



The Briefing –Monday – October 31–2022

The last Briefing was Thursday – Oct 27 – 2022

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

[Link to Week 10 of NCAA Football Games](#)

Wow October went by quick!

9 Days Until Election Day

The Quick with a focus on CareerSource REACH Act

Grants Issues to support Career Tech Programs

More than \$2.7 million has been awarded to help 28 school districts and state colleges purchase industry standard equipment for career and technical education (CTE) programs across Florida. The funding will better equip students as they prepare for job opportunities in high demand fields and includes several CTE programs impacted by Hurricane Ian in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Highlands counties. [To view the list of institutions receiving funding for the 2022-23 school year, click here.](#)

Governor DeSantis has the goal of making Florida the number one state in the nation for workforce education by 2030. CTE programs are a major component of workforce education and are responsible for preparing individuals for occupations important to Florida's economic development. These programs are organized into 17 different career clusters and are geared toward middle school, high school, district technical school, and Florida College System students throughout the state.

CareerSource Continues Implementation of REACH ACT

The [Reimagining Education and Career Help \(REACH\) Act](#), a state law that took effect July 1, 2021. The legislation is aimed at strengthening access, alignment, and accountability of Florida's comprehensive workforce development ecosystem.

Here is an overview of the [REACH Act At-a-Glance \(careersourceflorida.com\)](https://careersourceflorida.com)

The work is being conducted in two phases -

[Phase One Findings Report: LWDB Alignment Evaluation](#)

[Phase Two Scope of Work: Discovery, Research, and Option Development](#)

CareerSource Looking at Realignment of Workforce Boards

One of the directives in the REACH Act is to [reduce the number of local workforce development boards](#). Last week, CareerSource convened a webinar with local elected officials to seek input regarding the "realignment phase" of the project. The following commissioners expressed the importance of maintain a focus on the differences of Rural Areas, that one size of services does not fit all, and maintaining a structure where all rural counties have meaningful local involvement –

- Okeechobee Commissioner Terry Burroughs

- Putnam Commissioner Larry Harvey
- Hernando Commissioner Jeff Holcomb
- Indian River Commissioner Susan Adams
- Calhoun Commissioner Scott Monlyn
- Franklin Commissioner Rickey Jones
- Franklin Commissioner Smokey Parrish
- Madison Commissioner Ronnie Moore

Headlines Around the State

City & State FL: Tracing the dollars in Florida's political money puzzle

Herald: If an Ian slammed South Florida: Nine-foot coastal surge, flooding inland to Hialeah

WUSF: If Hurricane Ian had struck Southeast Florida, here's how bad it would have been

Sentinel: 'This is the end': Filmmaker pessimistic about future of industry in Florida

FlaPol: Disgust, horror greet 'vile' displays showing up in North and South Florida

Sun-Sentinel: Pot dispensaries at Florida Circle K stores? Can legal recreational weed be far behind?

City & State FL: Latest campaign finance numbers: DeSantis rakes in \$4.2M, Crist gets \$1.3M

Democrat: Florida mismatch: Numbers reveal big DeSantis advantage over Crist in governor's race

FlaPol: Charlie Crist's 'Votercade for Democracy' aims to drive Hispanic voters to polls

Times: After voter fraud arrests, Florida issues new forms that could bolster future cases

WUSF: Tampa voters will decide one of Florida's most competitive Senate races

News4Jax: Families get final say before Parkland shooter is sentenced

Sun-Sentinel: Broward School Board elections add to the uncertainty faced by district

FlaPol: In race to replace Leon Commissioner who died from long COVID, Hannah Crow renounces misinformation

Bradenton Herald: Housing is a serious issue for Bradenton workers. Business group tries new solution

On the Docket

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022

- **GAS TAX 'HOLIDAY' ENDS:** Monday will be the final day of a tax "holiday" that allows Florida motorists to fill up their tanks without paying the state's 25.3-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax. The holiday, part of a broad tax package approved this year by lawmakers and Gov. Ron DeSantis, started Oct. 1.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022

- **CITIZENS RATES INCREASE:** Citizens Property Insurance Corp. rate increases will take effect Tuesday. The increases, which apply to what are known as "personal lines" policies, were approved by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation in June. They include an average 6.4 percent increase for homeowners with "multi-peril" policies — by far the most-common type of

policy. Customers with other types of policies will see average increases ranging from 8.4 percent to 11 percent.

- **TOP NURSING HOMES:** The Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 998518088)
- **UTILITY ISSUES:** The Florida Public Service Commission will meet. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- **UF TRUSTEES INTERVIEW SASSE:** The University of Florida Board of Trustees will interview U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., to become the university's president. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., University of Florida, Emerson Alumni Hall, Gainesville. <https://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Play/b6d609284aa246ff92a03349b35a0f131d>)
- **BIDEN CAMPAIGNS IN SOUTH FLORIDA:** President Joe Biden will appear at a campaign event with Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Val Demings and gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist. (Tuesday, doors open at 4 p.m., Florida Memorial University, 15800 N.W. 42nd Ave., Miami Gardens.)
- **RUBIO CAMPAIGNS IN SARASOTA:** U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is scheduled to rally voters in Sarasota County. Other expected participants are Republican Congressmen Greg Steube and Vern Buchanan, state Rep. Fiona McFarland, R-Sarasota, and state Rep. Tommy Gregory, R-Sarasota. (Tuesday, 4 p.m., Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.)
- **'WELL-BEING' COUNCIL:** The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. (Tuesday, 6 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022

- **FGCU PICKS PRESIDENT:** The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees is scheduled to interview three candidates and select a new university president. The candidates are Robert Gregerson, president of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg; Tod Laursen, acting president of the State University of New York Polytechnic Institute; and Susana Rivera-Mills, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at Ball State University. (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Florida Gulf Coast University, Cohen Student Union, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers.)
- **SUPREME COURT WEIGHS ACCIDENT CASE:** The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in an Escambia County case stemming from a 2014 car accident that injured Samantha Elaine Tsuji and Crystal Ivy Williams. They sued the driver of the other vehicle, Thomas E. Morton Jr., who died a few weeks after the accident, and Morton's employer, The Lewis Bear Co. A circuit judge and the 1st District Court of Appeal ruled against the plaintiffs because of a time limitation in filing the case. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.)
- **HOMELESSNESS ADDRESSED:** The state Council on Homelessness is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Jacksonville Urban League, Jacksonville.)
- **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)
- **PSC EYES UTILITY RATES:** The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting about a proposal by CHC VII, Ltd., which provides water and wastewater service, to raise rates in Polk County. (Wednesday, 1 p.m. [http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCo](http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage) verage)

- **SPEECH, HEARING AID BOARDS:** The state Board of Speech-Language, Pathology & Audiology and the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists are scheduled to hold a joint meeting. (Wednesday, 2 p.m. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 333949292)
- **UTILITY RATES:** The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting about a proposal by Hidden Cove, Ltd., which provides water and wastewater service, to raise rates in Polk County. (Wednesday, 3 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- **CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD:** The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m., CF Vintage Farm, 4020 S.E. Third Ave., Ocala.)
- **SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES HONORED:** The Florida Sports Hall of Fame will hold an event to induct 12 new members. (Wednesday, 5 p.m., Raymond James Stadium, East Club, 4201 North Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa.)
- **I-95 RAMPS:** The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about plans for the northbound and southbound Interstate 95 ramps at Midway Road in St. Lucie County. (Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, 2937 West Midway Road, Fort Pierce.)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022

- **CHIROPRACTIC ISSUES:** The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee.)
- **LAWMAKERS SPEAK AT BIOFLORIDA EVENT:** State House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, and U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., will be among the speakers at the BioFlorida Conference. Other speakers are slated to include state Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, and state Rep. Tom Fabricio, R-Miramar. (Thursday, conference starts at 9 a.m., Hyatt Regency Miami, 400 S.E. Second Ave., Miami.)
- **PROPERTY TAX FIGHT:** The Florida Supreme Court will take up three cases, including a dispute about whether a Sarasota County resident was entitled to a full homestead property-tax exemption after renting two bedrooms to tenants. The 2nd District Court of Appeal in 2020 rejected a decision by Sarasota County Property Appraiser Bill Furst that homeowner Rod Rebholz was entitled to a homestead exemption on only 85 percent of the residence because bedrooms were rented out. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.)
- **GAMBLING ISSUES:** The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **TRIUMPH GULF COAST:** The Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors, which oversees settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will take up issues such as an \$11 million proposal to upgrade the first response communications system in Wakulla County. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Central time, Destin City Council chamber, 4100 Indian Bayou Trail, Destin.)
- **UTILITY RATES:** The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting about a proposal by Anglers Cove West, Ltd., which provides water and wastewater service, to raise rates in Polk County. (Thursday, 10 a.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- **NORTHEAST PLANNING COUNCIL:** The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491#success>. Meeting ID: 87499770491)
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS:** The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)

- UTERINE FIBROIDS: State Rep. Anika Omphroy, D-Lauderdale Lakes, will host a forum to increase awareness about uterine fibroids. (Thursday, 4 p.m.
- <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89493880486?pwd=MnFudUJibEtZaWhNNFRSTUNWR110Zz09>. Meeting ID: 89493880486. Code: 0543)
- PSC EYES UTILITY RATES: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting about a proposal by S.V. Utilities, Ltd., which provides water and wastewater service, to raise rates in Polk County. (Thursday, 2 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022

- OSTEOPATHIC BOARD: The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will meet. (Friday, 8 a.m., Holiday Inn, Disney Springs, 1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.)
- MEDICAL EXAMINERS: The state Medical Examiners Commission will meet in Bay County. (Friday, 10 a.m. Central time, Bluegreen's Bayside Resort and Spa at Panama City Beach, 4114 Jan Cooley Dr., Panama City Beach.)
- TRANSGENDER TREATMENT: The Florida Board of Medicine and the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will hold a joint meeting to consider a proposal that would restrict treatment for transgender people under age 18. (Friday, 2 p.m., Holiday Inn, Disney Springs, 1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates, political committees and parties face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Thursday.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

- EARLY VOTING WRAPS UP: Nov. 5 is the last day counties are required to offer early voting, though they have the option of keeping early voting sites open on Nov. 6.

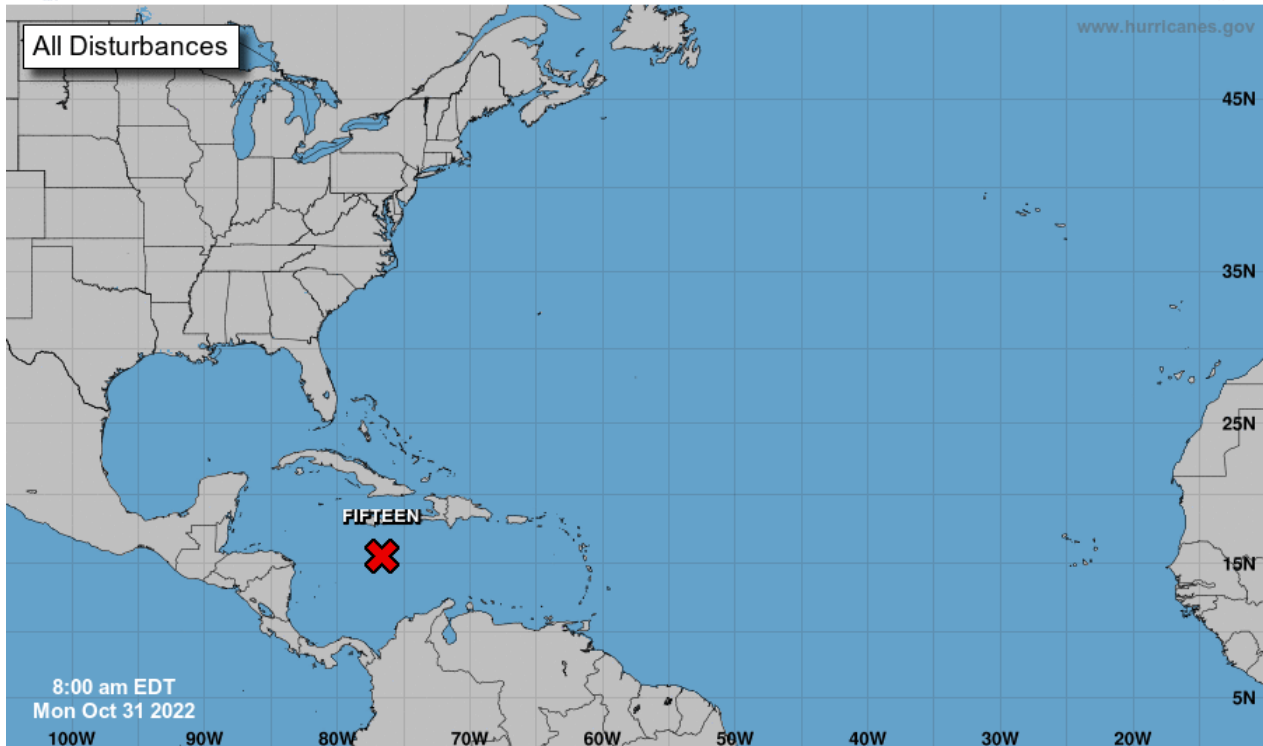
Tropical Outlook

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

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Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

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

Website Links

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

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