



For the next few weeks, The Briefing will be sent on a more limited basis. More than likely 1-2 a week. I can be reached if you need me! Enjoy the break!

The Briefing — Tuesday, July 5, 2022

The last Briefing was Tuesday– June 28 - 2022

The Quick

DEO Releases Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) on Thursday submitted the [Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband](#) to Gov. Ron DeSantis, Senate President Wilton Simpson, and House Speaker Chris Sprowls detailing the goals and strategies to improve and expand broadband Internet connectivity in Florida.

Small County Coalition Actions at Annual Business

The Small County Coalition conducted its Annual Business meeting last week in Orlando. Significant Actions Taken:

Small County Coalition officers were elected to a second 1 year term -

- Chair -Commissioner Terry Burroughs – Okeechobee;
- Vice-Chair - Commissioner Russell Melendy – Hardee;
- Secretary - Commissioner Tray Hawkins – Washington,;
- Past-Chair – John Meeks, Levy County

Executive Committee Elections -

- Commissioners Darrell Smith – Gilchrist County and Larry Harvey – Putnam were elected to a two year term on the Coalition Executive Committee;
- Commissioner Ricky Jones – Franklin; Commissioner Danny Glidewell-Walton; Commissioner Scott Monlyn – Calhoun; Commissioner Michelle Coldiron-Monroe were re-elected to serve an additional 2 year term.
- Additional members of the Coalitions Executive Committee are:
- 3 At-large Appointees-
 - Flagler Commissioner Donald O'Brien
 - Gadsden Commissioner Brenda Holt
 - Hendry Commissioner – Ramon Iglesias
- Five Additional members will serve out the last year of their 2 year term;
 - Danny Glidewell – Walton County
 - Ronnie Moore – Madison County
 - Chris Dougherty – Bradford County
 - Anthony Adams – Lafayette County
 - Kelly Owens – Okeechobee County

Special Lifetime Membership Award was presented to Commissioner Lilly Rooks

Levy County for longstanding advocacy and leadership in the Small County Coalition.

Outstanding Leadership awards were presented to:

- Larry Harvey – Putnam County - Chair Presidential Broadband Task Force
- Greg Weiss – Palm Beach County – Vice Chair Presidential Broadband Task Force
- Susan Adams – Indian River – Chair – Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Committee
- Tray Hawkins – Washington – Vice-Chair – Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Committee
- Michele Coldiron – Monroe - Chair – FAC Water and Environmental Sustainability Committee
- Kelly Owens - Okeechobee – Chair – FAC Finance and Tax Committee
- Emma Byrd – Hendry - Chair – FAC Rural Caucus
- John Meeks – Levy - Vice- Chair – FAC Rural Caucus

Outstanding Leadership and Support to the Small County Coalition

Clyde Fleming – Suwannee County, Ron Williams – Columbia County, and Scott Carnahan – Citrus County

Special Recognitions

Bob McKee – Deputy Dir. –FAC Public Policy; Florida Rural Economic Development Association;

Jeff Massey –Washington County; and, Jimmy Williams –Union County

Legislative Appreciation Award

Senator Lorraine Ausley

Headlines from around the State

WLRN: The White House says the feds are monitoring Florida's new Parental Rights in Education law

Sun: Donors, candidates find loopholes in Florida's campaign laws

City & State FL: Experts question science behind Florida's decision to not order COVID vaccines for kids

WUSF: Homebuying program for frontline workers provides over \$5 million to Floridians in its first month

FlaPol: This Boca Raton man is technically too young to serve in Congress; he's running anyway

WLRN: Florida could be in for its seventh consecutive above-normal hurricane season

WLRN: Florida tops 71,000 COVID-19 cases for fifth straight week

WUSF: Florida's largest teachers union takes issue with state civics training, 'Don't Say Gay' law

News-Press: Naples' Passidomo, unopposed, has big plans as Florida Senate president

WLRN: The fight over Florida's 15-week abortion law and a constitutional privacy protection

Daily News: Election 2022: Unopposed candidates mean new terms for several lawmakers

FlaPol: One year in: Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation hails progress in corridor

The Capitolist: May tax revenues exceed expectation by 21 percent; rising inflation still a point of concern

FlaPol: Florida May revenue lands \$742M above estimates

WLRN: Parkland jurors must manage trial stress on their own

Post: Year after Surfside, families still grieving, grasping for answers

Sun: Affordability or stability? Proposed zoning change riles homeowners, intrigues city leaders

News4Jax: 'Join us in California': Newsom targets DeSantis in new Florida ad

Sentinel: Unaccompanied children caught between DeSantis, Biden in immigration standoff

FlaPol: Marco Rubio campaign grills Joe Biden, Val Demings over July 4th prices

CBS Miami: Florida says Ben & Jerry's change 'step in right direction'

Post: Real estate in Florida rich in off-market sales, pocket listings

WUSF: Florida officials plan to eradicate giant African land snails, again

Sentinel: For art-museum director Aaron De Groft, high hopes came to abrupt end in Orlando

WUSF: Flamethrower used to torch Pan-African flag outside Uhuru's St. Petersburg HQ

CBS Miami: Florida nursing home owner to pay \$1.75M in vaccine probe

News4Jax: Donations to pay for abortions surge in Florida

Axios: Florida training program: "Misconception" that founders wanted separation of church and state

News4Jax: Pets are being given up as Florida owners struggle to pay bills

Times: Florida springs protection rule is overdue and underwhelming, critics say

WUSF: First responders continue to work on healing a year after the condo building collapse in Surfside

CBS Miami: CBS Miami Chief Investigative Reporter Jim DeFede's documentaries on Surfside condo collapse

WUSF: Her daughter was killed in Parkland. She now wants to hold fellow school board members accountable

FlaPol: Orange County abortion rights protest planned for July 4th

WaPo: Florida law limiting LGBTQ discussions takes effect and rocks schools

The Hill: White House: Biden monitoring Don't Say Gay bill, encourages discrimination complaints

FlaPol: White House: Feds to monitor anti-LGBTQ discrimination resulting from new law

WaPo: In trainings, Florida tells teachers that religion belongs in public life

WaPo: In Florida, DeSantis's plans for colleges rattle some academics

Herald: How a small, conservative Michigan college is helping DeSantis reshape education in Florida

Sentinel: Stop WOKE court battle rages on as law takes effect

Herald: American Airlines wants to restart Miami flights to five cities in Cuba

AP: Judge won't dismiss parent lawsuit in Gabby Petito slaying

My News 13: Will the Florida GOP continue to make gains with Hispanic voters in 2022?

FlaPol: Court date set to determine if Jerry Torres should be disqualified in CD 14

FlaPol: Shan Rose rolls out FOP, Ruths List endorsements in HD 41

Sentinel: Mayor Demings won't debate. Challengers ask why

Ledger: Text message campaign falsely claims Polk School Board member is under criminal inquiry

Herald: Never mind: Miami-Dade candidate drops request to seal records in her perjury case

O'Dwyer's: Ballard Partners Bags \$900K Liberia Pact

WaPo: Nursing home that diverted vaccines to rich donors pays \$1.7 million

The Hill: 'Fairly exceptional': Capitol riot suspect remains at large 1 year after FBI raid

FlaPol: Judge rules Florida's 15-week abortion ban unconstitutional

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis equivocal in Remain in Mexico reaction, bashes Joe Biden's border policy

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis praises Florida's selective civics, history education as exam scores rise

FlaPol: Borrowing from future Social Security benefits is part of Marco Rubio's Post-Roe vision

AP: Some new Florida laws will boost DeSantis' conservative base

FlaPol: Stop W.O.K.E Act, 15-week abortion ban among list of 144 new laws taking effect Friday, Part 1

FlaPol: New fiscal year, new budget, new state dessert? Here's Part 2 of a list of laws taking effect Friday

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis to recommend Ray Rodrigues to lead State University System

Sentinel: Fried's office hasn't moved to reform vague reports on theme park injuries

Herald: Biden housing chief says Miami in housing crisis, but holds key to easing homelessness

FlaPol: FWC sets new wildlife grants goals, seeks public's help

Times: Cyberattack disrupts unemployment benefits in Florida, other states

My News 13: Florida considers denying Medicaid coverage for some gender dysphoria treatments

Times: Black Florida law students see Supreme Court Justice Jackson as an inspiration

WUSF: One Tampa Bay resident says his student loans were forgiven, but he wants the payments he made back

Capitolist: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity submits plan to expand rural broadband internet access

FlaPol: Party in the USA: Floridians can live it up tax-free during upcoming 2022 Freedom Week

WUSF: A record number of Florida travelers are forecast to hit the road during Fourth of July weekend

Político: W.H. takes aim at DeSantis even as Florida slips away from Dems

FlaPol: Vice President Ron DeSantis? Donald Trump isn't ruling it out

Floridian: DeSantis defends Trump, Says He Was Treated Unfairly on Immigration

FlaPol: Charlie Crist vows to veto all future bills if Ron DeSantis, lawmakers outlaw abortion

Times: Marco Rubio's opponent Val Demings: I do not want to defund the police

Sun-Sentinel: Lauren Book and Barbara Sharief face off in contentious election for Florida Senate

FlaPol: Florida congressional candidate arrested during protest outside U.S. Supreme Court

Times: Democrats question eligibility of Republican seeking Florida congressional seat

FlaPol: Kathy Castor endorses Eric Lynn in CD 13

FlaPol: Ed Hooper endorses Kevin Hayslett for CD 13 GOP Primary

FlaPol: Republican Scotty Moore reinstated to CD 9 ballot

FlaPol: AFP Action-Florida announces another wave of state legislative endorsements

FlaPol: Nate Robertson is trying to find a Republican path in western Orange County

mes: Does Pasco School Board candidate live in his district? Opponents say no.

Herald: She's running for Miami-Dade commission and wants a judge to seal her perjury case

Sun-Sentinel: Candidate with a felony can't volunteer in Broward schools. But he's running for office to help run them.

WLRN: Broward County report alleges Fort Lauderdale's top building official improperly authorized building permits

Sentinel: Commission recommends Seminole County judge be suspended after swearing at defendant

Herald: Miami-Dade plans to build homes on three campuses for teachers needing affordable housing

Sentinel: Orange school board taps homegrown Vazquez as its next superintendent

Herald: Miami's World Cup win: bid documents pitched big spending, human rights, mega airport

Ledger: Texts falsely claim Polk School Board member is under investigation

Five Day Tropical Outlook

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%
Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

On the Docket

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022

- **FIRST CIRCUIT JNC:** The 1st Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission is scheduled to meet to elect a new chair and vice-chair. The 1st Judicial Circuit is made up of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties. (Tuesday, 2:30 p.m., Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, 221 Palafox Place, Pensacola.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022

- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES:** 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. Conference ID: 175899214)
- **GAMING COMMISSION:** The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/951538269>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 951538269)
- **CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD:** The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m., College of Central Florida, Citrus Campus, Learning and Conference Center, 3800 South Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.)

- 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. The application deadline originally was June 22, but it was extended to July 6.

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022

- ‘FREEDOM WEEK’ ENDS: The state will end a “Freedom Week” sales-tax holiday that allows people to avoid paying sales taxes on a wide variety of purchases involving entertainment and recreation. For example, they will not have to pay sales taxes on tickets to movies and sporting events and on many types of boating, camping and fishing supplies. The holiday started July 1.
- PSC: The state Public Service Commission will take up a series of issues, including a proposal by Florida Public Utilities Co. to collect additional money from customers because of higher-than-expected fuel costs. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- ALGAE BLOOMS: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 11 a.m. <http://fwc.adobeconnect.com/hab>)
- COUNCIL ON BLACK MEN, BOYS: The Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 11 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 428345081)

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022

- ATHLETIC TRAINING BOARD: The Florida Board of Athletic Training will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee.)
- DIABETES ISSUES DISCUSSED: The Diabetes Advisory Council will meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 651567643)
- TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS: The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration will hold a hearing on a proposed rule that would deny Medicaid coverage for treatments such as puberty-blocking medication and hormone therapy for transgender people. (Friday, 3 p.m., Florida Department of Transportation auditorium, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee.)

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

Website Links

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