GOVERNOR SCOTT’S APPOINTEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SHERIFF LARRY ASHLEY, of Okaloosa, is the Okaloosa County Sheriff. Sheriff Ashley has nearly thirty years of law enforcement experience and has earned numerous awards and commendations during his career. He participated in the Governor’s emergency meetings to help develop the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

PAM STEWART recently retired as the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education. She dedicated her life to serving the students, educators and families of Florida. She has almost 40 years of experience working in the education system, serving in various positions that include teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal, principal, Deputy Chancellor, Chancellor of Public Schools and her most recent role as Commissioner.

CHIEF KEVIN LYSTAD, of Miami Shores, is the Chief of the Miami Shores Police Department. He is the President of the Florida Police Chiefs Association. Chief Lystad will serve as Vice Chair of the Commission.

RYAN PETTY, of Parkland, is the father of Alaina Petty, who was murdered at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. He played an integral role in ensuring the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act moved through the Florida Legislature.

MIKE CARROLL, of Pinellas County, joined Lutheran Services of Florida in 2018 after retiring as the Secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families, ending a state career that spanned more than 25 years within the department. As the longest serving Secretary, in the department’s history, he led the development of a first-of-its-kind website to allow public review of abuse-related child deaths, giving communities the ability to identify and bridge gaps in local services.
STATE SENATOR LAUREN BOOK, M.S. Ed, is an internationally respected and renowned child advocate, former classroom teacher and best-selling author. In 2016, she was elected to represent State Senate District 32, which includes portions of Broward County.

DOUGLAS DODD is a member of the Citrus County School Board. He served in the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office for over 26 years, retiring as a captain. During his career in law enforcement, Mr. Dodd served as a school resource officer for ten years.

JAMES HARPRING is the undersheriff for Indian River County and serves as general counsel to the Sheriff’s Department. He also works as an adjunct professor at Indian River State College and as an instructor at the Treasure Coast Law Enforcement Academy.

MELISSA LARKIN-SKINNER, MA, LMHC, is the Chief Executive Officer at Centerstone Florida. As a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, she has nearly 25 years of experience in mental health and addiction treatment programs, including hospital, outpatient, crisis, community-based, forensic and child welfare services.

MARSHA POWERS is a member of the Martin County School Board. She was elected to the School Board in 2012 and re-elected subsequently.
MAX SCHACHTER is the father of Alex Schachter, who was murdered at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Following the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, he advocated for school safety improvements and urged members of the Florida Legislature to enact effective legislation.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD is the Sheriff of Polk County. Prior to becoming Sheriff in 2004, Sheriff Judd graduated from the FBI National Academy, as well as several other prestigious law enforcement academies, and taught 23 years at both the University of South Florida and Florida Southern College.

SHERIFF BOB GAULTIERI is the Sheriff of Pinellas County and has served with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s office for 35 years. Sheriff Gualtieri also serves on the board of directors for the Florida Sheriff’s Association (FSA), the Major County Sheriff’s Association (MCSA) and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Suncoast.

CHIEF ASST. STATE ATTORNEY MR. BRUCE BARTLETT has served in the State Attorney’s Office for over 39 years. He has prosecuted or taken part in the prosecutions of some of Pinellas County’s most notorious criminals. He has practiced since 1979 and is a graduate of Stetson University College of Law.

CHRIS NELSON currently serves as the Executive Director at the State Attorney’s Office for the 10th Circuit. He was former Chief of Police for the City of Auburndale. A graduate of Bartow High School, he started his law enforcement career as a patrol officer with the Bartow Police Department.
In addition, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Rick Swearingen will serve as a member of the commission, and the following members shall serve as ex officio members:

- Florida Department of Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran
- Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Mary Mayhew
- Florida Department of Children and Families Secretary Chad Poppell
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary Simone Marstiller