



The Briefing – Saturday - May 14 – 2022

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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. For Questions Email – Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

Important Information and Resource Links

[*Small County Coalition Website*](#)

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The Quick

The Tropics section added as seasonal information to Briefing to follow 5-day weather forecast.

Check On The Docket section for key meetings highlighted in Yellow.

Florida Tourism Stats hit record for 1st Quarter of 2022

A record number of tourists visited Florida during the first three months of 2022. 35.982 million people traveled to the state between the start of January and the end of March, according to information posted by Visit Florida, the state's tourism-marketing agency.

Tourism statistics were 39.6 percent higher than during the first quarter of 2021, it also was 19.29 percent over the first quarter of 2020, when the virus hit the state.

Florida has now recorded four consecutive quarters attracting more than 30 million visitors. It also has posted three consecutive quarters with numbers topping the same periods in 2019, when the state handled a record 131.07 million tourists.

International Tourists - the state attracted just 1.323 million visitors from overseas and 578,000 from Canada. During the first quarter of 2019, the state saw 2.276 million overseas travelers and 1.446 million Canadians. Last Friday, Governor DeSantis signed legislation that extends the authorization of Visit Florida from Oct. 1, 2023, to Oct. 1, 2028.

Cord Byrd Appointed Secretary of State to replace Laurel Lee

DeSantis has selected State Rep. Cord Byrd, a Neptune Beach Republican to succeed Secretary of State Laurel Lee as head of the Department of State effective Monday. In March, DeSantis appointed Byrd's wife, Esther, to the State Board of Education. Lee's departure comes as new congressional district lines are being challenged in court and as state and local officials prepare for the Aug. 23 primary elections and the Nov. 8 general election. Byrd, whose appointment will ultimately require Senate confirmation, also will oversee carrying out a controversial new elections law. That law included creating an office in the Department of State to investigate alleged voting irregularities. In addition to the state Division of Elections, the secretary of state also oversees such things as the Division of Corporations, the Division of Historical Resources, the Division of Arts and Culture, and the Division of Library and Information Services.

Headlines from Around the State

Herald: DeSantis taps conservative state lawmaker Cord Byrd to oversee Florida's elections

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints Cord Byrd as Secretary of State

FlaPol: Florida officials appeal redistricting decision, putting judges call for a new map on hold

FlaPol: Federal challenge to Florida redistricting expands, alleges map dilutes Black voting power

Today: Moms for Liberty says DOJ investigated members for school board remarks

Capitolist: CFO Patronis adds anti-fraud measures to special session agenda

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis names new quartet of Southern Regional Education Board members

FlaPol: UF ranks first among public universities in tech transfer for economic return

Herald: 'Do not forget.' Surfside hangs banners along collapse site honoring 98 victims

Herald: 'There's no silver bullet': Train officials discuss South Florida rail line safety tactics

Herald: UM hires Cornell Law grad as its law school dean, following tumult after Varona demotion

Herald: Coast Guard takes 86 migrants back to Cuba. They were stopped off the Florida Keys

Ledger: All 16 books are cleared for return to Polk Schools libraries

Post: How FPL's new \$1.2 million fixed-wing hurricane drone will work and what it will do

Today: Brevard County takes a step towards combatting homelessness

Ledger: In chaotic meeting, Haines City fires city manager on a 4-1 vote

Democrat: 'Scary' times for House Democrats as sexting ends new leader's reign

WUSF: Abortion's last stand in the South: A post-Roe future is already happening in Florida

FlaPol: 'A proven champion': Four Miami-Dade County Mayors back Shevrin Jones re-election bid

FlaPol: Gallop Franklin first to file in HD 8 race after Ramon Alexander drops out

FlaPol: 'A dynamic advocate and voice': Paul Renner endorses Juan Fernandez-Barquin for re-election

FlaPol: Miami-Dade Mayor tops onrush of leaders backing Danielle Cohen Higgins for County Commission

FlaPol: Ben Crump endorses Jeremy Matlow in Tallahassee City Commission race

Post: 6 attorneys named as candidates to replace retiring Palm Beach County Circuit Court judge

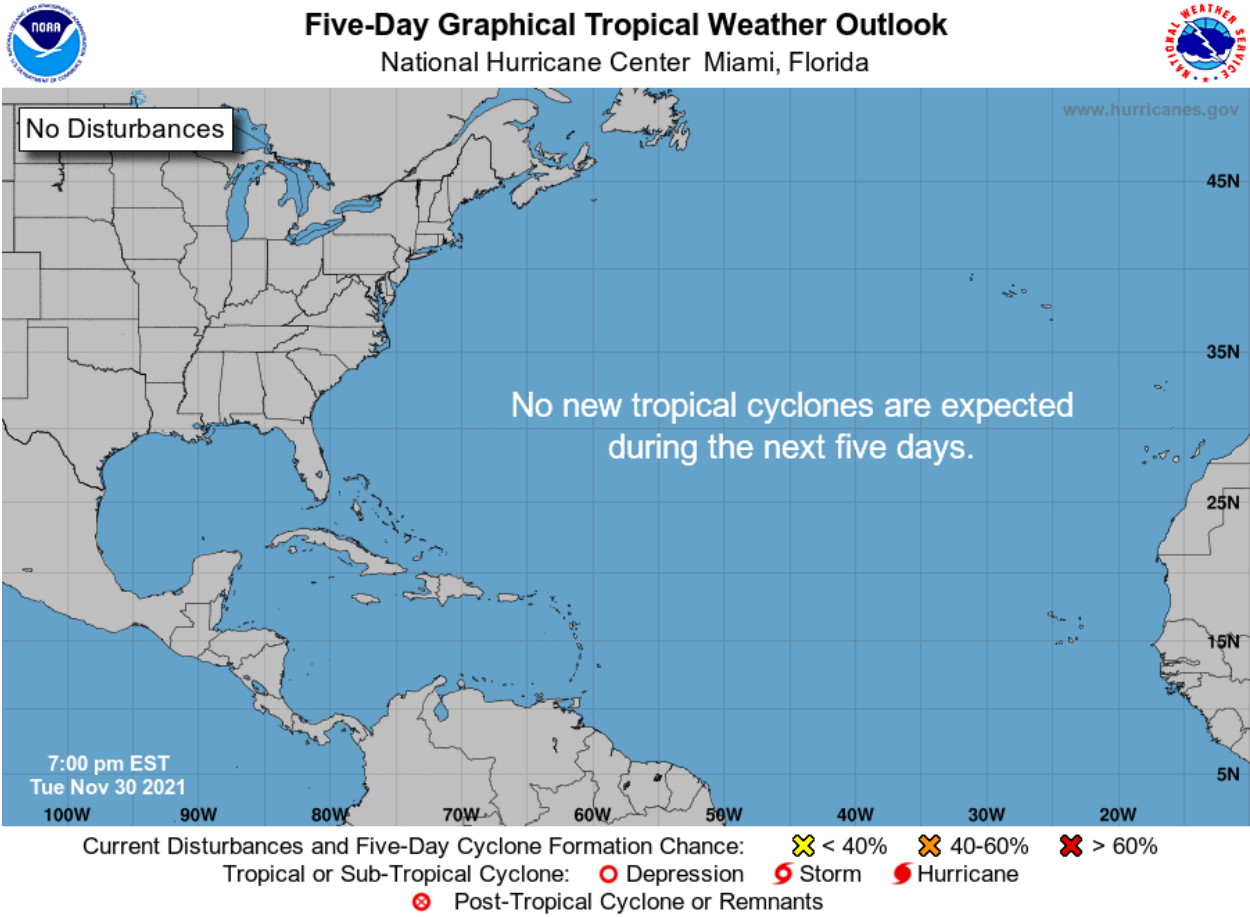
NYTimes: How Two Middle School ‘Desperadoes’ Ended Up in a Police Shootout
Herald Tribune: Sarasota County School Board finishes meeting that was abruptly ended
Herald Tribune: Bradenton settles lawsuit over 160 million gallons in sewage spills since 2018

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 -

Five Day Tropical Outlook



On the Docket

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

- **LOBBYIST REPORTS DUE:** Lobbyists face a Sunday deadline for filing reports showing compensation from Jan. 1 through March 31.

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022

- UNF PRESIDENT: The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet to select a new university president. The candidates are Marc Miller, David Blackwell, David Brennen and Moez Limayem. (Monday, 8 a.m., University of North Florida, Talon Room, Jacksonville.)
- TRANSMISSION LINE: The state Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on a proposal by Florida Power & Light to add a transmission line from Okeechobee County to DeSoto County. The project also would affect Highlands and Glades counties. (Monday, 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- TOURISM INDUSTRY: The Argus Foundation will hold a luncheon with Dana Young, president and CEO of Visit Florida, and Carol Dover, president and CEO of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association. (Monday, 11:30 a.m., Michael's on East, 1212 South East Ave., Sarasota.)
- SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES: The Seminole State College of Florida Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a board meeting. (Monday, workshop at 12:30 p.m., meeting at 2 p.m., Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, Weldon Administration Building, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.)
- BROWARD COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Broward College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop. (Monday, 1 p.m., Broward College, Willis Holcombe Downtown Center, 111 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.)
- CLIMATE THREATS: Florida International University will host a forum about climate-related threats that can affect military readiness in South Florida. Among the participants will be state Rep. Jim Mooney, R-Islamorada. (Monday, 2 p.m., Florida International University, Management and Advanced Research Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami.)
- TCC TRUSTEES: The Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees will meet. (Monday, 2:30 p.m., Tallahassee Community College, Hinson Administration Building, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.)

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 8 a.m., Miami Dade College, Medical Campus, 950 N.W. 20th St., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>)
- KIN INSURANCE RATES: The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation will hold a hearing on a proposal by KIN Interinsurance Network to raise property-insurance rates. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1945549964162418192>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2071. Code: 507471735)
- ELECTIONS COMMISSION: The Florida Elections Commission will meet. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., 306 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., St. Petersburg College, EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater.)
- HURRICANE SEASON: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a workshop about utilities' hurricane preparedness. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- INSURANCE RATE HIKE WEIGHED: The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation will hold a hearing on a proposal by First Floridian Auto and Home Insurance Co. to raise property-insurance rates. (Tuesday, 11 a.m. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5100104899344744462>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2071. Code: 839312608)

- CANADY SPEAKS TO ECONOMIC CLUB: Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Canady will speak to the Economic Club of Florida. (Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., Florida State University Alumni Center, 1030 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.)
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES: The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular meeting. (Tuesday, workshop at 1 p.m., meeting at 2 p.m., Daytona State College, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force will meet. (Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- FARM BUREAU INSURANCE RATES: The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation will hold a hearing on a proposal by Florida Farm Bureau General Insurance Co. and Florida Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co. to raise property-insurance rates. (Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4540663487702383375>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2071. Code: 659995461)
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 3 p.m., Northwest Florida State College, Niceville Campus, Building 400, Niceville.)
- SANTA FE COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 4 p.m., Santa Fe College, Northwest Campus, 3000 N.W. 83rd St., Gainesville.)
- PENSACOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, committee meetings and a regular board meeting. (Tuesday, workshop at 4:30 p.m., committee meetings at 5 p.m., board meeting at 5:30 p.m., Pensacola State College, Pensacola.)
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The North Florida College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., North Florida College, Student Center, Madison.)
- ABORTION RIGHTS: State Rep. Michele Rayner, a St. Petersburg Democrat who is running for a congressional seat, will hold an abortion-rights rally. (Tuesday, 6 p.m., Bear Creek Park, 60th Street North and First Avenue North, St. Petersburg.)
- PASCO-HERNANDO COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 6 p.m. Information at <https://policies.phsc.edu/resources/events/district-board-trustees-regular-meeting-16>)
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

- DEFENSE ISSUES: The Florida Defense Alliance will meet. (Wednesday, 8 a.m., Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown, 316 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.)
- CITIZENS BOARD: The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet to discuss reinsurance and risk-transfer issues. (Wednesday, 9 a.m. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2UhvUUyOTMyZJLVaGRcyJg. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 88307560058)
- COURT HEARS ‘VACCINE PASSPORT’ FIGHT: A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in a Florida battle about whether Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings could require passengers to show documentation that they have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Gov. Ron DeSantis’ administration took the case to the appeals court after U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams last year sided with Norwegian and issued a preliminary injunction against a state law that sought to bar businesses from requiring vaccination documentation --- what has become known as vaccine passports. The ruling, which applied only to Norwegian, said the state

law violates the First Amendment and the dormant Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, 99 N.E. Fourth St., Miami.)

- ELECTIONS COMMISSION: The Florida Elections Commission is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., 306 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- CITRUS ISSUES ON MENU: The Florida Citrus Commission will meet in Polk County. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Citrus, 605 East Main St., Bartow.)
- PAROLE PANEL: 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 CASES: The Florida 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)
- EAST CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL: The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Lynx Administrative Building, 455 North Garland Ave., Orlando.)
- ST. JOHNS RIVER COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will meet in St. Johns County. (Wednesday, 2 p.m., St. Johns River State College, St. Augustine Campus, Viking Center, 2990 College Dr., St. Augustine.)

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022

- DEFENSE SUPPORT PANEL: The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown, 316 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.)
- ARTS AND CULTURE: The Florida Council on Arts & Culture will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/560406629>. Call-in number: 1-872-240-3212. Code: 560406629)
- SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL: The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., South Florida Water Management District, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers.)
- HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Call-in number: 850-270-6017. Code: 559319993)
- GULF COAST COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Gulf Coast State College, Advanced Technology Center, Panama City.)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Broward Refugee Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court will release weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- FARMWORKER ISSUES: The Florida Farmworkers Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 1 p.m. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86872318078?pwd=ZlZrNUZTT2h1WFU5WFNHM0xZVzI0dz09>. Meeting ID: 86872318078. Passcode: 131271. Call-in number: 1-929-205-6099)
- JONES LAUNCHES RE-ELECTION BID: Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-West Park, will hold an event to launch his re-election campaign. (Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Lorna's Caribbean & American Grille, 19752 N.W. 27th Ave., Miami Gardens.)

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

- PHYSICAL THERAPY: The Florida Board of Physical Therapy will meet in Hillsborough County. (Friday, 8 a.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tampa Airport-Westshore, 4500 West Cypress St., Tampa.)

- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS: The Council of Presidents of the Florida College System will meet in Polk County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Polk State College, 999 Avenue H N.E., Winter Haven.)
 - TRANSPORTATION PANEL: The Florida Transportation Commission is scheduled to meet in Alachua County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Transportation State Materials Office, 5007 N.E. 39th Ave., Gainesville.)
 - OSTEOPATHIC BOARD: The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will meet in Osceola County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Embassy Suites Lakes Buena Vista, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee.)
 - HEARING AID BOARD: The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/620640133>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679 or 1-571-317-3116. Code: 620640133)
 - 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.)
 - UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT RELEASED: The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release an April unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
 - REFUGEE ISSUES: The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Friday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
 - FINANCE BOARD: The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. (Friday, 11 a.m., Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88646198049?pwd=T1VFU1NuUjBtSkZBMlBxTkFCM20wZz09>. Meeting ID: 88646198049. Code: 511203. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656)
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