



## ***The Briefing –Friday – October 21 –2022***

*The last Briefing was Thursday – October 20 – 2022*

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

*[Link to Week 8 of NCAA Football Games](#)*

### **The Quick**

#### **Florida Rural Economic Development Initiative Monthly Meeting** **Friday, October 21, 2022**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Eastern Time

[Link to Agenda and the link to join the October REDI meeting](#)

#### **Governor Issues Executive Order Delaying Tax-Payments**

Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order 22-242 to suspend deadlines for payment of property taxes in counties that have been impacted by Hurricane Ian. The EO extends to real property including personal homes and commercial property that was destroyed or otherwise rendered uninhabitable.

**Executive Order [#2022-242 suspends property tax deadlines re: Hurricane Ian](#)**

**Press release: [Governor Ron DeSantis Signs Executive Order to Extend Property Tax Deadline for Communities Impacted by Hurricane Ian](#)**

#### **Governor To Call Special Legislative Session**

**Property Tax Relief and Property Insurance will be on the docket.**

Gov. Ron DeSantis said Thursday he plans to call a special legislative session to provide property-tax relief to people affected by Hurricane Ian, with the session possibly addressing property-insurance issues. No specific dates have been mentioned other than it would be held prior to the end of the calendar year.

The Governor indicated his intention to time the special session so lawmakers can retroactively allow residents who sustained damage from Ian to benefit from a tax change approved in the 2022 legislative session. That change, effective Jan. 1, is slated to offer property-tax rebates on residential properties rendered uninhabitable by catastrophic events. The law creates rebates when residential properties are rendered uninhabitable for 30 days or more by catastrophic events. The executive order would delay property tax payments on personal and commercial properties destroyed or otherwise made uninhabitable in 26 counties designated for disaster assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Governor did acknowledge that giving property tax rebates to taxpayers, property owners would impact the revenue that funds essential services and that some type of provision would need to be made offset the lost revenue.

#### **State Board of Education Revises Rule on approach to Mental Health Instruction**

Program changes from *Mental and Emotional Health Education*  
to *Resiliency Education: Civic and Character and Life Skills Education*.

The State Board of Education has approved a rule amendment, that is “reframing and rethinking” the way mental health is taught in schools. The shift is an effort to move from the traditional mental health education model to a new model based on resiliency. The changes will focus on teaching the skills to learn how to navigate and overcome challenges. Initiative resources and required instruction will include:

- Updated character standards in the form of resiliency standards that include a focus on volunteerism, problem solving, critical thinking, compassion, and grit;
- A outreach effort to help inform students, parents, and teachers of resiliency support;
- Free curriculum available to educators and parents that ties back to the foundational resiliency skills; and
- Tools created specifically for parents interested in learning what resources are available to help their children.

The goal of the program is to equip students with the skills that will help them learn to persevere through life’s inevitable challenges. Empowering kids to strive to overcome challenges while recognizing and celebrating the success in doing so.

The State Board adopted an amendment to its rule which revises references to the state’s academic standards and updates the existing five-hour mental health education and character education components of required classroom instruction in grades 6–12. Aligning these two required components uniquely connects the concepts of student readiness, resiliency, and, when necessary, response and recovery.

The State Board action [amended Rule 6A-1.094124, Required Instruction Planning and Reporting](#) (PDF)

[Proposed Rule 6A-1.094124, F.A.C.](#) (PDF)

[6A-1.094124, F.A.C. Presentation](#) (PDF)

### ***Headlines Around the State***

*Politico: DeSantis announces special legislative session to fix Florida's insurance industry*

*Herald: DeSantis to ask lawmakers to reconvene to ease taxes on people affected by hurricane*

*AP: Florida lawmakers to address Hurricane Ian issues this year*

*News4Jax: Florida governor issues executive order to extend property tax deadlines for homes, business damaged by Hurricane Ian*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis delays property tax payments for Ian victims*

*FlaPol: Federal disaster assistance for Hurricane Ian recovery tops \$1B*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis again vows no children's COVID-19 vax mandate in Florida*

*Times: DeSantis has so far appointed more donors to political posts than Scott did*

*Times: Felon advocates demand DeSantis fix broken system after voter fraud arrests*

*WLRN: Civil rights groups demand voter verification system as 'fraud' arrest footage stokes outrage*

*FlaPol: Election police arrest Jamaican illegal alien for voting*

*WaPo: Republicans propose bill barring lessons on gender, sexuality for children*

*FlaPol: Public meeting on gender-affirming care rescheduled for Oct. 28 in Orlando*

*FlaPol: Nassau Co. Commissioners leave American Beach out of ARPA funding*

*Herald: Miami-Dade cop fires on one of his own and misses. They were chasing a murder suspect*

*Times: Tampa Bay suicide hotline operators struggle with surge of calls*

*Times: USF COVID campus shutdown case heads to state Supreme Court*

*FlaPol: St. Johns County Commissioner Paul Waldron dies at 53*

*WUSF: Hurricane Ian hit Florida's citrus growers when they were already down*

*Sentinel: Orlando man gets 6 months in jail for role in Capitol riot*

*Bradenton Herald: 'We are not nameless.' Bradenton city staff detail Sanders hostile workplace in letter*

*Today: West Melbourne to hire Greg Vesta from Illinois as city's new police chief*

*News4Jax: Clock is ticking: Jacksonville's redrawing of boundary lines for city council map, school board districts due in less than 3 weeks*

*NBC 6: Broward IG Finds Campaign Finance Violations for North Lauderdale Commissioner*

*Axios: Thousands of Floridians are affected by long COVID*

*Times: Brother John Muhammad sworn in as St. Petersburg City Council's newest member*

*FlaPol: Florida KidCare premiums can be waived for some, but not all, enrollees in Hurricane Ian's path*

*FlaPol: Bacteria outbreak after Ian tells a scary story about Florida's broken sewage systems*

*WaPo: Florida is juggling an election and Hurricane Ian clean-up*

*Sentinel: Debate with DeSantis could be Crist's last shot in Florida governors race*

*FlaPol: DNC Chair Jaime Harrison, Nikki Fried rally Charlie Crist supporters*

*News 4 Jax: Local Union members gather at Get Out and Vote Rally to show support for Charlie Crist*

*Herald: Val Demings says she is against deploying troops to Haiti, and for the Cuba embargo*

*Times: Pasco School Board hopeful loses another round in fight to stay on ballot*

*FlaPol: New UF report paints grim picture of Hurricane Ian damage to agriculture*

*Sentinel: Ian killed more Floridians than most recent major hurricanes. Its indirect death count could reach the thousands.*

*WaPo: Three weeks after Ian, hard-hit Floridians are still searching for lost pets*

*Herald: How high was Hurricane Ian's storm surge? These scientists hunt down the answer*

*Times: Hurricane Ian drained the waters of Tampa Bay. Did that affect the environment?*

*Times: Hurricane Ian's lethal for elderly, those with chronic health conditions*

*The Hill: Jeb Bush: GOP will be yearning for new leadership in 2024*

## ***On the Docket***

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022**

- ETHICS CASES: The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.)
- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS: The Council of Presidents of the Florida college system will meet in Orange County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Valencia College, West Campus, 1800 South Kirkman Road, Orlando.)
- BOATING PANEL: The state Boating Advisory Council is scheduled to meet in Pinellas County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Hampton Inn & Suites/Downtown St. Petersburg, 80 Beach Dr., N.E., St. Petersburg.)
- JOBLESS NUMBERS: The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a September unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)

- **SOLID WASTE ISSUES:** The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the South Florida Regional Planning Council will hold a conference to discuss solid-waste management issues. (Friday, 10 a.m., Florida Atlantic University, Student Union, 1995 Dade Ave., Boca Raton.)
- **MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD:** The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. <https://www.gotomeet.me/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>. Call-in number: 1-877- 309-2073. Code: 985532741)
- **FINANCE REPORTS DUE:** Statewide candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Oct. 14.

### **Tropical Outlook**

[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://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

### **Important Meetings Scheduled To Focus on Rural/Small County Issues**

#### **Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting**

#### **For County Commissioners and Staff**

Wednesday – November 30 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting

Major Actions –

Welcome New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program

[Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference](#)

#### **Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting**

**For School Board members and Superintendents**

Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting  
Major Actions

Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program  
[FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association](#)

**Annual Florida Rural Economic Development Summit**

**Major Focus – Advancing Economic Development in rural communities**

December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine.

[Registration for Summit](#)

[Tentative Agenda for Summit](#)

**Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th**

**Open for participating entities**

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[Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT](#)

Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

***About the Briefing!***

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***Website Links***

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)

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