

*We must find time to
Stop and Thank the People
Who make a difference in our lives!*

John F. Kennedy

*So to all of you who serve as elected officials –
Thank you!*

Chris Doolin

The Briefing – Monday – August 22 – 2022

The last Briefing was Saturday, August 20, 2022

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

The Quick

Report Election Results

Members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium are requested to report county election results as soon as they become official tomorrow evening.

Text or Call 850-508-5492

Email results to cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com

Direct Care Minimum Wage Mandate Status

We are still reviewing the minimum wage issue that was brought to our attention last week. 21 Counties have responded to the Minimum Wage Survey sent last week. We will continue to work with AHCA in an effort to have the funding allocated to counties that are working to meet the mandate.

Broadband Workshop Take Center Stage

- *Monday – August 22 - DEO Workshop in Polk County Time: 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.
Location: Stuart Center, UF/IFAS Extension Office, Polk County, 1702 South Hollard Pkwy, Bartow, FL 33830*
- *Thursday – August 25 - DEO Workshop in Santa Rosa County
Time: 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. Location: UF/IFAS Extension Office, Santa Rosa County, 6263 Dogwood Drive, Milton, FL 32570*
- *Monday, August 29, 2022 - DEO Workshop in Glades County - Time: 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.
Location: Doyle Conner Building, UF/IFAS Extension Office, Glades County, 900 US Highway 27 SW, Moore Haven, FL 33471*

DEO Office of Broadband Mapping Initiative and Data

[Link to County Maps Showing Broadband Data - Speeds - Participation Rates](#)

- Check your county's participation rate in the Florida Broadband Mapping Initiative. Go to the following link and put your county name in the window – it will show your Population and the rate of participation in the speed test. DEO's goal is for each county to have a participation rate of 10%.
- Here the link to take the DEO's Speed test – the information will be mapped and utilized to address internet needs in Florida's unserved and under-served areas.

[Link to test your Broadband Speed](#)

Headlines from around the State

Post: One in seven voters in Florida cast a ballot ahead of Tuesday's primary

News4Jax: Trump's turbulent White House years culminate in Fla. search

Roll Call: Lack of competitive seats makes Florida primaries more important

City & State FL: Sen. Rick Scott to Americans: Don't apply for new IRS jobs

Times: Rick Scott overstates potential hiring surge at the IRS

AP: Defense in school shooter's trial set to present its case

Times: Texas man accused of threatening an attack on Tampa Turning Point USA convention

Post: These Republican candidates in Palm Beach County laud roles, attendance in Jan. 6 events

News-Press: Florida's oldest poll worker: Vera Craig, 101, gets back to work for Tuesday's primary

Times: Some Florida counties to test wastewater for polio after it surfaces in other states

Post: COVID vaccine rate very low, severe illness very high for Florida kids under 5

FlaPol: St. Petersburg community leader Watson Haynes dies

Sun-Sentinel: 30 years after Hurricane Andrew: How resilient is South Florida?

News4Jax: Democratic race for governor highlights Florida primary

Herald Tribune: Gov. DeSantis brings big-time politics to normally low-key school board races with raucous Sarasota rally

Herald: DeSantis gives late boost to his favored school board candidates in nonpartisan races

News4Jax: DeSantis endorses local school board candidates, Duval Democrats respond

News4Jax: Gov. DeSantis stops in Jacksonville to tout hand-picked school board candidates, education agenda

Democrat: Critics say DeSantis plan weaponizes state workers' pension fund in an anti-woke crusade

FlaPol: Democrats seek to present AG alternative to Ashley Moody

Democrat: Transgender Floridians scrambling as Medicaid coverage ban on gender-affirming care begins

FlaPol: Tracie Davis, Reggie Gaffney go negative in battle to replace Audrey Gibson in Senate

FlaPol: Three-way race for SD 34 its incumbent Shevrin Jones against one old foe, one newcomer

FlaPol: Former pro wrestler makes Travis Hutson work in Primary

Sentinel: Manatee death toll in past dozen years equals current population

TCPalm: New Lake O management plan: If no stakeholder is 100% happy, is it the best solution?

News4Jax: Non-prosecution of low-level offenses dropped in Tampa

Today: Brevard attorney group 'reschedules' award for Sheriff Ivey amid election interference allegations

On the Docket

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022

- PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Florida's primary elections.
- STATE CABINET: Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida Cabinet will meet. Issues on the agenda include a proposal to prevent state investment managers from taking into account "the furtherance of social, political or ideological interests" in their investment decisions and approving DeSantis' appointment of Mark Glass as acting commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)
- SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD: The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad St., Brooksville.)
- HURRICANE ANDREW ANNIVERSARY MARKED: Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez and Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie will take part in a news conference to mark the 30th anniversary of Hurricane Andrew. Other participants in the news conference are expected to include state Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, and state Rep. Jim Mooney, R-Islamorada. (10 a.m., Homestead Air Reserve Base, Heritage Hall, 29050 Coral Sea Blvd., Homestead.)
- FAU TRUSTEES: The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m. <https://www.fau.edu/webcast/vclive/>)
- FIRST RESPONDERS: The state First Responder Suicide Deterrence Task Force will meet. (Tuesday, 2 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- SELF-INSURERS PANEL: The Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association Board of Directors is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 2:30 p.m., Orlando World Center Marriott, 8701 World Center Dr., Orlando.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022

- MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE: The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse is scheduled to meet in Hillsborough County. (Wednesday, 8 a.m., University of South Florida, Marshall Center, 4103 USF Cedar Circle, Tampa.)
- CITRUS ISSUES: The Florida Citrus Commission will meet in Polk County. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Citrus, 605 East Main St., Bartow.)
- 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)

- **CLINICAL LAB BOARD:** The Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel will meet. (Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/611923453>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 611923453)
- **CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD:** The Board of Trustees of the College of Central Florida will meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m., College of Central Florida, Ocala Campus, Founders Hall, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala.)
- **HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD:** The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m., Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center, 39 Columbia Dr., Tampa.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

- **PHARMACY BOARD:** The Florida Board of Pharmacy will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Aloft Jacksonville Tapestry Park, 4812 Deer Lake Dr. West, Jacksonville.)
- **MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE:** The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse is scheduled to meet in Hillsborough County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., University of South Florida, Marshall Center, 4103 USF Cedar Circle, Tampa.)
- **TECHNOLOGY CAREERS:** Palm Beach State College will hold an event about a partnership with the Palm Beach County school district to help prepare students for technology careers. Henry Mack, senior chancellor with the Florida Department of Education, is expected to take part. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Palm Beach State College, Center for Bachelor's Programs, 4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth.)
- **'NICA' ISSUES:** The Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association is expected to meet in Orange County. (Thursday, 1 p.m., Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando.)
- **TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:** The Florida Transportation Commission will meet in Alachua County. (Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Florida Department of Transportation State Materials Office, 5007 N.E. 39th Ave., Gainesville.)
- **I-75 INTERCHANGE:** The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about plans for a new interchange on Interstate 75 at Northwest 49th Street in Marion County. (Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, 2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala.)
- **NORTH FLORIDA PLANNING COUNCIL:** The North Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Thursday, 7 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/249697045>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 249697045)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

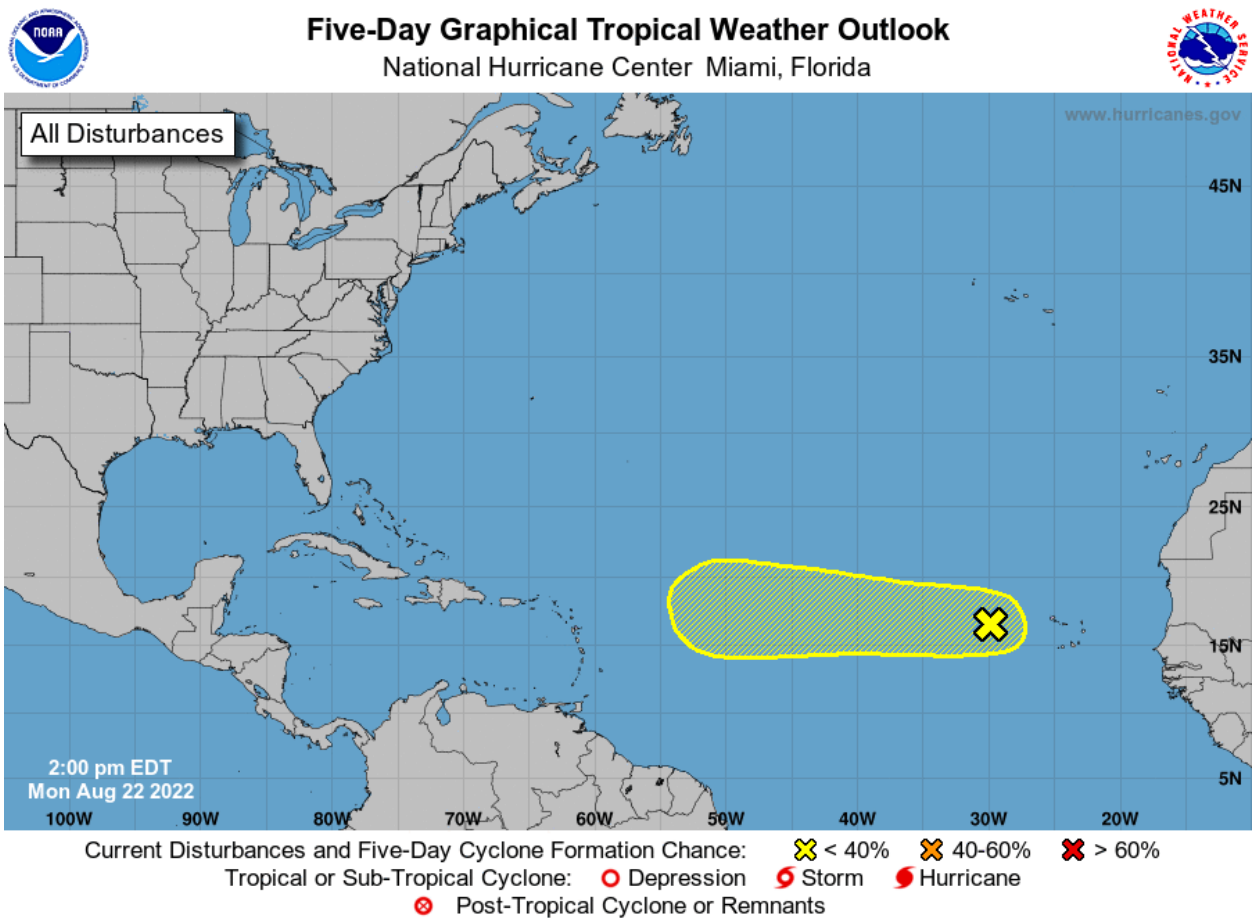
- **CHIROPRACTIC BOARD:** The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Sheraton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, 12205 South Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando.)
- **UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD:** The state university system's Board of Governors will meet, followed by a meeting of a search committee for a new chancellor. The Board of Governors will discuss the results of surveys about "intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity" on campuses. The search committee is expected to interview chancellor finalists Ray Rodrigues and Lori Cromwell. (Friday, 9:30 a.m. Board of Governors
link: <https://flbog.zoom.us/j/83094301793?pwd=S2xZWjI4VUROQzV5TG91TTU2RGVVFQT09>.
Search committee
link: <https://flbog.zoom.us/j/83830445813?pwd=Z3d2RmgrLzIxK2ITak9OUVpqOGIEUT09>)

- **DIVERSION PROGRAM:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss a tax-collection enforcement diversion program. (Friday, 9:30 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **TAX ESTIMATES:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze monthly revenue estimates. (Friday, 9:45 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022

- **NEW COLLEGE BOARD:** The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Saturday, 10 a.m., New College of Florida, Sudakoff Conference Center, 5845 General Dougher Place, Sarasota.)

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



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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