appointed by the SBE.

Commission on Independent Education (CIE)
• The CIE authorizes the granting of diplomas & degrees by certain independent postsecondary educational institutions.
• Comprised of 7 Governor-appointed, Senate-confirmed members.
• Independent entity administratively housed within the DOE.

Florida College System (FCS) District Boards of Trustees
• FCS is comprised of 28 public postsecondary educational institutions. Each is governed by a 5-9 member, Governor-appointed, Senate-confirmed District Board of Trustees (DBOT).
• Each DBOT operates its college subject to SBE rules.

Board of Governors of the State University System (BOG)
• 17-member board (14 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, a faculty member, a student; and the Commissioner of Education)
• The State University System is comprised of 12 institutions

School Districts/Boards
• 67 school districts, governed by an elected board of 5 or more members.
• Each board operates, controls, and supervises all free public schools in the district.
• Includes adult education and workforce/career education programs

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• The BOG establishes the UBOT's powers & duties.