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**Subject: Scott officially names Patronis as CFO**

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Former state Rep. Jimmy Patronis was formally named the state's next CFO during an event Monday at his family's Panama City restaurant.

Scott selected Patronis, a Republican from Panama City, for the post four days before current CFO Jeff Atwater is set to depart. Atwater resigned to take a job at Florida Atlantic University.

Patronis has long been a Scott ally. When Scott ran against Attorney General Bill McCollum in 2010, Patronis was one of the few members of the state's Republican establishment to back Scott's campaign.

Scott will also hold events with Patronis in Pensacola and Tampa.