



Am I wrong – or did October fly by?

The Briefing – Wednesday – November 2 –2022

The last Briefing was Monday – Oct 31 – 2022

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

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

Days Until

6 Days Until Election Day

22 days until Thanksgiving

23 days until the FSU/UF game

28 days until Hurricane Season is over

The Quick

Coalition Chairman Asks CareerSource for Rural Component in R.E.A.C.H. Initiative

[Letter Regarding REACH Act - 11-2-22.docx](#)

Small County Coalition Chairman Terry Burroughs has sent a letter to CareerSource Florida President Michelle Dennard underscoring the importance of meaningful involvement of rural communities in the Workforce – Career Source framework.

“We know many of our communities have difference needs. Participation of small county officials from every county is essential in delivering the message that “one size doesn’t cut it”!

Burroughs’ letter outlined a list of comments made by rural local officials during the Webinar held last Thursday. Comments ranged from – “rural areas are diverse”; “one size does not fit all”; “all counties need to have a role in workforce decisions”; “Workforce Boards need to be structured so the rural needs are not consumed by larger counties in the region”; “small counties should not have to struggle to get attention for workforce needs and funding; and, that “CareerSource should make sure there are programs that serve every county including supporting CTE programs at the local K-12 School District level’.

ASKING FOR YOUR INPUT ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Linked below are drafts of Legislative Priorities for the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. We are requesting your review and input. If you have any suggestions please submit to cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com Drafts will be discussed by the Officers and Executive Committee members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium and presented for adoption at the Fall Meetings currently scheduled in St. Pete and Tampa

Small County Coalition

 [The Small County Coalition -Draft 2023 Legislative Program.docx](#)

Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday – November 30 - St. Pete Hilton–
[Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference](#)

Small School District Council Consortium

[SSDCC 2023 Legislative Priorities - Draft for Consideration .docx](#)

Small School District Council Consortium Meeting

Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -
[FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association](#)

Headlines Around the State

AP: Ian ruins man-made reefs, brings algae bloom to Florida

Post: Execution is front and center in wake of Parkland shooter Nikolas Cruz's trial and sentencing
NBC Miami: Judge and Defense Clash, Families Unleash Anger at Parkland Shooter's Sentencing

Sun-Sentinel: Families' hope for Parkland killer: 'A name on a tombstone no one visits'

WLRN: 'No forgiveness': Parkland families confront gunman in final hearing before life sentence is set

Yahoo News: 'Burn in hell': Survivors, parents confront gunman during Nikolas Cruz sentencing hearing

News-Press: Civil rights groups urge better access to polls for Lee County communities of color

WLRN: This time, most South Florida expats likely chose the loser in Brazil's presidential election

City & State FL: Cross-state neighbors helping neighbors in Florida after the storm

Times: A month after Hurricane Ian skirted Tampa Bay, storm debris remains. Heres why

AP: Officials: Florida panther struck and killed by vehicle

FlaPol: Lynyrd Skynyrd to headline Hurricane Ian benefit concert in SW Florida

Herald Tribune: Sarasota falls from Top 10 on best places to retire list

Post: 'Out of the blue': Urban League of PBC gets \$5.1 million gift from ex-wife of Amazon founder

CBS Miami: Gov. DeSantis admin appeals in Martha's Vineyard migrant flight records fight

The Floridian: Crist Says DeSantis 'Signed Freedom Away'

WUSF: Abortion rights are top of mind for some young Florida voters

PNJ: Gov. DeSantis stops at Pensacola's The Fish House to ask voters to 'keep Florida free'

Times: DeSantis and the state attorney he ousted: Where the case stands now

FlaPol: RPOF unveils last Ron DeSantis ad before election

WUSF: Conservative U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse chosen as next UF president and pledges 'political celibacy'

The Capitolist: UF Board of Trustees confirms Sasse as president, defends search process

Times: Sen. Ben Sasse chosen as 13th UF president in unanimous vote of trustees

Sentinel: FPL customers could see monthly bills hiked \$4 or more to pay for Hurricane Ian restoration

My News 13: Central Florida leaders warn voter turnout might be low

Sentinel: Central Florida election leaders warn of voter intimidation

Herald: Can a Democrat unseat 'Latinas for Trump' founder in state Senate? It's an uphill climb

FlaPol: Pair of Loranne Ausley ads flag Corey Simon as an absentee

News4Jax: Deegan, Fried call for all elected officials to speak out against rising antisemitism in Florida

WUSF: Prosecution is unlikely for antisemitic messages seen around Jacksonville

Democrat: When does early voting end in Florida? It depends on where you are

Times: Abortion, culture war controversies divide candidates in state House 70 race

WUSF: Florida researchers get funding to help tomato growers and breeders fight bacterial spot

Yahoo News: As gas tax holiday ends, did Florida drivers save?

City & State FL: Florida gasoline prices to rise as tax holiday ends

WLRN: Former Broward school board member faces tough re-election bid after being removed by DeSantis

News4Jax: 'A sham and a scam!': Debate over City Council, school board maps heats up as work to redraw begins

Times-Union: Jacksonville redistricting committee moves forward with 2 maps, removes race as a factor

Herald Tribune: Anti-vaccine Republican challenges Libertarian for final Sarasota Hospital Board seat

The Capitolist: University of Miami Health enters agreement to acquire new medical technology equipment

On the Docket

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/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- **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.

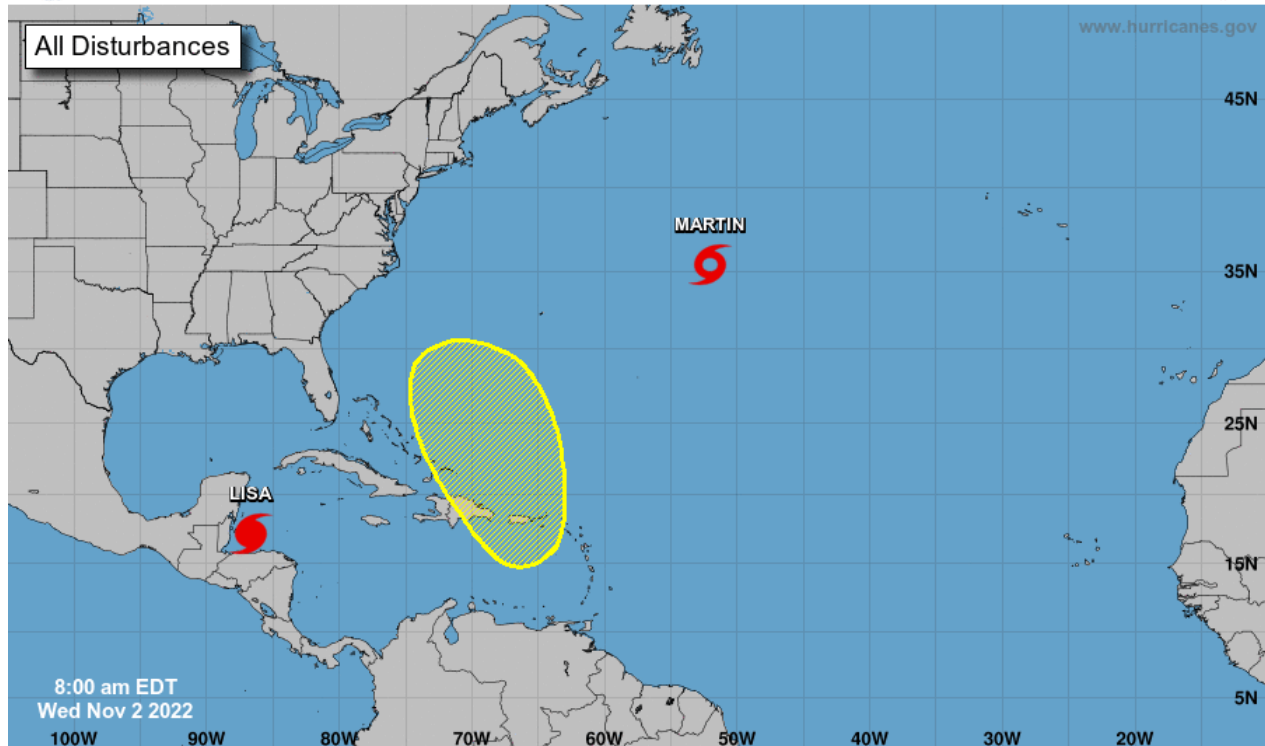
Tropical Outlook

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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[Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT](#)

Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

About the Briefing!

The Briefing is prepared almost daily by Chris Doolin cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com

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

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