



*On this day in 1789, George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States*

## ***The Briefing – Saturday – 4-30-22***

**The last Briefing was Wednesday – 4-27-22**

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

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### **The Quick**

#### **FY 2022-23 Budget Proposal Awaiting Governor's Approval**

#### **Tax Watch issues Annual Report Calling for Veto of \$281 million in Projects**

#### [2022 Budget Turkey Watch](#)

Florida TaxWatch released its annual review of Florida's FY 2022-23 Budget. According to the Report, "the purpose of the Budget Turkey label is to ensure that all appropriations using public funds receive the deliberation, debate, and accountability they deserve."

The \$112.1 billion budget passed by the Florida Legislature for FY2022-23 contains 166 appropriations items worth \$281.0 million that Tax Watch has labeled as Budget Turkeys. These are only a portion of the record-setting more than 1,200 member projects in the new budget worth \$2.8 billion. In addition, the Legislature created a new program to allow members to request at least \$80 million in additional local projects from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

#### **Post Corcoran Era begins at Department of Education**

#### **Senator Manny Diaz appointed Commissioner of Education Appointed effective June 1, 2022**

*Jacob Oliva – appointed Interim Commissioner during the month of May.*

[Post-meeting comments by Outgoing Commissioner of Education and Incoming Commissioner of Education](#)

The State Board of Education (SBOE) has approved Governor DeSantis' recommendation to appoint Senator Manny Diaz, Jr. to serve as Florida's next Commissioner of Education. Senator Diaz will officially begin the new position on June 1, 2022. Commissioner Corcoran formally leaves the position on May 1, 2022. Senior Chancellor Jacob Oliva was appointed to act as interim Commissioner from May 2, 2022, to May 31, 2022.

Senator Diaz has served in the Florida Legislature since 2012. He served as a public-school teacher, coach, assistant principal, and school administrator. Diaz received his bachelor's degree from St. Thomas University, a master's degree in education from Nova Southeastern, and completed a Harvard Graduate School of Education program for principals.

### **New Area Code Considered**

The Florida Public Service Commission on Tuesday will consider a proposal that would create an additional area code in Jacksonville and surrounding areas that have used the 904 area code for decades. It is projected that the region covered by the 904 area code could run out of available phone numbers in 2024. The Public Service Commission staff members have recommended what is known as an "overlay," which would involve adding a new area code to the same territory covered by the 904 area code. New customers would receive the new code. Current customers would keep their numbers, though 10-digit dialing would be required for all local calls.

### **March Revenue Collections Exceed Estimates by \$626 million**

#### **[March Revenue Collection Report](#)**

General-revenue tax collections in March topped projections by 21.5 percent, according to a report posted online Thursday by the Legislature's Office of Economic & Demographic Research. Collections during March exceeded the estimated level by \$626 million. State economists had projected the state would collect nearly \$2.906 billion in general revenue during the month. But the state topped the projection by the \$626 million figure. Sales taxes accounted for nearly 80 percent of the gain.

### **Property Insurance To Be Considered in Special Session**

#### **Help us understand your issues!**

*Is your property insurance too high? Did you have to get a new roof to renew your policy?*

*Have you had trouble finding property insurance?*

In an effort to better understand the impact of property insurance on you, your company, or your local government/School District – we are requesting that you respond to the following questions by emailing your comments to [Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com](mailto:Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com):

- What experience have you had relating to property insurance coverage that you feel needs to be addressed?
- What recommendations do you have or that you have heard about that would help address the availability and affordability of property insurance?
- What concerns do you have regarding legislative activities in this area?

### **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**

*Herald: Constitutional carry will be Florida law before I'm done as governor, DeSantis says*

*News Herald: Even in rural Florida, DeSantis trains attack on White House while touting his free speech views*

*Ledger: DeSantis talks Disney, 'Don't Say Gay' and courting Hispanics at Fox News 'Town Hall'*

*The Hill: How Florida's own pledge to Disney's special district could backfire*

*NYTimes: Disney's top communications executive is out after less than four months.*

*FlaPol: Nikki Fried suspends seven more concealed carry permits of Jan. 6 insurrections*

*News 4 Jax: FDOE reinstates more textbooks previously rejected over prohibited content*

*Sentinel: Rejecting social emotional learning in math books doesn't add up, puzzled educators say*

*WUSF: Federal appeals court hears arguments over Florida's crackdown on social media*

*Times: Tampa Bay lawmakers scuttle naming courthouse for Florida's first Black justice*

*Herald Tribune: Manatee County commissioner under investigation for alleged DUI on 4/20*

*Herald: An aide to a Miami-Dade County commissioner was arrested on theft charge*

*WLRN: Florida's jobless numbers are low amid staffing shortages, giving workers unprecedented leverage*

*The Hill: Gabby Petito's parents amend lawsuit, allege Laundrie family knew of daughter's death on vacation*

*NBC: Gabby Petito parents says Laundrie family went on vacation while knowing her body's location*

*Today: 'Unreasonably dangerous': Family of Tyre Sampson, boy who fell to death, sues ICON Park*

*FlaPol: Manny Diaz appointed next Education Commissioner, effective June 1*

*AP: Florida Education Board OKs Diaz as next commissioner*

*FlaPol: Education leaders, public officials applaud Manny Diaz confirmation as Education Commissioner*

*Herald: Florida Supreme Court justice is retiring, opening door for another DeSantis nominee*

*FlaPol: Justice Alan Lawson to retire from Florida Supreme Court*

*AP: Florida Supreme Court Justice Lawson to retire*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints Republican House candidate to Broward School Board*

*Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis appoints Coral Springs design consultant to fill Rosalind Osgood's Broward School Board seat*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints Jim Scholl to Monroe County Commission*

*FlaPol: Anthony Sabatini consultant faces rape charges from 2013 incident at Pennsylvania university*

*FlaPol: Jason Fischer withdraws from Duval Co. Property Appraiser race*

*FlaPol: Eleven contests for Circuit Court judges will be on South Florida ballots*

*FlaPol: Lindsay Tygart, incumbent judges elected without opposition in 4th Judicial Circuit*

*CBS 4: Miami-Dade State Attorney: 'Today's The Day Of Accountability,' Fourth Arrest Made In Fatal Beating Of Miami-Dade Inmate*

*Herald: Warrant details efforts by South Florida prison guards to cover up deadly beating*

*Herald: 6 people from Cuba land in Miami Beach on a wooden boat after 2 weeks at sea, officials say*

*Herald: PortMiami, cruise lines pledge to expand technology to cut emissions from ships*

*WLRN: Florida drops survey on teen health and mental health at 'worst time,' says pediatric expert*

*Sentinel: Oviedo City Council makes move to shift away from urban sprawl*

*Daily News: Need help with rent? Collier has \$6 million more to spend*

*DBNJ: 'A lot of vacations': Orange City Police Chief Peter Thomas retires after 30 years*

*FlaPol: Personnel note: Grant Phillips joins Branch Insurance Company*

*NYTimes: How DeSantis Transformed Florida's Political Identity*

*TCPalm: DeSantis took \$100,000 from Disney before feuding with company. Will he give it back?*

*Ledger: Gov. DeSantis keeps up Disney attacks, says 'additional legislative action' in the works*

*Politico: DeSantis officials say Florida won't pay Disney's debt — but there's no plan yet*

*Herald: Rating agency warns Disney debt conflict could weaken other Florida government bonds*

*WaPo: Disney's special tax district pushes back against law that would dissolve it*

*Herald: Is Reedy Creek a real city in Disney World? It's two cities, and people live there*

*FlaPol: Florida's March tax revenues land \$626M above estimate*

*Sentinel: Inflation helps pad Florida's sales tax coffers*

*Herald: DeSantis' first surgeon general publicly opposes child vaccine and transgender policies*

*FlaPol: Rapturous reception for Ron DeSantis at Fox News town hall*

*NWF Daily News: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis makes rare Nevada appearance to pump up Adam Laxalt's Senate campaign*

*Herald: DeSantis education nominee backs school choice, comes from public and charter schools*

*FlaPol: Miami approves 99-year soccer stadium lease with last-minute changes*

*Capitolist: Florida lawmakers push to bring Space Force headquarters to Florida*

*FlaPol: Florida TaxWatch finds \$281M in 'budget turkeys' in 2022-23 budget*

*Herald: Surfside families to meet at condo collapse site on anniversary of tragedy that killed 98*

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*NYTimes: In Florida, It's 'Go West' for Arts Donors and Patrons*

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*Politico: British Virgin Islands officials arrested in Florida, charged in drug conspiracy*

*Herald: Premier of British Virgin Islands, port director charged in Miami in cocaine smuggling scheme*

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*Times: 3 former Scientology workers sue, saying they were trafficked as children*

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*WLRN: Florida asks U.S. Supreme Court to resolve case on 'medically fragile' children*

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*Sentinel: Casey Anthony 'ready to tell her truth' in documentary, source says: report*

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*Bradenton Herald: Take a first look at the new \$72M terminal expansion at Sarasota Bradenton airport*

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*FlaPol: Personnel note: Grant Phillips joins Branch Insurance Company*

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*FlaPol: Personnel note: AFP-FL picks Carrie Patrick for Deputy State Director*  
*WLRN: How social-emotional learning became a target for Ron DeSantis and conservatives*

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*FlaPol: Val Demings, Marco Rubio each top \$30M raised in Senate battle*

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*FlaPol: Val Demings campaign sinks \$3M into convincing Floridians to vote blue up and down the ballot*

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*FlaPol: Video asserts Marco Rubio remains 'Right for Florida'*

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*FlaPol: Charlie Crist TV ad calls Ron DeSantis-Disney battle collateral a DeSanTAX*

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*FlaPol: Annette Taddeo campaign manager's pitch: Wait until voters get to know her*

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*Sun-Sentinel: 'No guts': In blistering attack on fellow Democrats, state Sen. Gary Farmer says his party is enabling DeSantis and Republicans.*

*FlaPol: Gary Farmer to seek open judge position in Broward County*

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*Sentinel: Black Lives Matter activist Maxwell Frost takes fundraising lead in Demings' congressional district*

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*FlaPol: Nick DiCeglie endorses Jennifer Wilson as his preferred successor*

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*FlaPol: SEIU makes a set of early endorsements for South Florida elections*

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*FlaPol: SEIU Florida rolls out endorsements for Tampa Bay candidates*

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*FlaPol: Statewide demonstrations for affordable housing, labor rights planned for May Day*

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*WLRN: Fort Lauderdale City Commission approves new election districts*

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*Times: Panel picks 4 finalists to lead USF St. Petersburg campus*

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*AP: Confrontation with Florida deputies leads to fatal shooting*

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*Times: Ex-Tampa City Council member seeks county hearing officer post*

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*WLRN: Miami-Dade school board chair will not run for re-election*

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*News Herald: Bay charter school leaders to school board: Give us 'our fair share' of sale tax funds*

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*FlaPol: Jared Perdue, new FDOT Secretary, introduces himself to Transportation Commission*

*FlaPol: Florida Chamber study examines future needs in transportation, manufacturing, logistics*

*FlaPol: Florida Chamber Transportation Summit: Sam Garrison says House will 'ride the wave' on infrastructure*

*FlaPol: Florida Transportation Commission reports 'less eventful' Legislative Session for FDOT policy bills*

*FlaPol: Chamber Transportation Summit: Federal infrastructure bill brings opportunities to Florida*

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*AP: Deputies fatally shoot man outside Florida Target store*

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*Times: Tampa police officer suspended, second officer resigns after bad arrest*

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*WUSF: Rex Troche takes over as Sarasota Chief of Police*

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*Herald: 'Bad housing policy': Miami approves parking rules that could worsen home affordability*

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*Herald: 'Hate is a real danger.' Florida sees surge in antisemitic attacks on people, buildings*

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*Times: Florida prison guards charged with murder in inmate beating*

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*Sentinel: As Orlando home prices soar, investors buy into Black neighborhoods, sparking concerns*

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*WLRN: Monroe County school board considers new plan to build affordable housing on district land*

## ***On the Docket***

### **MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**

- REEDY CREEK: Sen. Randolph Bracy, D-Ocoee, Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, and Sen. Victor Torres, D-Kissimmee, will hold a news conference to discuss the Reedy Creek Improvement District. Republican lawmakers recently voted to dissolve the special district, which was created for Walt Disney World in the 1960s. (Monday, 10:30 a.m., Orange County Administration Building, 201 South Rosalind Ave., Orlando.)
- HURRICANE SEASON EYED: Florida State University experts will take part in an online media availability to discuss the 2022 hurricane season, which will start June 1. (Monday, 1 p.m. Reporters may contact [khaughney@fsu.edu](mailto:khaughney@fsu.edu) for the Zoom link.)
- INDUCTION HELD FOR NEW ATTORNEYS: The 1st District Court of Appeal will hold an induction ceremony, with Chief Judge Lori Rowe swearing in new attorneys. (Monday, 3 p.m., 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee. <https://www.1dca.org/Marshal-s-Office/Bar-Induction-Ceremony>)



## **TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**

- **ALLIGATOR HUNTING:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet in Alachua County and consider giving final approval to around-the-clock alligator hunting. The commission supported the hunting change during a March 2 meeting. Commission staff members argued the change in hours --- from between 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 24 hours during the hunting season --- should help hunters better schedule trips and potentially allow more young and senior hunters to participate, as they might be more comfortable hunting during the day. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, 1714 S.W. 34th St., Gainesville.)
- **JUDGE REPRIMANDED:** The Florida Supreme Court will take up three issues, including a public reprimand of Palm Beach County Judge Marni Bryson. The reprimand will come after an investigation by the state Judicial Qualifications Commission said Bryson, from 2016 to 2019, was absent from the courthouse more days than were allowed by judicial leave. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.)
- **INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL:** The Commission for Independent Education is scheduled to meet in Central Florida. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Mission Inn Resort & Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.)
- **NEW AREA CODE CONSIDERED:** The Florida Public Service Commission will take up a series of issues, including a plan to add another area code in Jacksonville and nearby communities that have used the 904 area code for decades. With increasing population and growing demands of cell phones and other technology, the region covered by the 904 area code could run out of available phone numbers in 2024, according to the proposal filed in February by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, an organization that oversees area codes. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022**

- **FISHING ISSUES :** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet in Alachua County and is slated to take up proposed rules about cobia and redfish. (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, 1714 S.W. 34th St., Gainesville.)
- **INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL:** The Commission for Independent Education is scheduled to meet in Central Florida. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Mission Inn Resort & Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.)
- **PILOT COMMISSIONERS BOARD:** The Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners is scheduled to meet in Brevard County. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, 1550 North Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach.)

## **THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022**

- **NORTHEAST PLANNING COUNCIL:** The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>. Meeting ID: 87499770491)
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS:** The Florida Supreme Court will release weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- **SPACE ISSUES:** The Space Florida Board of Directors will meet. (Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando. Call-in number: 1-866-528-2256. Code: 4875556)

## **FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022**

- **CLINICAL LAB PANEL:**The Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn; 11400 Marbella Palm Court, Orlando.)
- **ORTHOTISTS BOARD:**The Florida Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 825536197)
- **DEFENSE ATTORNEY HONORED:** The Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers will hold a ceremony to dedicate its headquarters to past President Jerry Berry, a criminal-defense attorney from Naples. (Friday, 11:30 a.m., Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1419 North Bronough St., Tallahassee.)

## **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](#)

Government Websites

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County Information Additional

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[Florida League of Cities](#)

[Florida Regional Councils Association](#)

[Florida Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Resources for Rural Economic Development](#)

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[U.S. Department of Education](#)

[Florida Association of District School Superintendents](#)

[Florida School Boards Association](#)

[Foundation for Florida's Future](#)

[Consortium of Florida Education Foundations](#)

[North East Florida Educational Consortium](#)

[Panhandle Area Educational Consortium](#)

[Heartland Educational Consortium](#)

[Find A Florida School District](#)

Important Data & Research

[Public School Funding – FEFP Fiscal Year 2022-2023 – Final Conference Report](#)

[Copy of HB 5001 General Appropriations Act for 22-23 – Pre-Veto](#)

[Florida Education Finance Program](#)

[FEFP Funding Explanation for FY 21-22](#)

[Office of Economic and Demographic Research](#)

[Data Sets – Population; Value of 1 mill of Property tax; and Value of 1 cent of local option sales tax](#)

[Local Government Financial Information Handbook 2021](#)



[Salaries of Elected County Constitutional Officers and School District Officials](#)

[Area Profiles: County, City, School District and Criminal Justice Circuit](#)

- [County and Municipal Revenue Estimates](#)
- [Data A to Z](#)
- [Expenditures and Revenues Reported by Florida's Local Governments](#)

[United States Bureau of Economic Analysis](#)

[Florida Resource Directory](#)

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[Florida State and Local Health Rankings 2021](#)

[Stormwater & Wastewater 20-Year Needs Analyses](#)

[Florida Tax Watch](#)

[United States Census – Quick Facts](#)

