

## FLORIDA COMMITTEE HOLDS PUBLIC HEARINGS ON GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Florida House Speaker Marco Rubio (R-Miami Dade) unveiled recently the creation of the [Select Committee on Condominium & Homeowner Association Governance](#).

According to Speaker Rubio, "The purview of the select committee shall be limited to the governance of condominiums, cooperatives, and homeowners associations, to include accounting, budgeting, audits, theft by officers and directors, elections, access to records, and the state regulation of condominiums and cooperatives by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation." The focus will be primarily on individual owners: "...dealing with individual complaints, the committee will see problems and determine what laws are needed."

This Committee has subpoena powers to force, if necessary, board members, accountants, lawyers, and managers to testify and provide records that may not have been previously shared. All testimony and documents will be public.

A series of hearings around the state will be scheduled, and a report and recommendations will be issued by March 3, the day before the start of the 2008 legislative session. The next meetings will be:

Feb 9, 2008 10:00 AM	Meeting will be held at: Nautilus Middle School, 4301 N. Michigan Avenue, Miami Beach Florida.
Feb 16, 2008 10:00 AM	Meeting will be held at: Florida Real Estate Commission meeting room, located on the 9th floor of the North Tower of the Hurston Building, 400 West Robinson Street, Orlando, Florida.

Future meeting [notices](#) are expected to be announced shortly. For additional information about these hearings, including an appearance request form and the staff contact for this work, please go to the [Select Committee's](#) site.