



Summers here and the Heat is On! - Projected high of 104 degrees in Tally!

The Briefing – Wednesday – June 22 – 2022

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**Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday – June 29th - 7:00 am – 8:30am**

 [2022 Annual Business and Organizational Meeting - Website Version .docx](#)

All commissioners from member counties are invited to attend.

Door Prize Drawings throughout the meeting

Courtesy of Corporate Members

- Ozark Rolling Coolers
- Zula High Performance Thermos
- 10 piece Cuisinart Grill Sets



- Multi-pod Tripods for Selfies and Phone
- Lasko Utility Blowers
- Portable Bluetooth Speakers

A Salute to Dr. V. – Thank you for your service!



Excerpts from Text of email from Dr. Anthony Vigebesie
County Commissioner – Gadsden Board of County Commissioners

“Yes, what you may have heard about my resignation from the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and ending my re-election campaign is true. For extenuating circumstances related to Department of Management's Florida Retirement Policies, it's with conflicted feelings and sadness that I regrettably inform you that I have resigned from the GCSBOCC effective 6/30/22 and also discontinue my re-election campaign to Gadsden County Board of Commissioner

<p>Dr V. was elected to the BOCC in 2014 – He was active with the Small County Coalition, the Florida Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties</p>	<p><i>district. This a decision I had to make for my family's sustainability.” Dr. V. continued, “I officially retired from Tallahassee Community College on 5/31/22 after 37 years of service. And I must exit the FRS completely to get my pension, DROP and retirement benefits.” Dr. V. had to resign for the Board of County Commissioners effective 6/30/22 in order to receive his accrued F.R.S. benefits.</i></p>
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The Quick

Litigation Seeks to Block “Critical Race Theory” Legislation

Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker heard arguments Tuesday on whether to block a new state law that would restrict the way certain race-related concepts can be taught in public schools and in workplace training. A group of plaintiffs filed the overall lawsuit April 22, the day Gov. Ron DeSantis signed what he dubbed the “Stop Wrongs Against Our Kids and Employees Act,” or Stop WOKE Act. Lawmakers passed the measure (HB 7) during this year’s regular legislative session. The law is slated to take effect July 1. Attorneys for the plaintiffs argued that if the law isn’t blocked, it will “chill discussions of race,” restricting teachers’ speech and students’ right to access information. The attorneys also contended the measure will restrict employers’ speech by cracking down on what training exercises employers can conduct. Among the group of plaintiffs are - a consultant who performs diversity-training exercises for employers; a University of Central Florida history professor; and, a Nassau County student who is set to begin kindergarten this year. Walker is expected to rule on the request for injunction in the next few days.

Governor Announces \$28.4 million in CDBG funding for 23 communities.

Governor Ron DeSantis awarded more than \$28.4 million in funding for economic growth and community resiliency to 23 Florida communities through the Community Development Block Grant – CV (CDBG-CV) program, and the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program.

The CDBG-CV program, administered by DEO, primarily benefits low- and moderate-income residents. Activities include workforce housing, training, and sustainability, as well as broadband infrastructure and planning. The following communities will receive an award through the CDBG-CV program:

<p><i>Alachua County (\$4,000,782)</i> <i>City of Apopka (\$800,000)</i> <i>City of Coleman (\$1,772,500)</i> <i>City of Fort Lauderdale (\$906,510)</i> <i>City of Green Cove Springs (\$1,397,600)</i> <i>City of Hollywood (\$760,335)</i></p>	<p><i>City of Homestead (\$502,061)</i> <i>Village of Indiantown (\$342,390)</i> <i>Lake City (\$2,000,000)</i> <i>Leon County (\$3,604,207)</i> <i>City of Macclenny (\$291,000)</i> <i>City of Mary Esther (\$324,000)</i></p>	<p><i>City of New Port Richey (\$973,986)</i> <i>City of Stuart (\$4,791,000)</i> <i>City of Vernon (\$987,566)</i> <i>Town of Wausau (\$1,384,090)</i> <i>City of West Palm Beach (\$567,974)</i></p>
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The Rebuild Florida Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program, administered by DEO, funds the local community’s match portion of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) awards, administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management, for eligible projects to support recovery efforts in communities impacted by Hurricane Michael. The following communities will receive awards through the CDBG-DR Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program:

<p><i>Gulf County (\$1,039,184)</i> <i>Jackson County (\$367,364)</i></p>	<p><i>Liberty County (\$115,116)</i> <i>City of Marianna (\$474,000)</i></p>	<p><i>City of Mexico Beach (\$601,408)</i> <i>City of Panama City (\$492,428)</i></p>
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For more information about the CDBG-CV program, please visit FloridaJobs.org/CDBG-CV. For more information about the HMGP Match Program, please visit RebuildFlorida.gov.

Headlines from around the State

Times-Union: New Yorker profile says Trump World wants to 'burn DeSantis down'

Politico: 2024 intrigue: DeSantis declines to ask Trump for reelection endorsement

The Capitolist: Piers Morgan to Republican Party: "Dump Trump for DeSantis"

CBS Miami: Florida seeks to clear way for 15-week abortion limit

Politico: Federal judge to rule on attempt to block Florida law targeting 'woke' lessons

News4Jax: Jacksonville's new congressional boundaries are expected to favor Republicans. Here's who's running

FlaPol: Rick Scott legislation would revamp SNAP benefits

Sentinel: Lack of Florida support for COVID-19 vaccines may hit disadvantaged kids hardest

Sun-Sentinel: Palm Beach County elections supervisor addresses security concerns and new appointment voting program

Herald: A judge's legacy from Surfside condo tragedy: Huge settlement but also hard feelings

Herald: Is David Rivera making a political comeback? He says yes, but he's not on the ballot

My News 13: Officials: Florida's preemptive laws hamper fight against microplastics

News-Press: Frank Mann, longtime Lee County political icon, dies at 80

WINK: Lee County Commissioner Frank Mann has died at 80

News-Press: "Be careful with paradise": Frank Mann had passion for natural resources

Sentinel: Florida plastic surgeons squawk over Brazilian butt lift rules

NBC Miami: Doral Man Testifies at 'Stand Your Ground' Hearing in Fatal 2019 Shooting

Axios: Judge to rule on use of Marsy's Law to withhold deputies' IDs in a fatal shooting

Democrat: COVID-19 positivity rate in Leon County jumps to 20%, eclipsing statewide percentage

FlaPol: FWC redfish regulatory overhaul set for July vote

Herald: Did a Florida ALF short worker pay, then illegally fire one who requested medical leave?

Times: Hillsborough board votes to change Tampa school's Native American mascot

WLRN: South Florida water managers expanding two coastal pumps to battle sea rise

Sentinel: Orange County's rental crisis will be focus of special session

News4Jax: In 'unprecedented' move, Gov. DeSantis gets involved in school board races, backs 3 local candidates

The Capitolist: DeSantis awards 23 communities \$28.4 million in funding to bolster economic growth

Democrat: Nikki Fried goes on offensive after DeSantis rebukes COVID shots for young kids

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis invokes 'Top Gun' in contending he doesn't poll test issues

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis extols line item veto in Boys State speech

FlaPol: Libre Action lines up behind Ron DeSantis's re-election

Times-Union: JU trying to schedule debates by candidates for governor, other races

FlaPol: Florida firefighters endorse Wilton Simpson

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis signs bill easing payment plans for court fines

The Capitolist: Cyber Florida receives \$20 million grant to boost job force

FlaPol: Half dozen GOP lawmakers may also have reported donations during Session

FlaPol: New law directs DEP to set up PFAS cleanup rules, as feds issue advisory

FlaPol: New law puts Florida insurance regulators in charge of pharmacy benefit managers

FlaPol: Governor signs Apopka liquor license bill

NBC Miami: One Year After Surfside Collapse, Lawmakers Reflect on Changes

meet. (Wednesday, 11 a.m., DeSantis, Moody and Patronis are expected to participate by telephone, public access at the Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)

- VOTING ISSUES: The Florida Commission on the Status of Women will hold a luncheon event focused on voting issues. Participants are expected to include state Rep. Jenna Persons-Mulicka, R-Fort Myers, Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Wendy Sartory Link and Broward County Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott. (Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Manatee Lagoon, 6000 North Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach.)
- FSU TRUSTEES: The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., Florida State University, Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHIrUvaS2BU&list=PLTCv6n1whoI3Gor3JYG0IlyYBq--nWhiu>)
- NEW COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m., New College of Florida, College Hall Music Room, 351 College Dr., Sarasota.)
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD: The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. (Wednesday, workshop at 3 p.m., board meeting at 4 p.m., Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center, 39 Columbia Dr., Tampa.)
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD: The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m., College of Central Florida, Ocala Campus, Founders Hall, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala.)
- PSC APPLICATIONS DUE: Candidates for two seats on the Florida Public Service Commission face a 5 p.m. Wednesday deadline for submitting applications to the Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council. The terms of Commissioner Gary Clark and Commissioner Gabriella Passidomo are slated to expire in January, though they can apply for reappointment to the utility-regulatory commission.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022

- VALENCIA COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Valencia College, Winter Park Campus, 850 West Morse Blvd., Winter Park. <https://valenciacollege.zoom.us/j/93746184262?pwd=ZIRIQ3pGVmh1YVBPMnJMY2UwaUozQT09#success>)
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES: The Florida Transportation Commission will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Conference ID: 137060070)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court will release weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- INSURANCE LITIGATION: The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet and discuss issues such as litigation. (Thursday, 1 p.m. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QDIAMNJMRbGgqJQCCfQSSXQ. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 98593216531)
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES: The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular meeting. (Thursday, workshop at 1 p.m., meeting at 2 p.m., Daytona State College, Wetherell Center, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.)
- MEDICAID DRUG UTILIZATION: The Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board will meet. (Thursday, 1:30

p.m. <https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/98033553393?pwd=bXdzaVJKWjZ0R1NlEkdzTm1PbGRUdz09>)

- FIGA BOARD: The Florida Insurance Guaranty Association Board of Directors will meet. (Thursday, 2 p.m. Information at <https://figafacts.com/meetings/>)
- OSTEOPATHIC BOARD: The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will meet. (Thursday, 4 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/407313077>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 407313077)
- NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL: The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Thursday, 7 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/535354733>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 535354733)
- FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022
- PREFERRED DRUG LIST: The Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee will discuss a preferred-drug list for the Medicaid program. (Friday, 8:30 a.m. <https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/98872585598?pwd=NjZvcUh2WVhoYWxVY1RRWW5lOXJWUT09>)
- CANADY TO ADDRESS BAR CONVENTION: Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Canady will give a “State of the Judiciary” address during a general assembly at the annual convention of The Florida Bar. (Friday, 9 a.m., convention will be held at the Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek and the Waldorf Astoria, Orlando.)

PODIATRIC BOARD: The Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/737949005>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 737949005)

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022

- FARM SHARE EVENT: State Rep. Jervonte Edmonds, D-West Palm Beach, will help host a Farm Share food-distribution event. (Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gaines Park, 1501 North Australian Ave., West Palm Beach.)

About the Briefing!

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

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