



The Briefing – Saturday – August 20 – 2022

The last Briefing was Thursday - August 18, 2022

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The Quick

A Look Back At the Week

Here's a list of the significant events from the past week -

Small County Coalition Officers Call for Changes in DEO's Draft Proposed Broadband Rules

DOE Ranks Special Facility Construction Projects – 1. Glades, 2. Gadsden, and 3. Putnam

State Revenue Estimate Adjusted Upward by \$5.3 Billion

State Unemployment Rate Moves to Historic Low 2.7%

Grand Jury Recommends removal of Broward County School Board

Judge Blocks Section of “Woke” Act related to Training Programs

State's new Election Cops Make 20 Arrests for 2020 Voting Violations

Small Counties Surveyed on Impact of Minimum Wage Mandate for Direct Care Employees

The Big Events for Next Week

- *Monday – DEO Workshop on Proposed Broadband Opportunity Grants 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*
- *Tuesday – Primary Election for Local, State, and Federal Offices*
- *Thursday - DEO Workshop on Proposed Broadband Opportunity Grants 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*

Headlines from around the State

Herald: 'How did I commit fraud?' Ex-felon voters confused by arrests, DeSantis announcement

FlaPol: 'Neglect of duty': Grand jury report recommends removal of five Broward County School Board members

AP: Grand jury wants school board members removed over massacre

The Hill: DeSantis takes crusade against 'woke ideology' to Pennsylvania, Ohio as he rallies for GOP candidates

The Hill: Five ways DeSantis has flexed his political muscle in Florida

FlaPol: Lincoln Project claims Christina Pushaw is Ron DeSantis' 'master strategist'

Times: Meet the legal team trying to reinstate Tampa's ousted state attorney

Today: Transgender sexual assault claims at Brevard Public Schools could bring new state rules

Herald: Florida's jobless rate matches pre-pandemic mark, while Miami-Dade posts among lowest county rates

Capitolist: Florida unemployment rates hits historic low (again)

AP: Florida utility gets \$500K fine, probation for fatal blast

NYTimes: DeSantis, Eyeing 2024, Rallies With the Trump-Backed Far Right

Times: Tampa Republican state Senate hopeful drops prechecked donation box

Times: Pasco Commission candidate says write-in candidate seeking to help him

Axios: Tampa mayor says police won't make abortion arrests

FlaPol: UCF fast tracks nursing degrees to fight the nursing shortage

Sun-Sentinel: How Florida's universities seek to keep up with rising demand for mental health services

Politico: DeSantis announces 20 arrests tied to voter fraud charges

FlaPol: Stranger thing: Judge blocks workplace training portion of Stop WOKE Act

AP: Judge blocks Florida 'woke' law pushed by Gov. DeSantis

Times: After DeSantis ousted him, Andrew Warren's political profile grows

FlaPol: Senate review of Andrew Warren suspension on hold as lawsuit moves forward

Capitolist: Senate President Wilton Simpson pauses review of Warren suspension, advises Senators to keep quiet

AP: Judge appears willing to unveil some of Mar-a-Lago affidavit

Times: Pence tells GOP to stop lashing out at FBI over search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago

FlaPol: Marco Rubio says Dem staffers worse than 'dangerous' Republicans

FlaPol: Millions of Florida residents reap health benefits from Inflation Reduction Act, feds say

FlaPol: State proposes new hospital licensure rule

Times: Biden administration says Florida, Seminole Tribe gambling deal should get OK

Times: USF ineptitude allowed millions to be stolen, lawsuit defendant says

Times: Florida university leaders weigh two candidates for state chancellor post

NBC 6: 'Who Cares': Miami Firefighter Under Investigation for Comments About Slain Detective

Sentinel: Tropical waves odds of developing swell higher, hurricane center says

Sun-Sentinel: Stage set for Parkland gunman's brother and sister to testify

Sun-Sentinel: 'The perfect storm': Worries mount that Florida's colleges face a mental health crisis like no other

Sun-Sentinel: What happens to the homeless owl? Florida's burrowing birds poised to lose fight to casino expansion

Bradenton Herald: Biden administration argues in support of Seminole Tribes sports betting agreement

Post: With race heating up, Crist, Fried make final dash for primary votes

Sentinel: Rallying Orlando voters, Nikki Fried vows to make DeSantis a 'one-term governor and a zero-term president'

Sentinel: Fried gets \$1 million from big business, dark money groups

WLRN: Charlie Crist says he'd seek alternatives to Glades sugar cane burning as governor

Bradenton Herald: Val Demings' big TV spending may pay dividends, but she's playing catchup with Rubio

FlaPol: Aaron Bell's Nassau County Commission bid complicated by DUI charge

FlaPol: Aaron Bell's DUI arrest subject of opposition website

My News 13: Seminole County Public School Board Race drawing party lines in usually apolitical race

FlaPol: Jax Sheriff candidate TK Waters addresses residency controversy

WLRN: Grand jury casts shadow over Broward school board elections

TCPalm: Damien Gilliams is back on the Sebastian ballot two years after recall vote ousted him

Capitolist: Florida statewide televised debate coalition grows

Herald Tribune: Sarasota County School District rejects donated dictionaries amid book freeze

On the Docket

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

- **DESANTIS BACKS SCHOOL CANDIDATES:** Gov. Ron DeSantis will take part in an event to support Sarasota County school-board candidates Bridget Ziegler, Robyn Marinelli and Tim Enos. (Sunday, 3 p.m., Sarasota Sahib Shrine Event Center, 600 North Beneva Road, Sarasota.)

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022

- **POLK STATE COLLEGE BOARD:** The Polk State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Monday, 4 p.m., Polk State College, Winter Haven Campus, 999 Avenue H N.E., Winter Haven.)

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=Z3d2RmgrLzIxK2lTak9OUVpqOGIEUT09>)
- **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.)

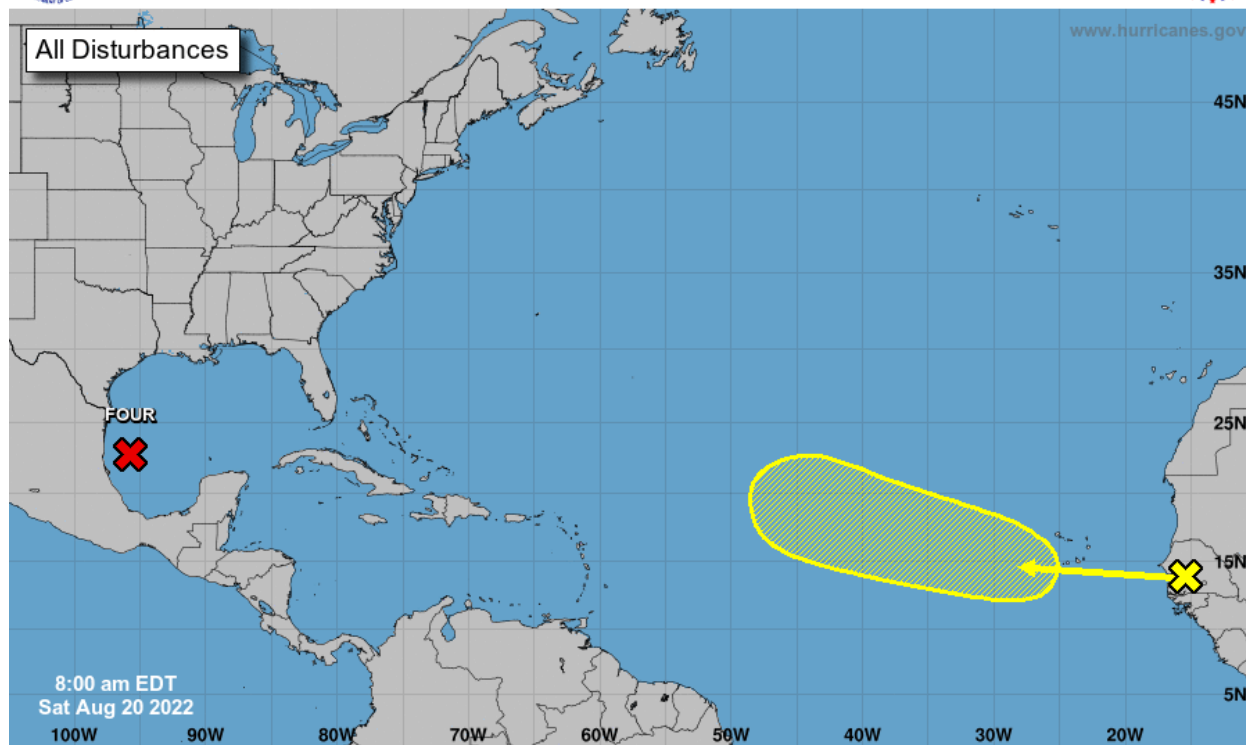
Tropical Outlook

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



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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