

In Memoriam – Pete Antonacci – A True Public Servant



Pete Antonacci, 73, a political fix-it man who garnered bipartisan praise during a career in public service, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Friday afternoon. Antonacci's career spanned decades serving in a number of high level positions including -

- Director of the Office of Election Crimes and Security
- Broward County Supervisor of elections
- Chief judge of the state Division of Administrative Hearings
- Executive Director South Florida Water Management District
- CEO of the state business-recruitment agency Enterprise Florida
- State Attorney in Palm Beach County.
- Antonacci spent 12 years working for GrayRobinson law firm in Tallahassee.

The Briefing – Saturday - September 23 –2022

The last Briefing was a Correction Issue - Friday Afternoon – September 23 - 2022

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

[ACTIVE LINK TO TV SCHEDULE FOR NCAA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR WEEK FOUR](#)

Tropic Storm Ian – Governor Issues Emergency Order

[Executive Order 22-218](#)

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Friday declared a state of emergency for 24 counties as National Hurricane Center tracking models indicate Florida could be hit by a major hurricane next week. **The order applies to the following counties: Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and St. Lucie.** The declaration frees up funding for protective measures and places the Florida National Guard on standby. The weather system, which was a tropical depression Friday afternoon, is expected to be named Ian. It was initially expected to be named Hermine, but another tropical storm took that name Friday after forming off the Canary Islands. The National Hurricane Center at 5 p.m. Friday said heavy rains might start to affect South Florida on Monday, with some limited flash flooding and urban flooding. The U.S. Coast Guard on Friday imposed port condition “Whiskey” for Port Everglades, indicating gale force winds could occur within 72 hours. Attorney General Ashley Moody activated a hotline for people to report price gouging. The hotline number is 1-866-966-7226.

To find resources to help you and your family prepare for this storm, you can visit floridadisaster.org/planprepare.

Update on Ian

5:00am Briefing from the NHC - Key Messages:

1. Ian is expected to produce heavy rainfall and instances of flash flooding and possible mudslides in areas of higher terrain, particularly over Jamaica and Cuba.
2. Hurricane conditions are possible in the Cayman Islands by early Monday, with tropical storm conditions possible by late Sunday. Tropical storm conditions are possible in Jamaica on Sunday.
3. Early next week, Ian is forecast to move near or over western Cuba as a strengthening hurricane and then approach the Florida peninsula at or near major hurricane strength, with the potential for significant impacts from storm surge, hurricane-force winds, and heavy rainfall. While it is too soon to determine the exact magnitude and location of these impacts, residents in Cuba, the Florida Keys, and the Florida peninsula should ensure they have their hurricane plan in place and closely monitor forecast updates through the weekend.

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

On the Docket

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

- SUPREME COURT CLOSED: The Florida Supreme Court will be closed Monday for Rosh Hashanah.
- LABOR SECRETARY IN MIAMI: U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Marty Walsh is scheduled to make appearances in Miami-Dade County, with other participants expected to include U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Fla., and Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. (Monday, noon, Blink Charging, 605 Lincoln Road, fifth floor, Miami Beach. Also, 2 p.m., Jessie Trice Community Health System, 5607 N.W. 27th Ave., Miami. Also, 4 p.m., Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 N.W. First St., Miami.)
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD : The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will hold a meeting, followed by a hearing on a budget and millage rate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. (Monday, meeting at 3 p.m., hearing at 5:05 p.m., Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.)
- POLK STATE TRUSTEES : The Polk State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Monday, 4 p.m., Polk State College, Lakeland Campus, 3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland.)
- GREEN OPENS VOLUSIA HEADQUARTERS: Democrat Karen Green, who is running for an open seat in Central Florida's Congressional District 7, is scheduled to open a campaign headquarters. (Monday, 5:30 p.m., 247 West Voorhis Ave., DeLand.)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

- VIRTUAL SCHOOL : The Florida Virtual School Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSp-oyR-9hroocmIumUXCg>)
- ENERGY EFFICIENCY : The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a workshop about a proposed rule related to energy-efficiency goals. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Florida Public Service Commission, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN TRUSTEES : The Florida SouthWestern State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., Florida SouthWestern State College, Lee Campus, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.)
- BROWARD COLLEGE TRUSTEES : The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 1 p.m., L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center, 1409 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.)
- KEYS COLLEGE BOARD : The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. (Tuesday, 2 p.m., The College of the Florida Keys, Key West Campus, 5901 College Road, Key West. <https://meet.goto.com/786841333>. Call-in number: 1-571- 317-3112. Code: 786841333)
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD : The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will hold a hearing on a budget and millage rate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. (Tuesday, 5:05 p.m., St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.)
- SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY WIDENING EYED: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online meeting about widening part of the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. Information at www.SawgrassAtlantictoSample.com)

- MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD : The Board of Trustees of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

- FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC TRUSTEES : The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Florida Polytechnic University, Applied Research Center, 4700 Research Way, Lakeland.)
- FISH AND WILDLIFE PANEL : The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will start a two-day meeting, with issues expected to include a report on captive breeding of diamondback terrapins. (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Hilton Miami Dadeland, 9100 North Kendall Dr., Miami.)
- CITRUS ISSUES ON MENU: The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Citrus, 605 East Main St., Bartow.)
- PAROLE CASES: 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)
- DISTRICT DISCUSSES RESILIENCY: The South Florida Water Management District will hold a forum about resiliency issues related to sea-level rise and flooding. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.)
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION: The Florida Historical Commission is slated to review historic-preservation grant applications. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6485869983072431376>)
- PSC HOLDS CUSTOMER: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting about a proposed rate increase in Polk County by Hidden Cove, Ltd., which provides water and wastewater service. (Wednesday, 9 a.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- 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)
- WORKERS' COMP : The Florida Workers' Compensation Insurance Guaranty Association will meet. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://fwciga.org/meetings/>)
- ALZHEIMER'S ADDRESSED: The state Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83233822025?pwd=NnZrck1udnRzdkNGZVg5OEJoSkFnQT09>. Meeting ID: 83233822025. Code: 610451)
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD : The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m., Hampton Center, 1501 West Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.)
- UTILITY RATES : The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer hearing about a proposed rate increase in Polk County by CHC VII, Ltd., which provides water and wastewater service. (Wednesday, 3 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- AUDIOLOGY, HEARING AID PANELS : The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will hold a joint meeting. (Wednesday, 4 p.m. <https://app.gotomeeting.com/?meetingId=335609357>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 335609357)
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD : The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m., Hillsborough Community College, South Shore Campus, 551 24th St., N.E., Ruskin.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

- FISH AND WILDLIFE: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will conclude a two-day meeting with an update on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and a proposed rule change about gear intended to improve the survival of released reef fish. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Hilton Miami Dadeland, 9100 North Kendall Dr., Miami.)

- **ENTERPRISE FLORIDA BOARD** : The Enterprise Florida Board of Directors will meet in Hillsborough County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., JW Marriott Tampa Water Street, 510 Water St., Tampa.)
- **UCF TRUSTEES** : The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., University of Central Florida, Live Oak Event Center, Orlando.)
- **INDEPENDENT EDUCATION COMMISSION** : The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.)
- **GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PANEL** : The Florida Greenways and Trails Council is scheduled to meet in Volusia County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., DeBary Hall Stable, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary.)
- **PSC HOLDS CUSTOMER MEETING**: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting about rates for Anglers Cove West, Ltd., which provides water and wastewater service in Polk County. (Thursday, 10 a.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS**: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- **NORTHWEST FLORIDA COUNCIL** : The Emerald Coast Regional Council will meet. (Thursday, 11:45 a.m., The Crossing at Blackwater Golf Course, 4927 Antioch Road., Crestview.)
- **LONG-TERM CARE**: The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program state council is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 1 p.m., Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando.)
- **FARMWORKERS** : The Florida Farmworkers Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 1 p.m. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88636690326?pwd=eWxCU3o0WlRYU3Zxd0xJYnh5THpCdz09>. Meeting ID: 88636690326. Code: 413692; Call-in number: 1-929-205-6099)
- **UTILITY RATES** : The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting about rates for S.V. Utilities, which provides water and wastewater service in Polk County. (Thursday, 2 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- **LIFE AND HEALTH PANEL** : The Florida Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Association is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 3 p.m. Contact Michelle Robleto at 850-523-1870 for information.)
- **SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY WIDENING**: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about widening part of the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County. (Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Tamarac Community Center, 8601 West Commercial Blvd., Tamarac.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

- **MINIMUM WAGE GOES TO \$11**: In the second increase under a 2020 constitutional amendment, Florida's minimum wage will go to \$11 an hour on Friday. The voter-approved amendment, spearheaded by prominent Orlando attorney John Morgan, will gradually lead to a \$15-an-hour minimum wage on Sept. 30, 2026, and inflation-linked increases after that. Under the measure, the minimum wage went to \$10 an hour on Sept. 30, 2021, and will increase by \$1 each Sept. 30 until 2026.
- **TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS**: A joint committee of the Florida Board of Medicine and the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will discuss a draft rule that could restrict doctors from providing treatments to transgender people under age 18. The meeting will come after the Florida Department of Health in July filed a petition seeking a rule-making process on the contentious issue of treatment for gender dysphoria. The petition proposed what is known as a "standard of care" that would prohibit patients under age 18 from receiving sex-reassignment surgery and puberty-blocking, hormone and hormone "antagonist" treatments. It also would require that older patients sign a consent form and then wait 24 hours before starting such treatments. (Friday, 8 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- **LONG-TERM CARE**: The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program state council is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 8 a.m., Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando.)
- **SUICIDE PREVENTION** : The Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe St., Tallahassee.)
- **INDEPENDENT EDUCATION COMMISSION** : The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.)
- **GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PANEL** : The Florida Greenways and Trails Council is scheduled to meet in Volusia County. (Friday, 9 a.m., DeBary Hall Stable, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary.)

- HUNGER: Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried is slated to take part in a “statewide hunger call” to address efforts aimed at ending hunger. (Friday, 11 a.m. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/8382835405127995152>)
- FLORIDA GULF COAST TRUSTEES : The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 1 p.m. <https://www.fgc.edu/about/leadership/fgcuboardoftrustees/boardcast>)
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Sept. 23.

Upcoming Meetings

Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting

*Wednesday – November 3 0 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting
Greet New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program
[Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference](#)*

Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting

*Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting
Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program
[FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association](#)*

Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

*December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine
[Registration for Summit](#)*

About the Briefing!

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The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – doolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

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