

Be who you are and say what your feel -
Because those who mind don't matter -
And those who matter don't mind!

Dr. Suess

The Briefing – Tuesday – August 23 – 2022

The last Briefing was Monday - August 22, 2022

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

Happy Birthday – Bradford Commissioner Chris Dougherty

The Quick

Tracking Election Results

[Use the Division of Elections Link to Local Election Supervisors](#)

Tonight, I will be tracking election results in our small counties. There will be almost 200 local races relating to Coalition or SSDCC members – As you track hear county results, I would request that you text or email results for school board and county commission races in your counties. Thanks you!

Text or Call 850-508-5492

Email results to cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com

Direct Care Minimum Wage Mandate Status

[Letter to AHCA Secretary regarding Minimum Wage Requirement for Direct Care Employees .docx](#)

We are still reviewing the minimum wage issue that was brought to our attention last week. 21 Counties have responded to the Coalition's 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. We are requesting that the State fully fund the mandate for those counties that are financially impacted by the mandate.

DEO Office of Broadband Mapping Initiative and Data

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

- Check your counties 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

The Hill: Can Florida Democrats take down DeSantis?

CBS Miami: Trump files motion over Mar-a-Lago search

Politico: Gang of 8 wants to see Trump Mar-a-Lago search docs

My News 13: Demings shown as front-runner to challenge Rubio in the Florida Senate race

FlaPol: Democratic-leaning group refuses to believe Florida's reddish hue is a given

WLRN: Feds back challenge to Florida election laws that 'target Black voters'

WUSF: Clinics urge the Florida Supreme Court to put the state's new abortion restrictions on hold

WUSF: Florida's transgender treatment rule is in effect, but legal challenges are planned

Herald: Publix heiress funds Florida school board races through Moms for Liberty PAC

NWF Daily News: Rebekah Jones wins appeal, will be valid candidate in Democratic primary Tuesday

News-Herald: Matt Gaetz and Mark Lombardo make closing arguments to voters

NWF Daily News: Stephen Alford sentenced to five years in prison for scheme to extort \$25M from Gaetz family

Politico: Activism, an In-Your-Face Attitude and Uber Driving: The Making of a Gen-Z Politician In Florida

The Floridian: Black Republican Congressional Candidate Banned from Twitter on Eve of Primary

The Capitolist: Tea Party Express backs Aaron Bean in CD 4

FlaPol: Super PAC spends \$660K ahead of Primary on Kevin Hayslett attack ads

The Floridian: Luna Attacks Hayslett in New Twitter Video

FlaPol: Enrollment in Medicaid continues to grow, but economists predict \$1.25B surplus

Sun-Sentinel: After early voting didn't lure big crowds, officials hope for larger turnout Tuesday

FlaPol: Pete Buttigieg to visit Port Tampa Bay for Building a Better America tour

CBS Miami: Parkland school shooter's birth mom abused cocaine, alcohol

Sun-Sentinel: 'His brain was Irretrievably broken:' Florida school shooter was damaged even before birth, defense attorney tells jury

Herald: Mom did crack, drank while pregnant, Parkland shooters jailed sister testifies

Herald: Scientists want to rescue reefs and protect Miami with tougher breeds of staghorn coral

Times-Union: Monkeypox cases in Florida: Some counties see sharp increases

WUSF: Mary McLeod Bethune makes the long journey home to Florida with new Daytona Beach statue

Sentinel: Citing anti-Asian racism, Orange County NAACP president resigns

Sun: UF provost removed UF Honors Program after loss of confidence

News4Jax: DeSantis rival to emerge from high-stakes Florida primary

Politico: She was Florida Dems' 'new hope.' Then a veteran pol stepped between her and DeSantis.

CBS Miami: Charlie Crist holds primary rally in St. Petersburg, while Nikki Fried visits Miami's Versailles Cafe

Bloomberg: DeSantis Taps Donors Griffin, Tudor Jones in \$142 Million Haul

Democrat: Florida's primary election a referendum on DeSantis after governor gets heavily involved

The Floridian: Fried Warns That 'Every Vote Counts' in Primary Election

My News 13: New voting laws in full swing on primary election day

The Floridian: Nuñez Clarifies Controversial Illegal Immigration and Cuban Refugee Comments

The Hill: Bipartisan group slams Florida lt. gov's suggestion to send Cuban migrants to Delaware

WLRN: Dems blast Lt. Gov. for saying migrants — even Cubans? — will be bused to Delaware

FlaPol: Nikki Fried: Jeanette Nuñez should apologize or resign for comments on immigrants from Cuba

Herald: 'You should know better.' Miami Democrats single out Nuñez over Cuban migrant comments

Times: Florida attorney general candidates: Who they are, what they stand for

Times: Florida commissioner of agriculture candidates: Who they are, what they stand for

WLRN: 'They are coming after us': Florida's CFO has his eyes on the IRS

The Capitolist: Chris Sprowls appoints Alex Andrade to the Florida Talent Development Council

Herald: He quit under fire from board to aid kids with brain injuries. Now he's on Florida insurance board

Sentinel: Florida amendment proposes near total ban on abortion

The Capitolist: Florida's legislative primary elections: by the numbers

WUSF: Are some voters feeling disenfranchised before the primaries? One political analyst says wait and see

WUSF: 'Indoctrination' claims about public schools lead Sarasota teacher to seek office

WUSF: A Florida district declines dictionary donations as it navigates a new book law

The Capitolist: State Senator, four Broward County school board members recommended for removal by grand jury

News4Jax: Over 200 Duval County mail-in-ballots scrutinized after being rejected by machines

WUSF: Tampa City Council passes abortion resolution that aims to respect privacy

Democrat: Analysis: Tuesday primary election could decide control of City Hall, Blueprint tax dollars

The Capitolist: Two counties want to raise property taxes to fund education

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

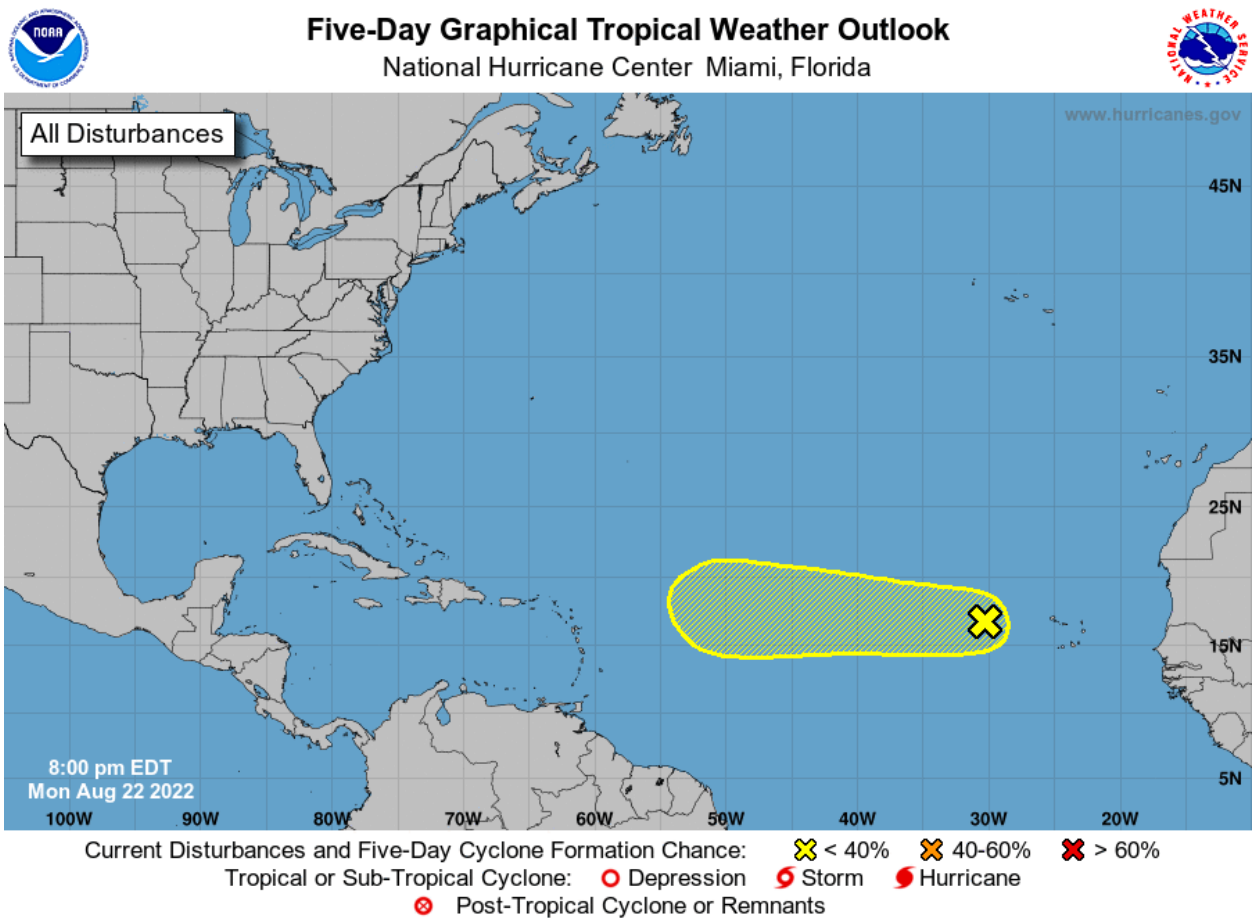
- **CHIROPRACTIC BOARD:** The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Sheraton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, 12205 South Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando.)
- **UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD:** The state university system's Board of Governors will meet, followed by a meeting of a search 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

Website Links

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