



## ***The Briefing – Tuesday – September 13 –2022***

*The last Briefing was Friday – September 9 - 2022*

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The primary recipients are elected officials in Florida's small counties.*

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

*Note – I will be out of office Wednesday and Thursday in meetings in South Florida*

### **In Memorium**



#### **Tyler Erickson**

It is with heartfelt sadness that we share the news of the passing of Tyler Erickson, 17 yrs old – the son of Holmes County Commissioner Clint Erickson. His passing was completely unexpected, and occurred Monday afternoon while playing golf. Our condolences and prayers go to the Erickson family. May God hold the Erickson family in the palm of his hands at this tragic time.

### **The Quick**

#### **ACTION REQUESTED - Minimum Wage Requirement for Direct Care Medicaid Employees**

We are continuing efforts to secure sufficient funding from the funds appropriated to AHCA to fund the mandated \$15 per hr minimum wage provision placed in the Appropriations Act this past legislative session. The Governor's Office and the Secretary of AHCA are discussing this issue and we are asking counties impacted to communicate with the Governor's Office, the Secretary of AHCA and their House and Senate members the following message:

***"Our request is that provisions be made and directions be given that a sufficient amount of the funding appropriated in Line Item 211 be set aside to increase the wages of those employees in the counties to a minimum level of \$15 an hr."***

#### **Counties Requested to Complete Sunset Review Questionnaire**

**[OGSR Firesafety Layout Combined Questionnaire Final.docx](#)**

The House Government Operations Subcommittee, the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance, and the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability are conducting a review, under the Open Government Sunset Review Act (s. 119.15, F.S.), of the following public record and public meeting exemptions related to security

and firesafety systems/plans and records that depict the internal layout or structural elements of specified facilities, complexes, or developments:

- Section 119.071(3)(a), F.S.
- Section 119.071(3)(c), F.S.
- Section 281.301(1), F.S.
- Section 286.0113(1), F.S.

As part of the review, Legislative staff jointly drafted a questionnaire they have requested we distribute to you. The questionnaire has three sections corresponding to the different exemptions (some sections cover more than one exemption). They are asking that the questionnaire be completed and returned by September 27, 2022. The first page of the questionnaire provides contact information should you have any question or need additional information.

### ***Headlines from around the State***

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis joins GOP Governors in joint letter to Joe Biden blasting student loan relief*

*Herald: Rubio balances Senate Intelligence leadership with defense of Trump in Mar-a-Lago case*

*Sun-Sentinel: Trump team dismisses records probe as a 'storage dispute' and opposes arbiter picks*

*Herald: Justice Dept. OK with 1 Trump pick for Mar-a-Lago arbiter*

*WUSF: Plaintiffs want details as schools carry out Florida's parental rights law*

*FlaPol: 'We know better': Marco Rubio warns of internal Marxist threat, globalism in NatCon keynote*

*CBS Miami: Awareness raised as Monday marked Missing Children's Day in Florida*

*My News 13: To combat opioid overdoses, Florida public health officials embrace a new treatment platform*

*AP: Psychologist: School shooter suffered fetal alcohol damage*

*Sun-Sentinel: Parkland killer's life or death, Day 52: Expert testifies about gunman's IQ and neurological function*

*Yahoo News: Expert witness offers background on Stoneman Douglas gunman's mental impairment*

*Yahoo News: Florida average gas prices continue falling to lowest price since February*

*WLRN: Florida scientists will study how homeowners affect the water quality of stormwater ponds*

*FlaPol: Florida Keys spiny lobster industry hit by housing crisis, labor shortage*

*Sentinel: Hard Rock, Seminole Gaming putting \$100M toward big pay raises for hotel and casino workers*

*Times: Tampa casino workers get raises as Seminole Hard Rock sets \$100M for wages*

*Ledger: Florida Poly, Southeastern make national rankings*

*Times: What message is DeSantis sending with religious 'full armor of God' rhetoric?*

*News4Jax: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis delivers \$1,000 bonuses to first responders in Jacksonville*

*WUSF: Trulieve adds \$5 million to Florida's recreational marijuana initiative*

*WLRN: State Board of Governors will discuss how to spend a \$40 million boost for nursing education*

*FlaPol: Prescription drug prices take center stage as patient group calls for greater transparency*

*Sentinel: Key Florida Senate race pits incumbent against DeSantis pick*

*FlaPol: Sam Garrison holds significant fundraising advantage over Democratic opponent*

*FlaPol: Speaker-designate Paul Renner carries more than \$3M into stretch run*

*WUSF: An Orlando clinic challenges a \$193,000 fine over the state's 24-hour abortion waiting period*

*The Capitolist: Librarians to launch study on Florida's farmworker populations*

*Sun-Sentinel: Broward School Board may vote to stop paying legal bills of suspended members*

*DBNJ: Gov. Ron DeSantis reappoints 2, names 1 other to DSC Board of Trustees*  
*Herald Tribune: DeSantis appoints four, including local GOP rep, to State College board*  
*Sun: UF students secretly recorded in showers angry over man's sentence*  
*Sentinel: UF students recorded nude in dorms; suspect accused at UCF, too*  
*News-Press: SW FL hospitals see labor, supply costs jump*  
*AP: 'Cruel prank' led to panic, lockdown at Florida high school*

### **On the Docket**

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

- **ATHLETIC TRAINING:** The Florida Board of Athletic Training will meet. (Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 224828757)
- **UNIVERSITY ISSUES:** Committees of the state university system's Board of Governors will hold a series of meetings in advance of a full board meeting Wednesday. (Tuesday, committee meetings start at 8:30 a.m. Central time, University of West Florida, University of West Florida Conference Center, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola. <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/84726751497?pwd=bHhnV0MwS0hHYTdxVGluUdGpUdUpQdz09>)
- **STATE INVESTMENTS:** The state Investment Advisory Council, which reviews and makes recommendations about state investments, will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., The Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee.)
- **'WELL-BEING' COUNCIL:** The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **REFUGEE ISSUES:** The Tallahassee Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **WORKERS' COMP:** The Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association, 6003 Honore Ave., Suite 204, Sarasota.)
- **JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular meeting. (Tuesday, workshop at noon, meeting at 1 p.m., Florida State College at Jacksonville, Advanced Technology Center, 401 West State St., Jacksonville.)
- **SUWANNEE WATER BOARD:** The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet and then hold a hearing on a budget and millage rate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. (Tuesday, meeting at 3 p.m., hearing at 5:05 p.m., Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.)
- **ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD:** The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will hold a regular meeting, followed by a hearing about a tentative budget and millage rate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. (Tuesday, meeting at 3 p.m., hearing at 5:05 p.m., St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.)

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

- **COMMISSION ON WOMEN:** The Florida Commission on the Status of Women will hold its "LEAD Summit" in Duval County. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., University of North Florida, Adam W. Herbert University Center, 12000 Alumni Dr., Jacksonville.)
- **NEW CHANCELLOR:** The state university system's Board of Governors will consider a recommendation by a search committee to name Sen. Ray Rodrigues, R-Estero, as chancellor of the

system. Rodrigues would replace Chancellor Marshall Criser, who is stepping down from the post. The full board will meet after a series of committee meetings. (Wednesday, committee meetings start at 9 a.m. Central time, with full board at 1 p.m., University of West Florida, University of West Florida Conference Center, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola. <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/84726751497?pwd=bHhnV0MwS0hHYTdxVGIUdGpUdUpQdz09>)

- 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)
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES: The 6th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates to fill a circuit-court judgeship. The 6th Circuit is made up of Pinellas and Pasco counties. Candidates slated to be interviewed are Christopher Ballard, Khara Alvero, Emily VanOosting, Kathryn Spurlock, Patrick Hogan, Cornelius Demps, Samantha Sealey, Nicholas Fiorentino, Nicole Pearlman, Samantha Van Scoik, Amber Sherwood, Jennifer Dubbeld, Lindsey French, Tiffany Anthanaselos, Eva Vergos, Jeffrey Albinson, Barbara Goiran, Stefen Diskey, Matthew Perry and Dustin Anderson. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., St. Petersburg College, SS Building, 2465 Drew St., Clearwater.)
- 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)
- HISTORICAL PANEL: The Florida Historical Commission will meet and discuss memorials at the Capitol complex. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. <https://dosmyflorida.zoom.us/j/85423551172?pwd=dG50eFA0Y0pPMldPZ2s5S3FTdE5EQT09>. Meeting ID: 85423551172. Code: 549474)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- FLORIDA CITY GAS RATES: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold online customer-service hearings about a proposal by Florida City Gas to raise rates. Florida City Gas has customers in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Hendry counties. (Wednesday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE: The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- I-75 INTERCHANGES EYED: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting in Broward County about Interstate 75 interchange improvement projects. (Wednesday, 6 p.m., Weston Commission chamber, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd., Weston.)

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

- UF TRUSTEES HUDDLE: The University of Florida Board of Trustees will start a two-day retreat in St. Johns County. (Thursday, 8:45 a.m., Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 Tournament Players Club Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.)
- ELECTIONS LAW: A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments about the constitutionality of a 2021 Florida elections law that included placing additional restrictions on ballot drop boxes and on providing food and water to people waiting in line at polling places. The state appealed after Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker ruled that parts of the law were intended

to discriminate against Black Floridians. (Thursday, 9 a.m., James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, 99 N.E. Fourth St., Miami.)

- HEALTH INSURANCE: The Florida Health Insurance Advisory Board is scheduled to meet and discuss 2023 legislative proposals. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-866-299-7949. Code: 1433866)
- UWF TRUSTEES: The University of West Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., University of West Florida, University of West Florida Conference Center, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola. <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/89988590447?pwd=UIMrR2MxYlcxTGvVZlk0ajhjREo4UT09>. Code: 169305)
- DEFENSE ISSUES: The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Doubletree Grand Key Resort Key West, 3990 South Roosevelt Blvd., Key West.)
- SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL: The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., South Florida Water Management District Office: 2301 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers.)
- SCHOOL SAFETY: The State Board of Education will discuss a report by a statewide grand jury that probed school-safety issues after the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Call-in number: 1-800-496-4034. Code: 797680)
- GULF COAST COLLEGE BOARD: The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, Panama City.)
- FLORIDA CITY GAS RATES: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an online customer-service hearing about a proposal by Florida City Gas to raise rates. Florida City Gas has customers in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Hendry counties. (Thursday, 10 a.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Broward Refugee Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- GULF CONSORTIUM BOARD: The Gulf Consortium Board of Directors, which works on issues related to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. (Thursday, 5 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/635182717>. Call-in number: 1-571-317-3116. Code: 635182717)

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022**

- UF TRUSTEES: The University of Florida Board of Trustees will continue a two-day retreat in St. Johns County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 Tournament Players Club Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.)
- HOUSING ISSUES: The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet in Orange County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando.)
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY BOARD: The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://app.gotomeeting.com/?meetingId=456352981&sessionTrackingId=clsJoin-c3bfecf1-f862-4ff1-8437-50845e1655ac>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 456352981)
- TREASURE COAST PLANNING COUNCIL: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. (Friday, 9:30 a.m., Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Wolf High Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.)

- **AUGUST JOBS REPORT RELEASES:** The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release an August unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- **REFUGEE ISSUES:** The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Friday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **HUNGER ISSUES:** 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/9218963420516234252>)
- **MAYORAL CANDIDATES AT TIGER BAY:** Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey and his challenger in the November election, Leon County Commissioner Kristin Dozier, will appear at the Capital Tiger Bay Club. (Friday, noon, Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.)
- **BUILDING COMMISSION:** The Florida Building Commission will meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 533378925)
- **FINANCE REPORTS DUE:** State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Sept. 9.

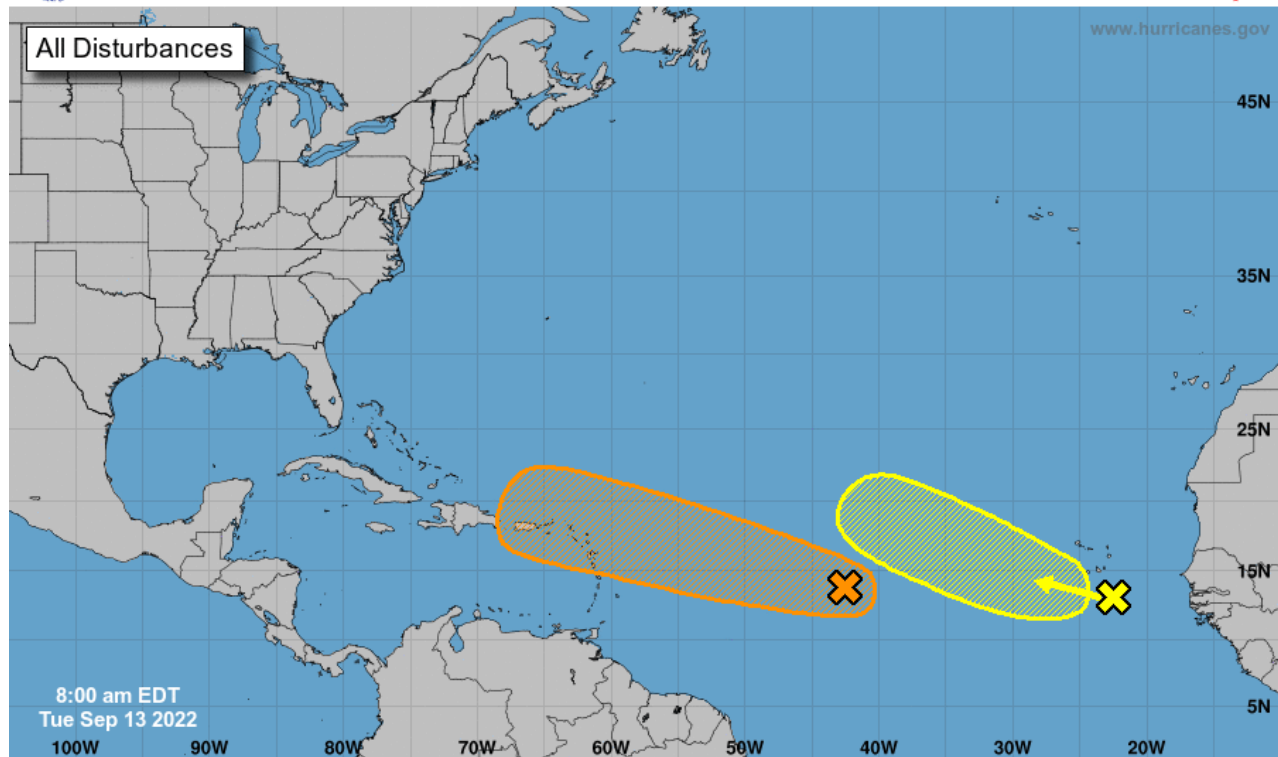
**The Tropics**

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



**Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook**

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



8:00 am EDT  
Tue Sep 13 2022

Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance:   
 Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone:   
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

X < 40%    X 40-60%    X > 60%  
 ○ Depression    ○ Storm    ○ Hurricane  
 ⊗ Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

**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](mailto:Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com)

**Website Links**

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