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better than a negative one!**

## ***The Briefing – Tuesday – 4-26-22***

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### **Important Information and Resource Links**

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### **Happy Birthday**

**Sherrie Raulerson** – Supt of Schools in Baker County and Chair of the SSDCC

**Christian B. Doolin, Jr.** – Assistant City Manager – City of Tallahassee

## **The Quick**

### **State Board of Education will Friday to Consider Nomination for Education Commission**

The SBE will meet this Friday, April 29, 2022, at 11:00am in Tallahassee. The sole item on the agenda will be consideration of Governor DeSantis’ nomination of Senator Manny Diaz for Commissioner of Education. Current Commissioner, Richard Corcoran, is resigning at the end of the month. Here is a link to the [Agenda](#). The meeting will be streamed live on [The Florida Channel](#).

### **Right to Clean Water group Proposes ballot initiative for November 2025**

The political committee named Florida Right to Clean [Water.org](#) has proposed filed a proposed constitutional amendment that would create a “fundamental right to clean and healthy waters” and allow lawsuits against state agencies for harm or threatened harm to lakes, rivers, wetlands and other types of water bodies. The initiative is targeting the 2024 ballot. Part of the initiative states “State executive agencies are instrumental to the effort to protect Florida waters from harm and threatened harm,” and, “Consequently, to promote the interests of Florida’s people, businesses, organizations, communities, and economies in clean and healthy waters, this section (part of the proposal) provides for equitable remedies against the actions or inactions of state executive agencies that harm or threaten harm to Florida waters, with the goal of clean and healthy waters and the aspiration that waters in the state

will one day flourish.” To reach the 2024 ballot, the committee would need to submit 891,589 valid petition signatures by a Feb. 1, 2024, deadline and receive approval of the ballot wording from the Florida Supreme Court.

### **Bill Dissolving Special Districts Puts Bond Ratings on Alert**

*Excerpts from NewsService of Florida*

Gov. DeSantis on Friday signed Senate Bill 4-C, a bill aimed at dissolving special taxing districts that were established prior to 1968. The law would dissolve the districts on June 1, 2023, affects the Reedy Creek district (Osceola and Orange) and five smaller special districts: the Bradford County Development Authority, the Sunshine Water Control District in Broward County, the Eastpoint Water and Sewer District in Franklin County, the Hamilton County Development Authority and the Marion County Law Library unless they are re-established by the Legislature before then.

The Reedy Creek Improvement District encompasses about 25,000 acres in Orange and Osceola counties on property in and around Walt Disney World. The district has authority over issues such as land use and provides traditional functions of government, including fire protection and wastewater services. If it is dissolved, the Reedy Creek district’s debt obligations, revenues and responsibilities would be transferred to Osceola and Orange counties and the small cities of Lake Buena Vista and Bay Lake.

The legislative action prompted credit-rating agency Fitch Ratings on Friday to place a “rating watch negative” on about \$1 billion in outstanding district debt.

The district has about \$79 million in outstanding utilities revenue and refunding bonds and approximately \$766 million in outstanding ad valorem tax bonds, according to an alert issued by Fitch. The district’s various debt ratings range from A to AA-, Fitch said.

Fitch said the debt is expected to be transferred to Orange County and, to a lesser extent, Osceola County.

The message also touched on what is known as ESG, or environmental, social, and governance principles, which the agency ranks on a scale of one to five. Scores of one or two indicate “no impact on the credit score rating;” a score of three reflects minimal risk; and scores of four and five “indicate that the ESG risk is either an emerging risk or a contributing factor to the credit decision,” according to Fitch’s website.

Fitch revised the Reedy Creek district’s “general government” score on “rule of law, institutional & regulatory quality, control of corruption” from three to five “to reflect state actions to dissolve the district, which points to a substantially reduced degree of independence from political pressure,” the agency said.

### **Days Until**

- 2022 Florida Chamber Transportation, Growth & Infrastructure Solution Summit — 2;
- White House Correspondents’ Dinner — 4;
- Florida TaxWatch’s Spring Meeting — 16;
- California, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico and South Dakota hold midterm Primaries — 42;
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- Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Olympic Games — 822.

### *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 29<sup>th</sup>

### *Headlines from Around the State*

*WUSF: Florida wants a lawsuit challenging its new redistricting plan to be dismissed*

*FlaPol: With Florida's congressional map in place, judge says plaintiffs need a new argument fast*

*Bradenton Herald: Manatee County splits from Sarasota in Florida's controversial new congressional maps*

*Sun: Florida physicians push back on advice from state against transgender support for youth*

*FlaPol: Brian Mast launches re-election bid in the new CD 21*

*WLRN: Error forces a do-over of the jury selection process in the Parkland shooting trial*

*Post: Will natural gas prices send FPL bills even higher? Not yet, utility says*

*Bradenton Herald: Why a longer red snapper season is 'one of the most exciting times' to fish in Florida*

*WLRN: New COVID-19 cases in Florida have been gradually increasing*

*CBS Miami: Wastewater Samples Show Increase In South Florida COVID-19 Cases*

*News4Jax: As state sees uptick in reported COVID cases, hospitalizations in Jacksonville still very low*

*Herald Tribune: Sarasota among several high-ranking Florida metros for most \$1 million home sales*

*Ledger: Tropical fish sales increase amid COVID-19 pandemic*

*Politico: DeSantis signs bill creating one of the nation's only election police units*

*Herald: DeSantis signs elections bill creating fraud squad, making changes affecting voters*

*Times: Ron DeSantis fight with Disney helped him break fundraising records*

*The Floridian: DeSantis: Democrats Want 'Absolute Control' Over Voters*

*Sentinel: DeSantis endorses Wilton Simpson, not Winter Parks Chuck Nadd, for agriculture commissioner*

*FlaPol: Charlie Crist lobbies for Florida Chamber endorsement during MSNBC hit*

*CBS Miami: Constitutional Amendment Would Allow Lawsuits Against State Agencies For Harm To Florida Bodies Of Water*

*Today: Brevard Public Schools asked to return any unspent COVID-19 relief from second round*

*DBNJ: Gov. Ron DeSantis chooses Central Florida district boss Jared Perdue as new FDOT secretary*

*My News 13: Family of Tyre Sampson files lawsuit in connection with his death on Orlando's FreeFall ride*

*My News 13: FreeFall lawsuit attorney: 'Ride was flawed from its inception'*

*FlaPol: Paul Renner backs Danny Alvarez for HD 69*

*FlaPol: Proud Boys, police turned out for women's rally in Sarasota*

*NWF Daily News: Niceville named safest city in Florida due to low crime rates*

*FlaPol: Presidential politics turned a \$75 used couch purchase into a \$30K Tampa Bay lawsuit*

*Sentinel: After man ruined gay pride mural, he is ordered to write essay on victims of Pulse nightclub massacre*

### ***On the Docket***

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**

- **FIU TRUSTEES:** The Florida International University Board of Trustees will meet after holding committee meetings. (Tuesday, committees start at 9 a.m., with the full board at 1 p.m., Florida International University, Graham University Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami. <http://webcast.fiu.edu/>)
- **SOUTHWEST WATER DISTRICT:** The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad St., Brooksville.)
- **RAIL ISSUES:** The Florida Department of Transportation will continue a series of “rail-transit listening sessions.” (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Jackson County Agriculture Center, 3631 U.S. 90, Marianna.)
- **TRIUMPH GULF COAST:** The Triumph Gulf Coast Board, which administers settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will discuss a series of issues, including a \$2 million project for the Bay Economic Development Alliance titled “Project Arrow.” (Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Wakulla County School Board chamber, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville.)
- **SUICIDE DETERRENCE:** The Florida First Responder Suicide Deterrence Task Force will meet. (Tuesday, 2 p.m. <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/92601143726>)
- **KEYS COLLEGE BOARD:** The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. (Tuesday, 2 p.m., The College of the Florida Keys, Hawks Cay, Marathon. <https://meet.goto.com/211624941>. Call-in number: 1-224-501-3412. Code: 211624941)
- **UCF TRUSTEES:** The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Information at <https://bot.ucf.edu/>)
- **MANATEE-SARASOTA TRUSTEES:** The Board of Trustees of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, Library & Learning Center, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.)

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022**

- **UNF TRUSTEES:** The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., University of North Florida, Osprey Commons, Jacksonville.)
- **PAROLE ISSUES:** The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)
- **UNEMPLOYMENT APPEALS AT ISSUE:** The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission,

1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 38535195)

- WORKERS' COMP ISSUES: A state board known as the Three-Member Panel will meet to discuss workers' compensation insurance issues. (Wednesday, 11 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/603199453>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 603199453)
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. (Wednesday, workshop at 1:45 p.m., meeting at 3 p.m., College of Central Florida, Citrus Campus, Learning and Conference Center, 3800 South Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.)
- MEDICAID EXPANSION: The national Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee will hold a news conference to support Medicaid expansion, with participants including Florida Sen. Janet Cruz, D-Tampa. (Wednesday, 2 p.m. Reporters may register at [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WYII\\_bVyTsOxSfMPGydg5w?link\\_id=4&am p;can\\_id=03586a3576d46b9a68e2a75cf8145ea0&source=email-advisory-the-dlcc-and-state-legislators-demand-medicaid-expansion&email\\_referrer=email\\_1518799&email\\_subject=advisory-the-dlcc-and-state-legislators-demand-medicaid-expansion](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WYII_bVyTsOxSfMPGydg5w?link_id=4&am p;can_id=03586a3576d46b9a68e2a75cf8145ea0&source=email-advisory-the-dlcc-and-state-legislators-demand-medicaid-expansion&email_referrer=email_1518799&email_subject=advisory-the-dlcc-and-state-legislators-demand-medicaid-expansion))
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD: The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular meeting. (Wednesday, workshop at 2:30 p.m., board meeting at 4 p.m., Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center, 39 Columbia Dr., Tampa. <https://hccfl.zoom.us/j/94669478276#success>)
- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 5 p.m., Lake-Sumter State College, South Lake Campus, Building 2, 1250 North Hancock Road, Clermont.)

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022**

- COURT CONSIDERS TECH LAW: A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in a battle about a Florida law that would put restrictions on companies such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. The state took the case to the Atlanta-based appeals court after U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle in June issued a preliminary injunction blocking the law from being enforced, saying it was "riddled with imprecision and ambiguity." The law, passed during the 2021 legislative session, was a priority of Gov. Ron DeSantis and other Republicans who accused social-media platforms of censorship. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Frank M. Johnson, Jr. United States Courthouse, 1 Church St., Montgomery, Ala.)
- HEALTHY KIDS BOARD: The Florida Healthy Kids Corp. Board of Directors will meet in Orange County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando.)
- CHAMBER EVENT EYES GROWTH: The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold a "Florida Transportation, Growth & Infrastructure Solution Summit," with panel discussions on energy needs, water protection, seaports, rail service, space and the "The Future of Resilient Growth in Florida." Speakers are expected to include Rep. Sam Garrison, R-Fleming Island. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Marriott Jacksonville, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville.)
- VALENCIA COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Valencia College, School of Public Safety, Orlando. <https://valenciacollege.zoom.us/j/94917410387?pwd=ZldzMjRVSXdjOTR2N08wL1B0ODNmUT09#success>)

- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES: The Florida Transportation Commission will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 857897468)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court will release weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PANEL: The Florida Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Association is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 11 a.m. Contact Michelle Robleto at 850-523-1870 for information.)
- CHILDREN’S ISSUES ON AGENDA: The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 3 p.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)
- NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL: The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Thursday, 7 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/710985989>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 710985989)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022**

- PSYCHOLOGY BOARD: The Florida Board of Psychology will meet. (Friday, 8 a.m., Embassy Suites By Hilton-Tampa Airport Westshore, 555 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa.)
- HOUSING ISSUES: The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors is scheduled to meet in Palm Beach County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.)
- PRISON MEDICAL ISSUES: The state Correctional Medical Authority is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 344085830)
- ARCHITECTURE BOARD: The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, 105 North Bayshore Dr., Safety Harbor.)
- EDUCATION COMMISSIONER CONSIDERED: The State Board of Education will meet to consider the appointment of Sen. Manny Diaz Jr., R-Hialeah, as Florida education commissioner. Gov. Ron DeSantis recommended the appointment of Diaz to replace outgoing Commissioner Richard Corcoran. (Friday, 11 a.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)
- JUDICIAL QUALIFYING ENDS: A qualifying period will end for this year’s Florida Supreme Court and appellate-court merit retention elections and circuit-judge elections. (Friday, noon.)
- OPTICIANRY BOARD: The Florida Board of Opticianry will meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 926381917)
- DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES IN CENTRAL FLORIDA: Gubernatorial candidates Charlie Crist, Nikki Fried and Annette Taddeo will take part in a forum held by the Democratic Women’s Clubs of Florida Political Committee. (Friday, 8:30 p.m., Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Dr., Orlando.)

**Important Links**

Elected Officials

[Ron DeSantis Executive Office of the Governor](#)

[Florida Senate](#)

[Florida House of Representatives](#)

[United States Congress](#)

[United States Senate](#)

[Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees](#)

[Florida’s Government in the Sunshine Manual](#)

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