

## Florida



**Michael Yaworsky**  
**Commissioner**  
**Southeast Zone**

Term of Office:

At the Pleasure of the  
Financial Services  
Commission

Appointed: February 13,  
2023

Confirmed: March 13,  
2023

Michael Yaworsky was appointed as Florida’s Insurance Commissioner by the Financial Services Commission, effective March 13, 2023, after serving as Interim Commissioner for one month.

The Insurance Commissioner is considered the agency head for purposes of final agency action for all areas within the regulatory authority delegated to the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR).

Prior to his nomination, Commissioner Yaworsky served as vice chairman of the Florida Gaming Control Commission and as the OIR’s chief of staff from 2017 to 2021. As the OIR’s chief of staff, he assisted in overseeing one of the largest insurance markets in the world by serving as a policy advisor to the Commissioner and managing agency fiscal matters and administrative operations. Prior to joining the OIR, he served as legal counsel for the Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner.

Commissioner Yaworsky serves on the board of directors for Family Promise of the Big Bend, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

Commissioner Yaworsky earned a Juris Doctor (J.D) from Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law (Homewood, AL) and a bachelor’s degree in social science from Florida State University.

The OIR is the lead regulatory agency overseeing Florida’s insurance industry—one of the largest, most complex insurance industries in the world. It is housed within the Department of Financial Services (DFS) for administrative, personnel, and technology support.

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**Chief Financial Officer**  
**Southeast Zone**

Term of Office:  
Four Years

Elected:  
November 6, 2018  
Re-elected: November 8,  
2022 Appointed: June 30,  
2017

Jimmy Patronis is a native Floridian born and raised in Panama City. He earned his associate degree in restaurant management from Gulf Coast Community College and a bachelor's degree in political science from Florida State University. He is a partner in a family-owned seafood restaurant called Captain Anderson's, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2017.

His public service career began as an intern in the FL Senate and the United Kingdom's House of Commons. After graduation, Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the FL Elections Commission, and he was reappointed by Governor Jeb Bush. He served in the FL House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014, representing his hometown region in the FL Panhandle. He was appointed to serve on FL's Public Service Commission, as well as the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets once every 20 years to propose changes to the state constitution.

Recognized for outstanding leadership in his hometown of Panama City and throughout FL, he is committed to active civic engagement and business development. He has chaired the Greater Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council, served on the board of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Bay County Chapter of the FL Restaurant and Lodging Association, and national president for the FL Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He is a former trustee of the Gulf Coast Medical Center, and former director of the Bay Medical Center's Foundation and Gulf Coast Community College Foundation Board. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Northwest FL Beaches International Airport in Panama City and has served as chairman and a board member of Bay County-Panama City International Airport and Industrial District.

Patronis and his wife, Katie, are proud parents to Jimmy Theo III and John Michael and are lifelong members of the Saint John's Greek Orthodox Church.

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