



The Briefing – Friday - December 9, 2022

The last Briefing was Thursday – December 8 - 2022

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

Legislative Links

Here are some of the Links that you should bookmark –

For Information on the Florida House of Representatives -

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>

For Information on the Florida Senate -

<https://www.flsenate.gov/>

To view Legislative and Agency Meetings

<https://thefloridachannel.org/>

Link to Small County Coalition Website – www.smallcountycoalition.org

Link to Small School Districts Legislative Websi

The Quick

Rural Affairs Summit draws 300 to discuss Rural Issues

The Annual Rural Summit will close today after 3 days of meeting discussing rural needs and opportunities. **Chaired by Commissioner Terry Burroughs – (Okeechobee) and Vice-Chair Antonio Jefferson – Gretna** - The Summit sponsored by the Florida Rural Economic Development Association coordinated panels and presentations workforce issues, broadband expansion, available resources, Florida Ports, Affordable Workforce housing, Site Preparation, and Rural Legislative Priorities.

Local Project Guidelines available

The Senate and the House have released the Guidelines and forms for seeking a local Project from the 2023 Legislature. Linked below are information released by the Senate and the House.

Senate released Local Funding Initiative Form for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

[2023-24 Local Funding Initiative Request Form](#)

House released Local Funding Initiative Forms

The House released the [House Appropriations Project Request Form FY 2023-24](#) and other materials. The 2022-24 House Rules [eliminate the requirement](#) for appropriations projects to be filed as a bill, so they will no longer need to be heard in committee. Forms are due 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023.

[House Appropriations Project Request Form FY 2023-24](#) Due: 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023.

[Appropriations Project Request Form Guidance](#)

[Attestation Form](#)

[House Rule 5-14](#) and [Joint Rule 2-2 and 2-3](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions and materials: House Appropriations Project Bills](#)

Representative Harding Resigns from Office

[Rep. Joe Harding](#) has resigned from the Florida House effective immediately. He represented district 24, consisting of parts of Marion County. Harding is the subject of a federal grand jury indictment. The indictment includes multiple counts after authorities said [Harding illegally obtained \\$150,000 in pandemic-related small business loans](#).

Links related to the Harding Indictment

[USDJ: Rep. Harding Indicted For Wire Fraud, Money Laundering, And Making False Statements 12/7/22](#)

[Case 1:22-cr-00032-AW-MAL Indictment](#)

Eye on the Tropics

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

All Clear in the Tropics or the next five days!

Headlines Around the State

Times: Tensions simmer as conservative moms, Florida educators differ on school books

Herald: Group developing training for Florida school librarians disagrees on book restrictions

Democrat: New-look Florida Legislature tackles old problem — homeowners insurance

Sentinel: Agency details the top concerns in Florida's troubled insurance market

FlaPol: Miami-Dade skips bidding process, re-signs firms to lobby for hundreds of millions in transportation funds

WUSF: Tampa officials say they lobbied for a state law to justify diverting wastewater

Capitolist: Department of Education cashes in on lottery winnings

News4Jax: St. Johns County teachers, district restart pay negotiations after last deal rejected in historic first

Politico: Florida Republican who sponsored 'Don't Say Gay' resigns after federal indictment

FlaPol: Joe Harding, lawmaker who sponsored 'Don't Say Gay' law, resigns after Covid relief fraud indictment

Times: Jack and Chris Latvala: a money trail and continued influence in Pinellas politics

Sun-Sentinel: 3 South Florida Republicans flip to vote no on protection for same-sex and interracial marriages

Post: PBC School board removes parts of equity statement after state pressure

Sun-Sentinel: School Board member defends against criticism over welcoming Proud Boys support

PNJ: Escambia County Public Schools reaches agreement with union, including \$2,000 raise

Capitolist: Graduating Osceola County high school seniors to receive free college tuition

On the Docket Around the State

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

- PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD MEETS - Friday, 8 a.m. - The Florida Board of Physical Therapy will meet.- The Shores Resort and Spa, 2637 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores.
- HOUSING ISSUES ON AGENDA - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet in Duval County.- Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, 225 East Coastline Dr., Jacksonville.
- UF TRUSTEES MEET - Friday, 9 a.m. - The University of Florida Board of Trustees will meet.- Emerson Alumni Hall. <https://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Play/a0b1fad275694f58b7772aa0d7525ebe1>
- CONSERVATION ISSUES ADDRESSED - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land-conservation issues, will meet.- Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- SUICIDE PREVENTION SOUGHT - Friday, 9 a.m. - The state Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council will meet.- Florida Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe St., Tallahassee.

Important Meeting

Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th

Open for participating entities

 [FAC BROADBAND SUMMIT.docx](#)

[Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT](#)

Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

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