



The Briefing –Thursday – October 20 –2022

The last Briefing was Wednesday – October 19 – 2022

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[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 September REDI meeting](#)

Items on the agenda

2022 Florida Rural Economic Development Summit Updates; The Economic Development Administration and Disaster Recovery: An Overview; U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan and Hazard Mitigation Resources; Enterprise Florida Rural Resources; and, New Community Prospects and Requests for Assistance

DEO Office of Broadband Conducts Webinar on New Broadband Program

The DEO Office of Broadband held the first of two technical assistance webinars this morning. There were over 150 participants that submitted dozens of questions attempting to clarify how the new Opportunity Broadband grant application process will work. The webinar was recorded and will be posted on the DEO Office of Broadband Webpage. It is clear from the questions and answers that coordination between Local Technology Planning Teams and Providers is critical in the development of applications for funding. It is recommended that LTPT's engage local ISP's in their conversation to determine if and/or what the ISP has for providing broadband services to existing unserved and underserved areas. The Small County Coalition will continue to work with the Florida Association of Counties' ACCESS 67 Initiative to foster clear understanding and collaboration with local stakeholders and current/potential providers that are considering seeking funding within the State's program.

Second Webinar will focus on Rural Communities and LTPT's

DEO's Office of Broadband will host a second technical assistance webinar will be held on November 1, 2022. This webinar will provide a focus on rural communities and Local Technology Planning Teams (LTPTs). Office of Broadband will be further discussing the Broadband Opportunity Program's timeline, application, funding, eligibility for applicants, and more for the Broadband Opportunity Program ahead of the application window opening on November 2nd:

Rural Technical Assistance Webinar

Date: November 1, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time

[Link to Register for November 1 Webinar](#)

State Board of Ed Adopts or Amends Administrative Rules

[SBE Rules Adopted or Amended - October 19 .docx](#)

The State Board of Education took action to repeal or adopt new or amend existing rules during the first day of their meeting. Specific text and background to each rule are available at the above link. The following topics were some of the rules considered:

- School Board and Charter School Governing Board Policies or Procedures for Parental Notification Regarding Designation of Bathrooms, Locker Rooms, and Dressing Rooms
- Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida
- Instructional Materials Evaluation Procedures
- Elementary School Website Listing of Library Materials and Reading Lists
- Special Magistrate for Unresolved Student Welfare Complaints at Charter Schools
- School Safety Requirements and Monitoring
- Youth Mental Health Awareness Training and Reporting
- Program Assessment Threshold Requirements for the School Readiness Program
- Repeal of Voluntary Prekindergarten Pre- and Post-Assessments
- Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention

The State Board is continuing deliberation today- which includes a review of district turnaround plans and the consideration of additional administrative rules. Here is a link to the items on today's [Agenda](#).

Headlines Around the State

Politico: DeSantis administration agrees to release Martha's Vineyard records by December

Wash. Post: How DeSantis used Disney's missteps to wage war on corporate America

WUSF: Confusion follows the Florida arrests of convicted felons accused of voter fraud

Herald: Florida's voting laws are 'broken,' felon advocates say following fraud arrests

FlaPol: Mario Díaz-Balart advocates for Vern Buchanan's ascension to Ways and Means Chair

The Floridian: Gaetz Applauds DoD Decision to Not Include Wind Farms on FL West Coast Military Space

WUSF: Unselected applicants are challenging Florida's pick for a Black farmer pot license

Sentinel: Black farmers object to winner of medical marijuana license

NYTimes: Weeks After Hurricane Ian, Hundreds of Floridians Remain in Shelters

Herald Tribune: PBS 'Frontline' documentary highlights Michael Flynn's involvement in Sarasota politics

Times: How a migrant ended up in Florida on a work crew for hurricane cleanup

WUSF: A rare but dangerous flesh-eating bacteria is infecting Florida residents

Herald: What is vibrio 'flesh-eating' bacteria and why is it surging in Florida after Ian?

FlaPol: PIFF urges Hurricane Ian victims to file FEMA claims quickly

WLRN: Broward superintendent's future appears uncertain, after board members criticize her leadership

Sun-Sentinel: Is Broward schools chief's job in jeopardy? DeSantis 'reform board' is weighing her future.

Times: Florida man sent 'Disciples of Democracy' death threats to Capitol rioters

The Capitolist: Florida Blue contributes nearly \$4 million to local investments fighting food insecurity

The Capitolist: New York Life pledges \$500,000 for Hurricane Ian relief

The Capitolist: Florida A&M earns National Science Foundation grant for data science education research

Herald: Weed will soon be sold at some Florida gas stations — a new step in popularizing Mary Jane

Democrat: What are Ron DeSantis' plans on abortion in Florida? He's not saying as Election Day nears

Times: 3 reasons Ron DeSantis is going to win in November, and 3 reasons he'll lose

FlaPol: Charlie Crist Campaign Manager out 20 days before election

FlaPol: Charlie Crist doesn't expect Hurricane Ian response to benefit Ron DeSantis

Sun-Sentinel: Florida teachers could lose licenses for defying 'don't say gay,' 'anti-woke' laws

My News 13: Florida Department of Education approves updates to rules on parental and individual rights

WLRN: Schools must notify parents if bathrooms are not separated by 'biological sex at birth'

CBS Miami: Florida school districts that submitted LGBTQ support guides to get changes

Herald: With boosting teacher pay on ballot, Miami-Dade teachers union president takes back seat

Sentinel: Citing his own ads, consultant wants prosecutor removed in 'ghost' candidate case

FlaPol: Sanibel causeway open to civilian traffic three weeks after Hurricane Ian

Times: Florida charter schools face challenges as they grow

FlaPol: As demand for medical marijuana increases, Florida regulators request more staff, money to keep pace

Today: Fine's battle for final Florida House term wrapped in controversy, inflammatory politics

Today: Rep. Fine asks BPS's Mullins to debate millage increase, but law prohibits staff advocacy

FlaPol: Republican candidates build money edge in Central Florida House races

Today: Florida Republican Party chair condemns 'hate speech' remarks by Indialantic candidate

FlaPol: Leon Schools Superintendent becomes latest local official backing Lorraine Ausley's re-election

FlaPol: Dana Trabulsy nets nearly \$100K, her biggest haul yet in re-election bid

Post: Public education among issues dividing candidates seeking new Florida House District 93 seat

FlaPol: Donna Deegan draws Ruth's List nod in Jax mayoral race

News-Press: Stay or go? Four Florida families weigh next steps after losing homes to Hurricane Ian

Herald: 'We had to do something.' Parkland inspires a school safety group and 'stop bleed' kits

The Capitolist: UCF latest Florida university to join tech industry credential initiative

On the Docket

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

- UCF TRUSTEES: The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., University of Central Florida, Millican Hall, Orlando.)
- EDUCATION ISSUES ON AGENDA: The State Board of Education will meet in Orange County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Dr., Orlando.)
- HEALTH KIDS PROGRAM AT ISSUE: The Florida Healthy Kids Corp. Board of Directors will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 850-792-4925. Code: 422130256)

- **BOATING PANEL:** The state Boating Advisory Council is scheduled to meet in Pinellas County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Hampton Inn & Suites/Downtown St. Petersburg, 80 Beach Dr., N.E., St. Petersburg.)
- **DEFENSE ISSUES:** The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-support-task-force-fdstf-meeting-108-via-zoom/>)
- **RETIREMENT SYSTEM :** The Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumption Conference will analyze issues in the state retirement system. (Thursday, 10 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:** The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Florida Commission on Human Relations, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- **GULF COAST TRUSTEES:** 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.)
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS:** The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)

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.)
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- **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



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

 [FAC BROADBAND SUMMIT.docx](#)

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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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