



The Briefing – Saturday – August 13 – 2022

The last Briefing was Thursday, August 11, 2022

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The Quick

Mail-In Ballots Pass 1.1 Million Mark as Early Voting Scheduled to Begin this Week

With more than 1.1 million ballots already cast in the Aug. 23 primary elections, early-voting sites will be open across the state during the coming week. Most of the ballots cast so far have been the mail-in type. But Floridians who like to fill out their ballots in person and don't want to wait until Aug. 23 will be able to go to sites such as elections offices and libraries for early voting.

Special Facilities Committee To Meet Thursday

The Department of Education is convening the Special Facilities Review Committee Thursday to review school district proposals seeking Special Facilities funding from the 2023 Florida Legislature. There will be three school districts under review – Gadsden, Glades, and Putnam. All have been deemed critical need and the committee will rank the projects for consideration by the Legislature.

Headlines from around the State

Politico: DeSantis' press secretary Christina Pushaw headed to his campaign operation

Sun-Sentinel: How Ron DeSantis consolidated his power over Florida government

FlaPol: Florida delegation reacts to passage of Inflation Reduction Act along party lines

Politico: Florida judge who approved FBI search of Mar-a-Lago faces barrage of antisemitic online attacks

Herald: Florida Keys a destination for almost 470 Cuban and Haitian migrants the past week

Times: Hillsborough's sheriff and state attorney seemed in sync. What happened?

Sentinel: Police to probe Rep. Fine's report of transgender sex assault in Melbourne school

Today: Transgender sexual assault of girl in middle school bathroom never happened, BPS says

AP: Lawmaker, Florida school at odds on alleged bathroom attack

FlaPol: Marijuana treatment centers have 60 days to comply with emergency rule on website purchasing

My News 13: Studies show Florida hospital bills rank among the highest in the nation

WLRN: An arrest at a Miami-Dade school board meeting raises civil liberties concerns

WLRN: After thousands of years of near stability, Florida reefs are now shrinking

WLRN: Voting-rights groups argue part of Florida's new election law violates free speech

Democrat: Shannon Bream from Tallahassee to become 'Fox News Sunday' anchor

Ledger: DeSantis hitting the road to tout Florida school board candidates

Times: Seminole Tribe of Florida gives \$1 million to DeSantis political committee

Post: Florida Republicans to Trump: Launch 2024 presidential campaign now

FlaPol: Statewide bus tour to be Nikki Fried's last lap in Primary race for Governor

FlaPol: Val Demings steps up fundraising as Marco Rubio continues slower pace

Sun-Sentinel: As Moskowitz and Sorensen seek congressional seat, the top takeaways in the election battle

FlaPol: Laurel Lee dominates CD 15 field in fundraising and spending for July

FlaPol: FEC warns Kelli Stargel-tied super PAC about failing to disclose spending

FlaPol: Mark Lombardo continues attack on Matt Gaetz with new ad

FlaPol: Teachers Association endorses Curtis Gaus, Shannon Hogue for Nassau School Board

Times: The hits keep coming in Hillsborough County judicial race

Herald Tribune: 'BABY KILLER': Attack message on mobile billboard shows rancor in Sarasota School Board races

Herald Tribune: Sarasota Schools freezes library book donations, purchases

WaPo: FBI searched Trump's home to look for nuclear documents and other items, sources say

AP: Trump calls for immediate release of Mar-a-Lago warrant

Herald: 'Defund the FBI?' GOP leaders sharpen criticism of FBI, DOJ after Mar-a-Lago search

News-Herald: Company led by ex-House speaker bilked 'millions' for Michael cleanup: FBI

FlaPol: Democratic lawmakers call for Attorney General investigation into FPL

Político: Florida bans Medicaid from covering gender-affirming treatments

FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis pushes Equifax to correct credit scoring errors

FlaPol: Marco Rubio blasts academics who met with Joe Biden as 'snobs'

FlaPol: Marijuana treatment centers have 60 days to comply with emergency rule on website purchasing

Times: Harmful blue-green algae found in Hillsborough River

Times: Why is The Villages rumored to be 'the STD capital of America?'

WLRN: The battle over Florida election law 'solicitation' restrictions continues

WLRN: Florida housing costs squeeze older adults on a fixed income

WUSF: Report shows majority of Florida hospitals are not complying with the federal price transparency law

WUSF: Here's how sports leagues in Florida impact the economy and you

Bradenton Herald: Bradenton veteran at White House as Biden signs PACT Act. 'A promise finally delivered.'

Bradenton Herald: 'It's changed drastically.' Fast-growing Parrish brings new people, homes and frustrations

Capitolist: Schools still scrambling to fill open posts as students start the new year

Capitolist: Florida International University to honor Sen. Ileana Garcia for funding achievements

Post: Cane burning: Nikki Fried's 'historic changes' only left the Glades behind

Capitolist: Florida Police Chiefs Association endorses Jimmy Patronis for re-election

FlaPol: GOP Primary heats up with six-figure attack ad buys in CD 13 race

FlaPol: Teachers unions put Jared Moskowitz at the head of his class

WUSF: Tampa Bay referendums include public school funding, transit tax and environmental land protection

Democrat: \$160,000 in a week: Leon County, Tallahassee candidates spend big in run-up to early voting

DBNJ: Controversial Flagler County Chair Joe Mullins faces Republican challenger in primary

Times: St. Petersburg City Council nixes rent control for public vote a second time

Times: St. Petersburg housing protesters erect tent city ahead of rent control vote

Ledger: Polk County schools switch to 'opt-out-only' process for restricting library books. Here's what that means

PNJ: School district refutes teacher's story about photos of Black leaders

Sun-Sentinel: Broward schools set out to correct Spanish-translation mishap on ballot

Times-Union: Council delays affordable housing bill as advocates push for action

Today: Sheriff Ivey announces school resource officers will carry upgraded weapons in schools

PNJ: Wes Moreno to be named permanent Escambia County administrator

Capitolist: State government pushes military veterans to teach in Florida schools

Ledger: 'Doc left us better than he found us': Mourners gave their final farewells to 'kingmaker'

On the Docket

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

- **FRIED RALLIES FOR ABORTION RIGHTS:** Democratic gubernatorial candidate Nikki Fried will lead a rally for abortion rights. (Sunday, 3:30 p.m., Leon County Courthouse, 301 South Monroe St., Tallahassee.)
- **CRIST CAMPAIGNS IN DUVAL:** Democratic gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist is expected to hold an early-voting rally in Jacksonville. (Sunday, 4:30 p.m. Information at <https://www.mobilize.us/duvalcountydec/event/486118/>)
- **BOOK TAX 'HOLIDAY' ENDS:** A sales-tax "holiday" that allows shoppers to avoid paying sales taxes on children's books will end Sunday. The holiday started May 14.

- PYTHON CHALLENGE ENDS: Sunday is the final day of the Florida Python Challenge, a competition to remove invasive Burmese pythons from the Everglades. The competition started Aug. 5.
- LOBBYIST COMPENSATION REPORTS DUE: Lobbying firms face a Sunday deadline for filing reports showing compensation from April 1 through June 30.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

- TCC ANNOUNCES HEALTH FUNDING: Tallahassee Community College will hold a news conference to announce \$500,000 in funding from Sunshine Health to build on the school's "Gadsden Connect" initiative, which has focused on addressing the shortage of health-care workers by providing scholarships to Gadsden County residents. (Monday, 11 a.m., Tallahassee Community College, Fine and Performing Center, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.)
- SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES: The Seminole State College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Monday, 2 p.m., Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, Automotive Showroom, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.)
- TCC TRUSTEES: The Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees will meet. (Monday, 2:30 p.m., Tallahassee Community College, Hinson Administration Building, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.)
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION COMMISSION: The Florida Commission for Independent Education will meet. (Monday, 4:30 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/897977421>. Code: 897977421. Call-in number: 1-408-650-3123)
- LAWMAKERS AT GOP OFFICE OPENING: U.S. Rep. Brian Mast, R-Fla., state Sen. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, state Rep. John Snyder, R-Stuart, and state Rep. Rick Roth, R-West Palm Beach, are expected to take part in opening a Republican "Victory" office in Palm Beach County. (Monday, 5:30 p.m., 312 Center St., Jupiter.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022

- ELECTIONS PANEL: The Florida Elections Commission will meet. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., 306 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- GENERAL REVENUE FORECAST: The Revenue Estimating Conference will update projections for state general revenue, which plays a key role in funding schools, health programs and prisons. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- VIRTUAL SCHOOL :The Florida Virtual School Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSp-oyR9hroo-cmlumUXCg>)
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD: The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., St. Petersburg College, EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater.)
- TAMPA ELECTRIC RATES : The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on a proposal that would increase Tampa Electric Co. rates based on part of a settlement agreement dealing with the utility's return on equity, a measure of profitability. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- MORALES DISTRIBUTES FOOD: State Rep. Daisy Morales, D-Orlando, Farm Share and other organizations will hold a free food-distribution event. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., Meadow Woods Recreation Center, 1751 Rhode Island Woods Circle, Orlando.)
- STATE BUDGET : The Florida Policy Institute will hold a panel discussion about the state budget. (Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AyrzW6lWTvCuurXLK57HmQ?mc_cid=bb406475d5&mc_eid=cc2384723f)

- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force will meet. (Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- UF TRUSTEES: The University of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday 2 p.m. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656. Code: 94239778246)
- PENSACOLA STATE TRUSTEES: The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a workshop, committee meetings and board meeting. (Tuesday, workshop at 4:30 p.m., committees at 5 p.m., board meeting at 5:30 p.m., Pensacola State College, Pensacola.)
- I-75 OVERPASS: The Florida Department of Transportation and Sarasota County will hold a public hearing about a project-development and environment study for a new overpass crossing Interstate 75 between Fruitville Road and University Parkway. (Tuesday, 6 p.m., Sarasota County Operations Center, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4970885896331181835>)
- LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANS: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will begin a series of open houses about final drafts of management plans for the Harris Chain of Lakes, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Lake Okeechobee. (Tuesday, 6 p.m., Okeechobee County Civic Center, 1750 U.S. 98 North, Okeechobee.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022

- PAROLE ISSUES: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. (9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)
- CABINET AIDES: Aides to Gov. Ron DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody, Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis will meet in advance of an Aug. 23 Cabinet meeting. (Wednesday, 9 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)
- BOARD OF ED: The State Board of Education will meet in Escambia County. (Wednesday, 9:45 a.m., Pensacola State College, Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.)
- TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD: The Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors, which helps oversee settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. (Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Central Time, Chautauqua Center, 908 U.S. 90 West, DeFuniak Springs.)
- CHANCELLOR SEARCH: A search committee of the state university system's Board of Governors will discuss finding a replacement for Chancellor Marshall Criser, who will step down at the end of the year. (Wednesday, 11 a.m. <https://flbog.zoom.us/j/84888063616?pwd=NXRxMjJieFhkNWY5cEVzRXFWZWVgdz09>)
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD: The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 1 p.m., South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.)
- SCOTT SPEAKS TO FLAGLER GOP: U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., is slated to speak during a Flagler County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner. Other attendees are expected to include U.S. Rep. Michael Waltz, R-Fla., state Sen. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, and incoming state House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast. (Wednesday, events start at 5 p.m., Hammock Beach Resort, 200 Ocean Crest Dr., Palm Coast.)

- **DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES:** The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 5 p.m., Daytona State College, Deltona Campus, Fathi Hall, 2351 Providence Blvd., Deltona.)
- **LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANS:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will continue a series of open houses about the final drafts of management plans for the Harris Chain of Lakes, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Lake Okeechobee. (Wednesday, 6 p.m., John Boy Auditorium, 1200 W C Owen Ave., Clewiston.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022

- **UCF TRUSTEES:** The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., University of Central Florida, Fairwinds Alumni Center, Orlando. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3cdrDyKTKU>)
- **DEFENSE ISSUES:** The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-support-task-force-fdstf-meeting-106-via-zoom/>)
- **DEFENSE ALLIANCE:** The Florida Defense Alliance will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-alliance-zoom-meeting/>)
- **LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANS:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will continue a series of open houses about the final drafts of management plans for the Harris Chain of Lakes, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Lake Okeechobee. (Thursday, 6 p.m., Tavares Community Center, 100 East Caroline St., Tavares.)
- **FIRST LADY AT 'WARRIOR GAMES' EVENT:** First Lady Jill Biden will speak at a welcome ceremony for the Department of Defense Warrior Games, which includes wounded and injured military members and veterans competing in athletic events. (Thursday, 10:15 p.m., Walt Disney World Resort, Magic Kingdom, Lake Buena Vista.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022

- **NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS:** The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://app.gotomeeting.com/?meetingId=434356149>)
- **USF TRUSTEES:** The University of South Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Friday, 9:30 a.m. Information at <https://www.usf.edu/board-of-trustees/meetings/index.aspx>)
- **JOBLESS REPORT RELEASED:** The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a July unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- **FIRST LADY SPEAKS AT VETERANS EVENT:** First Lady Jill Biden will speak at a Veterans Institute Summit at Walt Disney World. (Friday, 10:45 a.m., Walt Disney World Resort, ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Lake Buena Vista.)
- **FINANCE REPORTS DUE:** State candidates, political committees and parties face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Thursday.

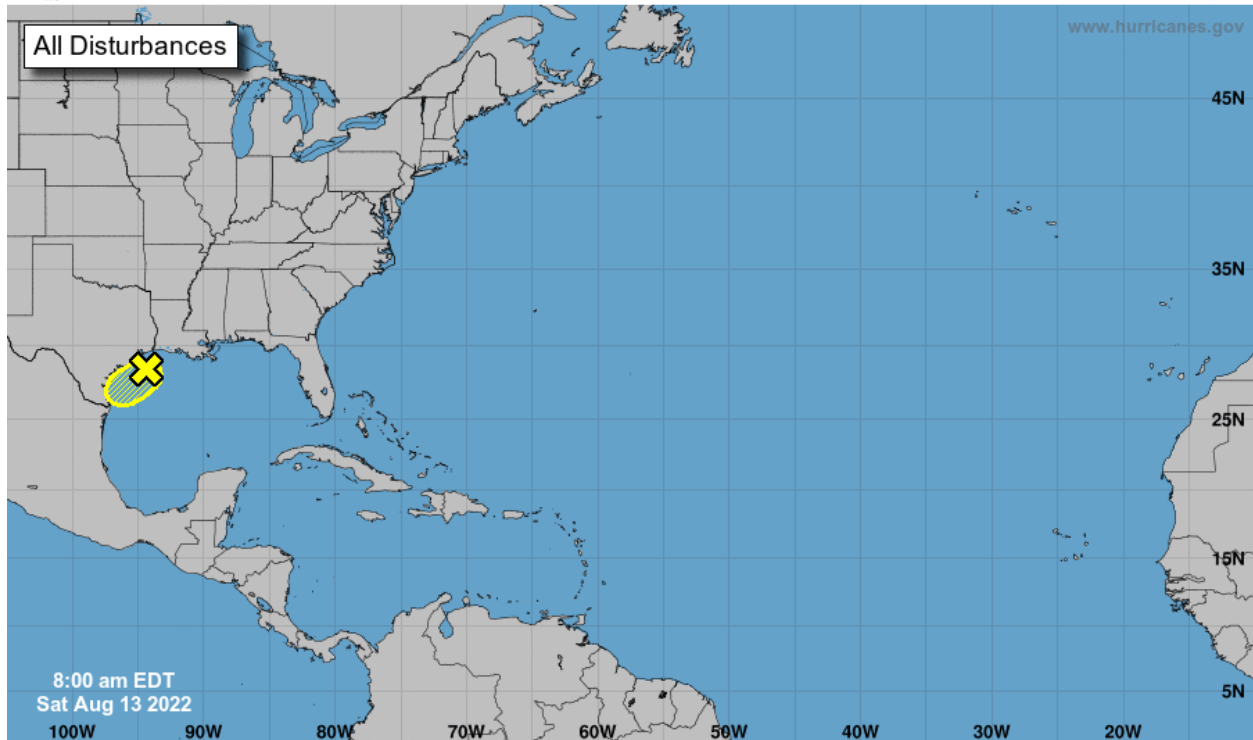
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022

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

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