



Wow! Already!

The Briefing – Monday – August 1 –2022

The last Briefing was Wednesday, July 27, 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

The Quick

Working Remotely – Available by Cell or Email!

Summer break almost over for school kids!

Football just around the corner!

Slow in Tally!

Important Broadband Webinar on Wednesday

Python Challenge Starts Friday

Elections – August 23

IMPORTANT BROADBAND WEBINAR

The Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband: An Update from the DEO Office of Broadband

Wednesday – August 3 and Noon EST

Presenter – Katie Smith, Director, DEO Office of Broadband

[Register at this link!](#)

Join this important Webinar for a presentation on the Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband. The Florida Office of Broadband Director Katie Smith will provide highlights of Florida's plan for broadband including the critical work of Local Technology Planning Teams. The Strategic Plan lays out the vision of the Office of Broadband, the elements and steps of the strategic plan, the roles for state and local stakeholders, and the strategies to undertake as Florida works toward the expansion of broadband Internet. FAC encourages all counties to form an LTPT and begin assessing their community for broadband availability.

The Florida Python Challenge 2022

Aug. 5 – Aug. 14

<https://flpythonchallenge.org/>

The [Florida Everglades](#) is an extraordinary ecosystem unlike any other in the world! It is home to a variety of rare and unique wildlife including a diversity of native birds, mammals, fish and reptiles. However, some reptiles, like the invasive [Burmese python](#), do not belong in this ecosystem and pose a threat to native wildlife. The Florida Python Challenge® is an exciting conservation effort which helps protect the rare Everglades habitat and the animals that live there from these invasive, nonnative snakes. The python removal competition begins at 8:00 a.m. on August 5, 2022 and ends at 5 p.m. on August 14, 2022. [Register now!](#)

Election Information – In Case You Didn't Know!

<https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>

- For information on candidates for federal, state, judicial, multicounty and special district officers for future elections and campaign finance information as relates to upcoming elections, visit [Candidates, Campaign Documents and Committees](#)
 - For information about the 2022 Legislative and Congressional maps, plans and other details, visit the Florida Legislature's webpage [Florida Redistricting](#).
- For other key election dates, refer to the [Election Dates and Activities Calendar for 2022-2023](#)

Headlines from around the State

City & State FL: FAQ: The future of abortion in Florida

WUSF: Florida to get \$70 million in transportation resilience money this year

Politico: Florida Republicans tether themselves to DeSantis — even without his support

Sentinel: Orlando Sentinel, News 13 offer conversation with Charlie Crist, Nikki Fried

The Capitolist: First it was BLM. Then it was CRT. Now, another acronym is causing acrimony

FlaPol: Al Lawson throws support to Daniel Uhlfelder in AG race

Sentinel: Banning care would endanger trans kids, advocates say

WUSF: The Florida Wildlife Corridor Act is a year old. Here's what it does.

Star-Banner: 2022 Election Preview: Florida House of Representatives contests in Marion County

Sentinel: 7 shot in downtown Orlando shooting. Gunman still at large, police say

Times: Eckerd College president steps down early, citing 'exhaustion'

WaPo: Hot mic captured Gaetz assuring Stone of pardon, discussing Mueller redactions

Herald: 15 stranded Cuban migrants in the Florida Keys rescued, taken into custody, border patrol says

Sun-Sentinel: School districts struggle to inform public on proposed tax without spending tax dollars

FlaPol: Joe Biden continues to namecheck Rick Scott in GOP criticisms

WaPo: Conservatives skeptical of coronavirus vaccines battle to lead a hospital

DBNJ: Kim Short faces new allegation she threatened school board rival's job

Times: Florida Republican returns \$1,000 campaign donation from his family's charity

Herald: Records tied to \$600,000 money transfer subpoenaed in Miami ghost candidate case

Sentinel: Ghost candidate probe subpoenaed money transfer by GOP consultant's nonprofit

WaPo: Florida teachers race to remake lessons as DeSantis laws take effect

Herald: Kamala Harris to lead FEMA, DHS team in Miami visit for events on climate resilience

NWF Daily News: 'The fact that I have eyes' led Gaetz to insult female abortion rights activists

Times-Union: Ethics committee finds no intentional violations by Rutherford in disclosure of stock trades

FlaPol: Anthony Sabatini headlined a nationalist convention in Tampa

TCPalm: SFWMD vice chair's unfounded claims about neo-Nazis spark controversy

Daily News: House passes semi-automatic gun ban. Florida lawmakers voted along party lines.

The Hill: Bill restricting Big Cat ownership, made famous by Tiger King, passes House

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis reappoints Erin Knight to Citizens Property Insurance board

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis reappoints three to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

FlaPol: Economist warns growth recession could keep Medicaid enrollment high

FlaPol: As Parkland sentencing phase continues, new study shows it's not uncommon for youth to carry guns

Herald: Meet the boss of the website secretly run by FPL. He relays what to praise, who to target

Herald: Florida congresswoman asks feds to investigate FPL over dark money reports

Herald: Investment firm downgrades assessment of FPL parent company, citing Miami Herald report

Times: FBI investigating Russian interference possibly linked to St. Petersburg Uhuru Movement

FlaPol: State economists raise interest rate projections for school construction bonds

FlaPol: Darren Soto bill would cut red tape for rocket companies to get radio frequencies

Sentinel: Carnival, Royal Caribbean among cruise lines relaxing COVID test requirements

Times: Higher prices, longer wait times: How inflation is impacting Tampa Bay infrastructure projects

Post: At GOP summit, hugs for DeSantis, worries over Trump 'baggage'

Herald: Barbara Sharief sues Lauren Book for libel over campaign ads in hostile state Senate race

WLRN: An incumbent Florida senator faces heated Democratic primary race in redrawn South Florida district

CBS Miami: Miami-Dade School Board member says lieutenant governor telling people "bad things will happen" if they support re-election bid

Herald: Three candidates seek to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson in District 24

FlaPol: Doug Broxson boasts conservative bona fides, targets 'woke liberals' in new ad

FlaPol: Copy-paste: Rhonda Rebman Lopez ad parrots Democrats' attacks on Jim Mooney

FlaPol: JAXBIZ splits Jacksonville Sheriff endorsement

FlaPol: Clay County Commission, School Board candidates receive Builders endorsement

FlaPol: More than \$600K in campaign spending hitting agricultural area in PBC Commission race

Herald: With Tabares Hantman out of the running, three candidates vie for school board seat

News 4 Jax: Frustrated with current political climate, former Republicans & Democrats introduce new party

Sentinel: Orange teachers narrowly approve pay plan that gives most \$3,325 raises

NWF Daily News: Crestview City Council approves lower millage rate

Daily News: Collier County Schools superintendent search underway despite community outcry, petition

Sun-Sentinel: Video surfaces of Pompano Beach vice mayor in confrontation with deputies in December 2020

Herald: With more money for Everglades, Miccosukee finally hopeful about restoration progress

On the Docket

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022

- NUNEZ SPEAKS AT FIU COMMENCEMENT: Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez will speak at a Florida International University commencement ceremony. (Monday, 10 a.m., Florida International University, Ocean Bank Convocation Center, 1180 S.W. 113th Ave., Miami.)
- DEMINGS CAMPAIGNS IN MIAMI: Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Val Demings will tour a Haitian neighborhood center in Miami and later meet with Haitian community leaders. (Monday, 2:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. Reporters may contact press@valdemings.com for locations.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

- SCHOOL SAFETY: The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission will meet in Broward County. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., FLA Live Arena, 1 Panther Parkway, Sunrise.)
- LABOR MARKET: The Labor Market Estimating Conference will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- STORM PROTECTION PLANS: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a regular meeting, followed by a hearing on storm-protection plans for Florida Power & Light, Duke Energy Florida, Tampa Electric Co. and Florida Public Utilities Co. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- RETIREE GROUP TOUTS LAWSON: The Florida Alliance for Retired Americans will present an award to U.S. Rep. Al Lawson, D-Fla., during an event marking the 57th anniversary of Medicare. (Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., LeRoy Collins Leon County Main Library, 200 West Park Ave., Tallahassee.)
- TOBACCO TAXES: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues involving tobacco taxes and a state settlement with the tobacco industry. (Tuesday, 2 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN TRUSTEES: The Florida SouthWestern State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 2 p.m. Information at <https://www.fsw.edu/board/digitalagenda/364>)

- **FRIED CAMPAIGNS IN JACKSONVILLE:** Democratic gubernatorial candidate Nikki Fried will hold a campaign event with CNN commentator Bakari Sellers. (Tuesday, 6 p.m. Information at <https://www.mobilize.us/duvalcountydec/event/485092/>)
- **I-95 IMPROVEMENTS:** The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about Interstate 95 improvements in Duval County from Interstate 10 to north of Beaver Street. (Tuesday, 6 p.m. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5199741544469757965>. Call-in number: 1-213-929-4212. Code: 523657785)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022

- **PROPERTY TAXES:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze ad valorem, or property, taxes. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **PAROLE ISSUES:** 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 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)
- **CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL:** The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., CareerSource Heartland, 5901 U.S. 27 South, Suite 1, Sebring.)
- **PATIENT SAFETY:** The Agency for Health Care Administration will hold a workshop about a proposed rule on patient-safety surveys. (Wednesday, 10 a.m., Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Dr., Building 2, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 998518088)
- **CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AT TIGER BAY:** Candidates in the Orlando area's Congressional District 10 are scheduled to appear at the Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida. (Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Citrus Club, 255 South Orange Ave., Suite 1800, Orlando.)
- **GRUTERS RAISES MONEY:** Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, is slated to hold a fundraising event for his re-election campaign. (Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., Caragiulos, 69 South Palm Ave., Sarasota.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

- **MEDICAID MONEY:** The Social Services Estimating Conference will take up the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, or FMAP, which helps determine how much money Florida gets from the federal government for the Medicaid program. (Thursday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **KIDCARE PROGRAM:** The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze expenditures in the KidCare subsidized health-insurance program. (Thursday, 9:15 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **GAMBLING ISSUES:** The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)
- **WATER QUALITY:** The state Blue-Green Algae Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Florida Atlantic University, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8696309467480541198>)
- **GRUTERS, JOHNSON AT TIGER BAY:** Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, and his opponent in a Republican primary, Michael Johnson, are slated to appear at the Sarasota Tiger Bay Club. (Thursday, noon, Michael's on East, 1212 South East Ave., Sarasota.)

- BOARD OF NURSING: The Florida Board of Nursing will meet in Miami-Dade County. (Thursday, 1:30 p.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center, 711 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami.)
- TRANSPORTATION MONEY: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss transportation revenues. (Thursday, 2 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- I-95 IMPROVEMENTS: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about Interstate 95 improvements in Duval County from Interstate 10 to north of Beaver Street. (Thursday, 4:30 p.m., Department of Transportation urban office training center, 2198 Edison Ave., Jacksonville.)
- POLK HOUSE CANDIDATES AT FORUM: Republicans Jennifer Canady and Phillip Walker, who are running for an open seat in House District 50, are slated to appear at a forum held by the Faith Based Republican Club of West Polk. (Thursday, 7 p.m., Believers' Fellowship Church, 5240 North Socrum Loop Road, Lakeland.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022

- PYTHON CHALLENGE STARTS: The state's annual Python Challenge, which offers prizes for killing invasive Burmese pythons in the Everglades, will begin. The event will last through Aug. 14. (Friday, 8 a.m.)
- BOARD OF MEDICINE: The Florida Board of Medicine will meet in Broward County. (Friday, 8 a.m., Marriott Fort Lauderdale Airport, 166 North Compass Way, Dania Beach.)
- BOARD OF NURSING: The Florida Board of Nursing will meet in Miami-Dade County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center, 711 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami.)
- GAMBLING MONEY ANALYZED: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to slot machines and Indian casinos. (Friday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS: The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/434356149>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 434356149)
- ORTHOTISTS, PROSTHETISTS BOARD: The Florida Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 479226861)
- HISTORICAL COMMISSION: The Florida Historical Commission will hold a quarterly meeting. (Friday, 9:30 a.m. <https://dos-myflorida.zoom.us/j/83410424939#success>. Meeting ID: 83410424939. Code: 758023)
- SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION MONEY: The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up the Public Education Capital Outlay, or PECO, program. (Friday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- DIABETES ISSUES: The state Diabetes Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 498993800)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through July 29.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 22-23

2022

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
Dec. 1 - *Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of FSBA Small Dist. Council and the Small School District Council Consortium*
Nov. 30- Dec. 2 - *FAC Legislative Conference – Pinellas*
 December – Legislative Committee Meetings
 December 7-9 - Rural Development Summit – [Registration and Hotel Information](#)

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

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)