



The Briefing –Saturday – November 19 - 2022

The last Briefing was Friday – November 18- 2022

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

[Link to all Week 13 of NCAA Football Games](#)

Website Links

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)

The Quick

The Florida Legislature will gather Tuesday in the Capitol for an organization session. During meeting Naples Republican Kathleen Passidomo will formally become Senate president and Palm Coast Republican Paul Renner will take over as House speaker. The one-day session will be largely ceremonial, with members sworn in after the Nov. 8 elections. Passidomo and Renner should outline their priorities for the next two years. -Another significant note is that the GOP will hold a supermajority advantage in both the House and Senate which will make any effort by the Democratic members to challenge issues virtually impossible.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Eye on the Tropics

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

All Clear in the Tropics or the next five days!

Headlines Around the State

FlaPol: Paul Renner restructures House panels, strengthens emphasis on infrastructure, school choice

FlaPol: New House rules: No need for appropriations bills

Herald: Over \$1.4 million in Florida taxpayer dollars still unaccounted for in migrant flight program

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis says direct flights could drive Japanese tourism

Sun-Sentinel: Even in heavily blue Broward, DeSantis's results gave Republicans reason to cheer and Democrats cause for alarm

FlaPol: Lobbying compensation: Which governmental affairs firms ranked in the Top 15 for Q3

FlaPol: Tina Polsky and Gayle Harrell named new leaders of PBC's legislative delegation

FlaPol: Kathy Castor sounds alarm about likely end of Climate Crisis committee

Herald: How Trump vs. DeSantis is playing on Miami's conservative Spanish-language media

The Hill: Trump faces potential fundraising problem as megadonors jump ship

Sentinel: Trump 2024 rivals court his donors as primary season begins

NBC: 2024 GOP presidential hopefuls in no rush to jump in against Trump

Sentinel: Wealthy donors finance DeSantis sojourns across U.S., Florida

Democrat: DeSantis, Scott and Trump to address Republican Jewish Coalition in 1st presidential 'cattle call'

Times: Rick Scott didn't flip the Senate for Republicans, then he lost to McConnell. Now what?

Times: Why Republicans won the Latino vote in Florida

FlaPol: Election 2022: The Legislature will have more Black GOP lawmakers in both chambers

Sentinel: Central Florida lawmaker challenges appeals court candidates

On the Docket

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

Legislature:

- BOOK CONFIRMED AS DEMOCRATIC LEADER - Time: Monday, 1 p.m. -Description: The Senate Democratic Caucus will confirm the designation of Sen. Lauren Book, D-Davie, as minority leader for the next two years. -Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- DRISKELL FORMALLY DESIGNATED - Time: Monday, 6:30 p.m. - Description: The House Democratic Caucus will meet to formally designate Rep. Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, as the minority leader for the next two years. - Location: House chamber, the Capitol.

Also:

- USF ISSUES ADDRESSED- Time: Monday, 9 a.m.- Description: The University of South Florida Board of Trustees will hold a series of committee meetings.- Location: Information at <https://www.usf.edu/board-of-trustees/meetings/>

- SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL MEETS - Time: Monday, 10 a.m.-Description:
Location: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85743773940?pwd=S2c1bzVNWmRBc1JtWDcxZWdMNE1lUT09>. Meeting ID: 85743773940. Code: 434976
- TCC TRUSTEES MEET - Time: Monday, 2:30 p.m. - Description: The Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees will meet. - Location: Center for Innovation, 300 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022

Legislature:

- HOUSE LAUNCHES ORGANIZATION SESSION - Time: Tuesday, 10 a.m.- Description: The Florida House will convene in an organization session to swear in members and formally select leaders. - Location: House chamber, the Capitol,
- SENATE MEETS IN ORGANIZATION SESSION - Time: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Description: The Florida Senate will convene in an organization session to swear in members and formally select leaders. Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- RENNER HOLDS MEDIA AVAILABILITY - Time: Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., or 15 minutes after the Senate organization session ends. Description: New House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, will hold a media availability. Location: Room 333, the Capitol.
- PASSIDOMO HOLDS MEDIA AVAILABILITY - Time: Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. Description: New Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, will hold a media availability. Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.

Also:

- ELECTIONS RESULTS CERTIFIED - Time: Tuesday, 9 a.m. Description: The state Elections Canvassing Commission will certify the results of the Nov. 8 elections.
- MEDICAID ISSUES ON AGENDA - Time: Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. Description: The Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee will meet. Location: Information at <https://ahca.myflorida.com/Calendar.shtml>
- SUICIDE DETERRENCE AT ISSUE Time: Tuesday, 2 p.m. Description: The Florida First Responder Suicide Deterrence Task Force will meet. Location: Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED - Description: State offices will be closed in advance of Thanksgiving.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Time: Wednesday, 11 a.m. Description: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release weekly opinions.
- WARREN PRETRIAL ISSUES ADDRESSED - Time: Wednesday, 3 p.m. Description: U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will hold a pretrial conference in a lawsuit filed by suspended Hillsborough County State Attorney Andrew Warren. Gov. Ron DeSantis suspended Warren, who challenged the ouster in federal court. Location: Call-in number: 1-888-684-8852. Access Code: 3243416. Security Code: 1234

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED -Description: State offices will be closed for Thanksgiving.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2022


- STATE OFFICES CLOSED -Description: State offices will be closed for Thanksgiving.

Important Meetings on Rural/Small County Issues

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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