

Ben Gibson Elected Chairman of the State Board of Education

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Ben Gibson, Managing partner of Shutts & Bowen LLP's Tallahassee office, was recently elected Chairman of the State Board of Education by his fellow Board members.

"It's truly an honor to serve as Chairman of Florida's State Board of Education as we work to ensure that the next generation is equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed," said Ben. "With the support and leadership of Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature we will continue our fight for our students, parents, and teachers and keep Florida as the best state in the nation for education."

Serving on the State Board for Florida's Department of Education since 2017, Ben was originally appointed to the Board by then-Governor Rick Scott. He was reappointed to the Board by Governor Ron DeSantis in 2021. The State Board of Education is a constitutional body that oversees the Florida Department of Education, directing educational policy for VPK-12 public schools and Florida's State College System. The Board is comprised of seven gubernatorial-appointed board members who are Senate confirmed.

For more information, [click here](#).

About Benjamin J. Gibson

Ben Gibson is Managing Partner of the Tallahassee office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Governmental Law practice group. Ben represents clients facing high-stakes legal issues at the intersection of business, politics, and government. His statewide practice focuses on representing corporate, political, and government clients in appellate, litigation, and administrative matters as well as government affairs. *Influence Magazine* has recognized Ben as one of the 150 most influential people in Florida politics. Ben also serves as a Commissioner on Florida's First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission. Ben previously served as General Counsel to Governor Ron DeSantis' Transition Team, advising then-Governor-elect DeSantis on the appointment of three Florida Supreme Court Justices. Prior to joining the firm, Gibson served as the Deputy General Counsel and an Assistant General Counsel to then-Florida Governor Rick Scott for nearly five years providing counsel to the Executive Office of the Governor on high-profile executive branch legal issues.

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