



The Briefing – Tuesday – August 30 - 2022

The last Briefing was Saturday, August 27, 2022

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Headlines from around the State

My News 13: Federal judge deems parts of DeSantis' 'Stop Woke' law unconstitutional

Politico: DeSantis skips Zeldin fundraiser to attend service for fallen Florida officer

FlaPol: 'We Draw the Lines' tour targets voter turnout, Gov. DeSantis' 'unconstitutional' congressional map

FlaPol: Voter registration numbers suggest six congressional districts could be in play

FlaPol: With voter registration tightening, is CD 15 in play?

FlaPol: Florida residents set to pay for insurance failures throughout 2023

Sentinel: VP Kamala Harris tours space center but misses out on Artemis launch

FlaPol: Florida Medicaid prepares as new minimum wage approaches for direct-care workers

Times: Some doctors stopping treatment for transgender youth in Florida

News4Jax: Corrine Brown not ruling out future in politics following 4th place finish in Orlando-area primary

CBS Miami: Defense attorneys for Parkland shooter begin second week taking deep dive into his past

NBC Miami: Teacher Testifies Parkland School Shooter was 'Disruptive and Aggressive' in 3rd Grade

Sun-Sentinel: 'Daddy's dead': Jury hears more unsettling details about Parkland gunman's troubled childhood

Post: Nikolas Cruz sentencing trial: Speech problems kept Parkland gunman isolated, pathologist says

Sun-Sentinel: Parkland killer's life or death, Day 47: Details from father's death and childhood tantrums

AP: Testimony: School shooter witnessed dad's death at age 5

Democrat: 'Investment in our future': Student debt forgiveness plan aids FAMU, FSU students and alumni

WUSF: Gas prices across Florida rise for the first time since June

WLRN: Judge awards Surfside condo collapse lawyers over \$70 million in fees

Herald: Lawyers in Surfside condo collapse case sought \$100 million. Heres what judge decided

The Capitolist: Tampa General Hospital recognized by Forbes as a top ten employer in Florida

Democrat: Richard McCullough reaches one-year mark as FSU president

City & State FL: \$10B redevelopment slated for downtown Miami

Sentinel: 'Basquiat fiasco' at Orlando Museum of Art: Ex-trustees say they were kept in the dark on FBI

Democrat: 'Completely unacceptable': FAMU football players tell president why they're taking a knee

Politico: DeSantis election investigation chief told local officials they face 'no fault' for felons voting

Democrat: Leon Sheriff endorses Attorney General Ashley Moody and Charlie Crist for governor

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis announces \$68M electric bus buy

Sentinel: New Florida laws have schools jittery about handling books

Democrat: Florida's broken tax code needs to be overhauled, says report from Florida Policy Institute

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis re-ups Glen Gilzean, adds Ed Moore to Ethics Commission

FlaPol: Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Florida Retail Federation endorse Ron DeSantis for re-election

Times: Florida ex-banking regulator loses lawsuit against lobbyist he blamed for ouster

FlaPol: Republicans invest big in Chip LaMarca's third-term bid under new map

FlaPol: Jay Collins slams Karla Hernández-Mats over veteran remarks, demands Janet Cruz condemn words

My News 13: Jury Seated For Seminole Co. 'Ghost Candidate' Trial

Sentinel: Jurors chosen for Seminole GOP chairs trial, but they won't hear about 'ghost' candidates

Sentinel: Orlando Sentinel sues agency for evidence in 'ghost' candidate probe

The Capitolist: Americans for Prosperity Action-Florida releases new round of legislative endorsements

FlaPol: Nearly \$2M haul for state unclaimed property auction

FlaPol: St. Pete Firefighters union endorses Lindsay Cross in battleground HD 60

Sun-Sentinel: Swift action and more state oversight expected as new Broward School Board takes control

AP: Entrance to local GOP office in central Florida vandalized

Herald: DeSantis-suspended Broward school board member, challenger fight for votes in November runoff

FlaPol: Broward County School Board candidate warns against voting for runoff rival, suspended incumbent

CBS Miami: Mayor Daniella Levine Cava announce \$500,000,000 from county's 2023 budget will be used to tackle housing crisis

Herald: Levine Cava announces HOMES plan to tackle the housing affordability crisis

Herald: A pugnacious former police officer, Miami-Dade's Joe Martinez now fighting the law

Herald: Miami-Dade Commissioner Martinez blames prosecutor for 'false' criminal charges

The Capitolist: UF partners with SAS to use analytics and AI to improve water quality

On the Docket

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2022

- **LAWSON LEAVES SUPREME COURT:** Justice Alan Lawson announced in April that he will retire from the Florida Supreme Court, effective Aug. 31. Lawson will be replaced by Renatha Francis, who most recently has served as a Palm Beach County circuit judge.
- **CIRCUIT JUDGE REPRIMANDED:** The Florida Supreme Court will publicly reprimand Tallahassee-area Circuit Judge Barbara Hobbs, who was investigated after acting as an attorney for her son following his arrest in a shooting incident. The Supreme Court in May issued an order that said Hobbs, a judge in the 2nd Judicial Circuit, would be suspended without pay for 60 days, required to pay a \$30,000 fine and receive a public reprimand. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.)
- **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)
- **CHAMBER HOLDS TECHNOLOGY EVENT:** The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold the “Florida Technology and Innovation Solution Summit” in Hillsborough County. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Tampa Marriott Water Street, 505 Water St., Tampa.)
- **MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD:** The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m. <https://www.gotomeet.me/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 985532741)
- **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)
- **TOURISM ISSUES ON TABLE:** The Visit Florida Board of Directors will meet as the three-day Florida Governor's Conference on Tourism kicks off. (Wednesday, 10 a.m., The Boca Raton, 501 East Camino Real, Boca Raton.)
- **INSURANCE MARKET:** The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Market Accountability Advisory Committee will meet and receive an update on the state’s troubled insurance market. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YqTE_lt_RpqlGbuCLT3tyg. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 93846973798)
- **DEFENSE ISSUES:** The Florida Defense Alliance will meet. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-alliance-zoom-meeting/>)
- **HEARINGS HELD ON GAS UTILITY:** The Florida Public Service Commission will hold online customer-service hearings on a proposal to raise natural-gas rates and consolidate four natural-gas utilities under the name Florida Public Utilities Co. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- **CALATAYUD RAISES MONEY:** A fundraising event will be held for Republican Alexis Calatayud, who is running in Miami-Dade County’s Senate District 38. (Wednesday, noon, Town Kitchen & Bar, 7301 S.W. 57th Court, South Miami.)

- **FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY SPEAKS:** Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper will speak to the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches. (Wednesday, noon, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.)
- **CITIZENS CONSUMER COMMITTEE:** The Consumer Services Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. (Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wSEDciZnSvGkibno-KGiUQ. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 97781432199)
- **PORT, ECONOMIC COUNCIL:** The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Casa Marina Key West Resort, 1500 Reynolds St., Key West.)
- **MCFARLAND SPEAKS TO YOUNG REPUBLICANS:** State Rep. Fiona McFarland, R-Sarasota, is slated to speak to the Sarasota County Young Republicans. (Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Raffurty's Bar and Grille, 1888 Main St., Sarasota.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

- **FRANCIS JOINS SUPREME COURT:** Renatha Francis will begin serving as a Florida Supreme Court justice. Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed Francis, who most recently served as a Palm Beach County circuit judge, to replace retiring Justice Alan Lawson.
- **ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFIED:** The state Elections Canvassing Commission will certify the results of the Aug. 23 primary elections. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)
- **GAMBLING ISSUES ON TABLE:** The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **VALENCIA COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet in Osceola County. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Valencia College, Osceola Campus, 1800 Denn John Lane, Kissimmee. <https://valenciacollege.zoom.us/j/99356920205?pwd=YWNtcktRZHUrUngydG11TEM2NWtxUT09#success>)
- **NORTHEAST FLORIDA COUNCIL:** The Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville.)
- **CITIZENS CLAIMS:** The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. (Thursday, 1 p.m. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ODIAmNJMRbGgqJQCCfQSQXQ. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 98593216531)
- **EXPRESSWAY WIDENING:** Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a meeting in Seminole County about a project that would widen a portion of the Seminole Expressway. (Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Oviedo Amphitheater and Cultural Center, 357 Center Lake Lane, Oviedo.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

- **NURSING BOARD:** The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 275112502)
- **FINANCE REPORTS DUE:** State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Aug. 26.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

- **'TOOL TIME' HOLIDAY STARTS:** The state will start what it has dubbed the "tool time" tax holiday, which will allow people to avoid paying sales taxes on purchases of tools and home-improvement items. The holiday will last through Sept. 9. *ropical Outlook*

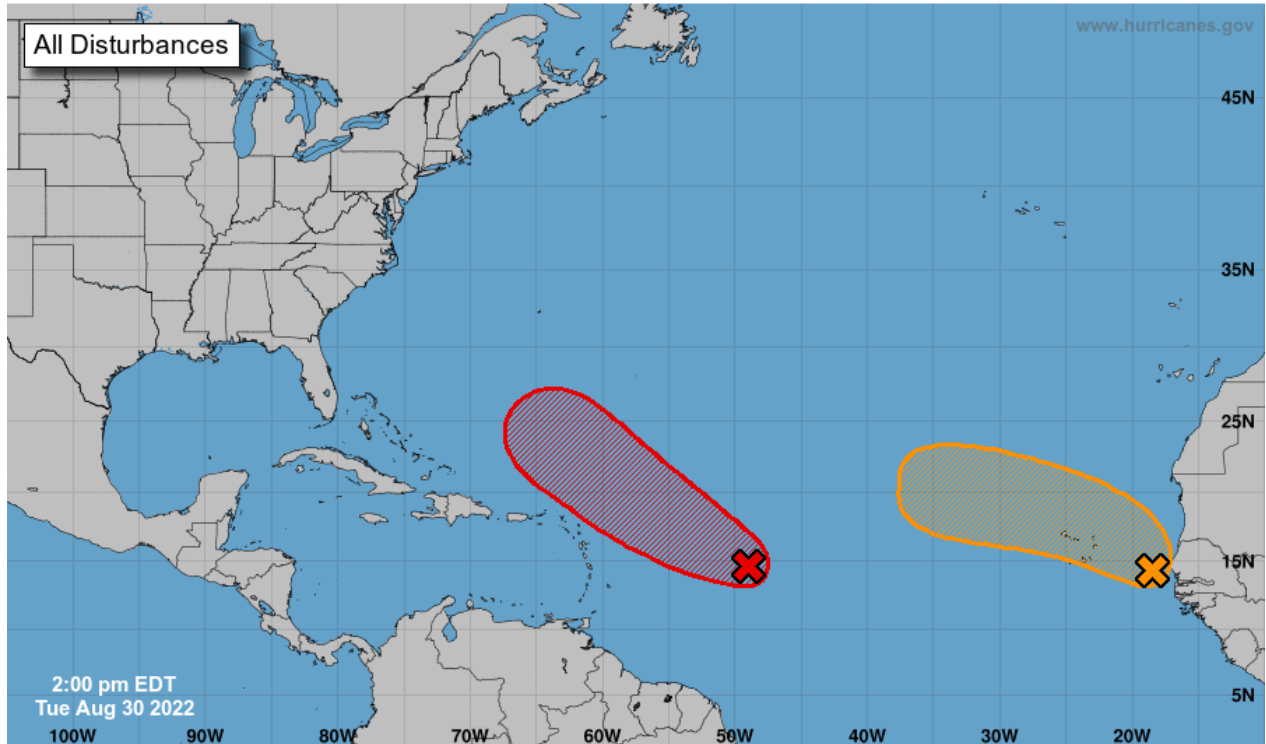
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<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



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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