



The Briefing – Thursday – 4-14-22

The last Briefing was *Wednesday – 4-13-22*

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates.

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Small County Coalition Website

<https://smallcountycoalition.org/>

We are pleased to direct you to a revised website developed for the Small County Coalition. The site offers the latest information about the Coalition leaders and members, links to legislative contact, and other important information regarding issues impacting Florida's small and rural communities. Please use this site as you see fit and feel free to include the link on your website to enable folks that use your sites who may want to get more information regarding small counties and rural issues in Florida.

Note – A similar site is being updated for the Small School District Council Consortium

Upcoming Meeting of State Associations

June 8-10 - FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference – Tampa
June 9 - Small District Breakfast – Annual Joint Business Meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the SSDCC

June 28 - July 1 - [FAC Annual Conference - Small County Coalition Annual Meeting - Orlando](#)
The Small County Coalition will meet for breakfast on Wed. – June 29th

Headlines from Around the State

WLRN: Feds, State Fight Over Immigration Policies

The Floridian: DeSantis to New Immigrants: "Do not come to Florida"

Herald: Inflation creating 'a layup for Republicans' in Florida as pressure on Biden increases

The Capitolist: Judge dismisses challenge to Florida abortion order that requires waiting period

Bradenton Herald: Here's what Florida employers need to know if DeSantis approves new 'anti-woke' law

Ledger: Polk supervisor of elections warns state's deadline on congressional maps is too late

The Hill: Mulvaney: DeSantis, The Rock, Tim Scott could give Trump 'a run for his money'

FlaPol: DNC continues to tar Republicans with Rick Scott tax hike pitch

NBC News: Democrats see signs of Rick Scott's GOP agenda backfiring with voters

FlaPol: Rick Scott questions FEMA hurricane readiness amid Joe Biden's inflation

Yahoo News: Rubio campaign swing includes Tallahassee happy hour for grassroots politics

The Floridian: Rubio: Demings 'Enabling... Border Crisis'

Herald: Venezuelan Democrats respond to Rubio statements in Doral: 'We are proud Democrats'

NYTimes: Florida's Manatee Culture

TCPalm: Will Congress approve NERP law to end Lake Okeechobee discharges to coastal estuaries?

FlaPol: Appeals court bounces bars' lawsuit over COVID-19 shutdown damages

The Capitolist: Report: Florida ranks 6th in COVID educational success

FlaPol: With uproar canceling Disney gathering, Florida Democrats reset Leadership Blue Gala in Tampa

WUSF: Rumble will not receive taxpayer money to set up its US headquarters in Sarasota

WUSF: A report shows that the pandemic is having lasting effects on Florida families

Ledger: Retired Navy commander Demetries Grimes enters crowded race for U.S. House District 15

FlaPol: Former U.S. Rep. Sandy Adams endorses Scott Sturgill in CD 7

Sentinel: Two men from The Villages admit to casting multiple ballots in 2020 election

Times: Civics class, community service for 2 voting fraud suspects from The Villages

FlaPol: Florida Health Insurance Advisory Board hires new Executive Director

Times: Zephyrhills man accused of fighting Capitol police, smashing window on Jan. 6

Herald Tribune: USF commences its virtual series analyzing the war in Ukraine

Politico: DeSantis to push through new Florida map that will bring big GOP gains

News4Jax: DeSantis redistricting plan gets key Senate backing

Sentinel: DeSantis sits in driver's seat on redistricting, with control of U.S. House in play

Daily News: Special session: Florida lawmakers heeding Gov. DeSantis' demand for new congressional map, enraging opponents

AP: DeSantis congressional map tears up Black rep's district

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis submits congressional plan favored to pass in Special Session

Sun-Sentinel: Governor's plan for congressional redistricting preserves status quo in Broward, Palm Beach counties

Herald: 'Not here to play the game.' Miami Sen. Annette Taddeo pushes special session boycott

The Capitolist: Taddeo blasts DeSantis handling of insurance: "Only new company approved in Florida is funded by communist China"

Post: Palm Beach County Democrats urge Nikki Fried to expand sugar cane burning buffers

FlaPol: Anthony Sabatini cheers Gov. DeSantis map for helping Republicans

WCTV: Court backs college in COVID-19 shutdown case

The Floridian: Book Launches New Campaign Ad, but Faces Competition

FlaPol: Lauren Book raises more than \$40K in March as she faces her first challenger ever

FlaPol: Shevrin Jones crosses \$1M raised for Senate defense as old foe resurfaces to challenge him

Herald: Miami-Dade delays vote to change building checks by a decade after Surfside collapse

Bradenton Herald: Has Piney Point improved since 2021 disaster? 'No more putting Band-Aids on it.'

FlaPol: Rebecca Bays adds \$22K in March for HD 23 race

FlaPol: Former Orange County Democratic Party officer Rita Harris raises \$9K in HD 44 run

FlaPol: Peter Schweizer rails on China influence in U.S. politics, Hunter Biden's laptop in Tiger Bay talk

WLRN: Will Jacksonville remove its Confederate monuments? Voters may decide

The Capitolist: Carolina Amesty's campaign for HD 45 nabs endorsement from MLS star Aurélien Collin

Sun-Sentinel: Must landlords give 60 days notice of rent hikes? This new rule is catching on in South Florida

On the Docket

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

- **LEGISLATIVE SESSION:** Members of the Volusia County legislative delegation are expected to discuss the 2022 session during a Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce breakfast event. The delegation is made up of Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford; Sen. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine;

Sen. Tom Wright, R-New Smyrna Beach; incoming House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast; Rep. Webster Barnaby, R-Deltona; Rep. Elizabeth Fetterhoff, R-DeLand; and Rep. Tom Leek, R-Ormond Beach. (Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Daytona State College, Mori Hosseini Center, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.)

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD: The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HgSOmbwuRaWKJdcLd9Vwng)
- PAROLE CASES: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet in Lake County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Minneola City Hall, 800 U.S. 27, Minneola. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES: The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will hold a retreat, followed by a regular board meeting. (Thursday, retreat at 10 a.m., with full board at 2 p.m., Daytona State College, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.)
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program will hold a statewide quarterly behavioral health meeting in Duval County. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Department of Children and Families, Northeast Regional Office, 5920 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville.)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court will release weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- PETROLEUM OFFICIAL SPEAKS AT ECONOMIC CLUB: Mike Sommers, president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, will speak to the Economic Club of Florida. (Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Florida State University Alumni Center, 1030 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.)
- BROWN SPEAKS AT TIGER BAY: Hyatt Brown, chairman of Brown & Brown, Inc., and a former state House speaker, is scheduled to address the Tiger Bay Club of Volusia County. (Thursday, 11:30 a.m., LPGA Country Club, Daytona Beach.)
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD: The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Thursday, 1 p.m., Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022

- TREASURE COAST COUNCIL: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. (Friday, 9:30 a.m., Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Wolf High Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. <https://meet.goto.com/460588309>. Call-in number: 1-646-749-3122. Code: 460588309)

Agency Websites

- Weather – NOAA - <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- Dept. of Health – Weekly Stats on Covid - [Link to Weekly Updates](#)
- DEO Re-employment Claims - [Link to Up to date weekly employment data](#)
- DEP Algae Bloom Weekly Report - <https://floridadep.gov/AlgalBloomWeeklyUpdate>
- DEP Algae Bloom Dashboard - <https://floridadep.gov/AlgalBloom>
- DEO - Office of Broadband - <https://floridajobs.org/community-planning-anddevelopment/broadband/office-of-broadband>
- FDOT – Florida Transportation Plan - <http://floridatransportationplan.com/>

