



The Briefing – Wednesday – July 27, 2022

The last Briefing was Monday, July 25, 2022

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The Quick

Small County Coalition Begins Process for Determining 2023 Legislative Agenda

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In preparation for the 2023 legislative session, members of the Small County Coalition have been requested to provide input on issues for consideration and possible inclusion in the 2023 Legislative Priorities. The request was sent to Coalition members on Tuesday requesting that commissioners and county staff review existing Principles, Priorities, and Policies and submit comments/suggestions for consideration. The timeframe for consideration will end in early November when a draft recommendation will be finalized for adoption. Members were asked to review the following –

- ***Coalition Objectives and Principles*** – *The Coalition has an established the framework for how the coalition operates and considers issues on a day-to-day and ongoing basis.*
- ***Coalition Priorities*** - Coalition Priorities are considered those items that will be considered or are requested priorities that coalition members would like achieved in the upcoming legislative session. Priorities are reviewed in the context of the Coalition's Objectives and Principles be submitted for possible inclusion.
- ***Coalition Standing policies*** –Coalition policy statements reflect the ongoing statements that are supported by Coalition members. Policies are organized in the following categories:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FISCAL POLICIES

TRANSPORTATION AND ROAD POLICIES

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT POLICIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

[AG Subpoenas Publisher in Textbook Pricing Probe.docx](#)

Under Florida law, publishers are required to charge all districts the lowest price they charge for materials anywhere else in the state or country. Gov. Ron DeSantis and other state leaders were requested to investigate textbook pricing to determine if some districts were given pricing breaks to some districts and not others. Documentation included in a “Whistle Blowers” claim supports that some districts could have paid thousands of dollars more for materials than others and resulted in representatives for the Small School District Council Consortium to request a review and request reimbursements or credits for future purchases. The matter is currently under investigation by the Attorney General's Office. See link to article on probe above.

“Once the investigation is complete, we look forward to some element of compensation or credit for future purchases. This issue is not complex. It’s simple. The law is clear. Special deals are to be given to everyone. And the fix is easy: Follow the law.”

Chris Doolin, Government Relations Consultant to the 39 member Small School District Council Consortium.

Florida Department of Transportation

Sponsoring Grant Webinar and Information Sessions

the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is hosting a webinar to kick-off a series of grant information sessions taking place this fall. The Webinar will be held on **Friday, August 26, 2022, 9:00 am – 10:30 am**

Grant Information Sessions Kick-Off Webinar

During the webinar, guest panelists and FDOT staff will share first-hand experience about the ins and outs of being a direct recipient of federal discretionary funds. While it is important to know how to create a competitive application, it is equally important to be knowledgeable on the requirements necessary to successfully manage an awarded grant. Last, during this interactive session attendees will have an opportunity to submit topics and questions to be covered during the in-person grant information sessions this fall.

Discretionary Grant Information Sessions.

Sessions will cover material to ensure our local partners are ready to produce competitive applications and be successful direct recipients of federal discretionary funds.



Florida Rural Economic Development Summit 2022

December 7-9, 2022

Registration and Hotel Information

Headlines from around the State

Post: New ad mocks Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz for attacking abortion rights supporters

FlaPol: Matt Gaetz accuses Mark Lombardo of being funded by The Lincoln Project in response to ad

FlaPol: 'Pick people you would hire': Rick Scott likens down-ballot races to job interviews

WLRN: State and New Jersey-based textbook company spar over pricing probe

Sentinel: Florida population growth slows a tad as COVID migration wanes

The Floridian: Waltz Says Vax Mandates are 'Crippling' National Guard

Sun-Sentinel: Parkland killer said he wanted rifle to go shooting with friends, former gun shop owner tells jury

Herald: How a driven prosecutor is building the case to execute Parkland killer: 'Brick by brick.'

Sun-Sentinel: Wawa reaches \$8 million settlement with eight states over data breach — but Florida victims won't see any of it

My News 13: Are you eligible? Florida guidelines for free or reduced-price school meals

The Capitolist: World Health Organization declares monkeypox global emergency as Florida remains American epicenter

WLRN: People who have HIV may qualify for a paid cardiovascular disease study at the University of Miami

Democrat: Crist: DeSantis takes victory lap while property insurance crisis deepens

FlaPol: Charlie Crist: Ron DeSantis is Florida's worst property insurance Governor

WUSF: Lawsuit seeks to block Florida school boards from carrying out Parental Rights in Education

News4Jax: Duval among 4 Florida School Boards sued over gender identity, sexual orientation law

Sentinel: Orange, Palm Beach school boards sued over so-called 'don't say gay' law

Sentinel: Election 2022: Worm farmer battles egg farmer in GOP agriculture commissioner race

FlaPol: Ashley Moody urges restrictions on Chinese property buys in Florida

FlaPol: 'Continued failure to speak out': Nikki Fried demands Ron DeSantis condemn Nazis after Tampa protest

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis to Sheriffs: Florida distinguishes itself with law and order

Bradenton Herald: State's effort to find a new SunPass vendor crashes again. Company lacked experience

TCPalm: 'Dissolving on the inside': Photos show how starvation is killing Florida manatees

The Capitolist: DeSantis backs Kiyon Michael in HD 6 Republican Primary

Times: This accused Tampa Jan. 6 insurrectionist is running for Florida House from jail

FlaPol: Ford O'Connell spends big but Tiffany Esposito holds cash edge heading into August

FlaPol: Anika Omphroy fined \$2K for 'reckless' 2020 campaign reporting issues

FlaPol: Direct mail round-up: Reggie Gaffney goes negative on Tracie Davis in SD 5 race

Herald: DeSantis objects to photo used in mailer supporting Miami-Dade School Board member

Sun-Sentinel: More than 25,000 Broward mail ballots are late getting sent to voters

City & State FL: For decades, Jacksonville City Council redistricted based off 'misinformation'

PNJ: \$175M is up for grabs from state. Here's what Santa Rosa and Escambia would do with a cut

Democrat: Contract for Doak stadium work using Blueprint funds awarded by FSU to Ram Construction

On the Docket

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022

- **BISCAYNE BAY PROTECTIONS:** The state Biscayne Bay Commission, which is looking at ways to protect the bay, will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus, Wolfe University Center, 3000 N.E. 151st St., North Miami.)
- **LOTTERY GETS:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues involving the Florida Lottery. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **ARCHITECTURE BOARD:** The state Board of Architecture and Interior Design is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., The Breakers Palm Beach, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach.)
- **MED MAL ISSUES:** The Board of Governors of the Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 PGA Tour Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.)

- **INDEPENDENT EDUCATION COMMISSION:** The Commission for Independent Education will meet in Central Florida. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Mission Inn Resort & Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.)
- **GAMBLING ISSUES:** The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)
- **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)
- **MEDICAL EXAMINERS:** The state Medical Examiners Commission will meet in Central Florida. (Wednesday, 10 a.m., Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, 1500 Masters Blvd., ChampionsGate.)
- **RISK MANAGEMENT:** The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will take up risk-management issues. (Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **COLLEGE ASSOCIATION BOARD:** The Association of Florida Colleges Board of Directors will meet. (Wednesday, 2 p.m. Information at <https://www.myafchome.org/>)

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022

- **REHABILITATION COUNCIL:** The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind will meet in Orange County. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando Airport, 5555 Hazeltine National Dr., Orlando. Call-in number: 850-583-5063. Code: 252795423)
- **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** The Education Estimating Conference will analyze enrollment in public schools. (Thursday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:** The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-270-6017. Code: 411039499)
- **MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD:** The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet in Orange County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside, 7499 Augusta National Dr., Orlando.)
- **VALENCIA COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Valencia College Board of Trustees will hold an organizational meeting, followed by a workshop. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., district office, 1768 Park Center Dr., Orlando.)
- **DEP HOLDS OPEN HOUSE:** The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is scheduled to hold an open house at its Southeast District Office. (Thursday, 10 a.m., DEP Southeast District Office, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.)
- **HIGHWAY SAFETY MONEY:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze highway-safety revenues. (Thursday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL:** The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Thursday, 7 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/728948053>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 728948053)

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022

- **MEDICAID NUMBERS:** The Social Services Estimating Conference will take up caseloads in the Medicaid program. (Friday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **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)

- **MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD:** The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet in Orange County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside, 7499 Augusta National Dr., Orlando.)
- **HART HOSTS FOOD, PPE EVENT:** Rep. Dianne Hart, D-Tampa, will help host an event to provide free food and personal-protective equipment. (Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2511 East Columbus Dr., Tampa.)
- **COMMUNICATIONS TAX:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the communications-services tax and the gross-receipts tax. (Friday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **FINANCE REPORTS:** State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through July 22.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 22-23

2022

July 25 -	Deadline to Register to Vote in the Aug. 23 primary
August 23 -	Primary Election
Sept. 14-16 -	FAC Legislative Policy Conference – Miami-Dade
November 8 -	General Election
Possible TBA	<i>Small County Coalition</i> – Orientation and Legislative Meeting
November 22 -	Legislative Organizational Session
Nov. 29 – Dec. 2 -	FSBA/FADSS Annual Winter Conference – Tampa
<i>Dec. 1 -</i>	<i>Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of FSBA Small Dist. Council and the Small School District Council Consortium</i>
<i>Nov. 30- Dec. 2 -</i>	<i>FAC Legislative Conference – Pinellas</i>
December –	Legislative Committee Meetings
December 7-9 -	Rural Development Summit – World Golf Resort

2023

January –	Legislative Committee Meetings
February –	Legislative Committee Meetings
March 7 -	Regular Session convenes
March 15 -	Small District Briefing – prior to FSBA Legislative Conference
March 15–17 -	36th Annual FSBA Day in the Legislature
March - TBD –	Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing and Reception
April 25-	Rural Counties Day Legislative Reception
April 27 -	Rural Days in the Legislature
May 5 -	60th day – last day of Regular Session
June 7-9-	FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
June 27-30 -	FAC Annual Summer Conference
November 30 –	Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium

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

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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