



The Briefing – Thursday - December 8 - 2022

The last Briefing was Tuesday - December 6 - 2022

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The Quick

Show me the money - Revenue Collection Continues to Exceed Estimates

Collections exceed estimates by 651.3 Million for the first four months of FY 22-23

For the fourth month of FY 22-23 – General Revenue estimates have exceeded prior estimates. General Revenue collections for October 2022 showed a gain of \$141.4 million (4.6 percent) over the forecast assumptions made by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) in August 2022. Almost 78 percent of the total gain came from Sales Tax.

<http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/revenues/reports/monthly-revenue-report/newsletters/nloct22.pdf>

Rep. Joe Harding Indicted

Stripped of Committee Assignment by Speaker Renner

A federal grand jury indicted Republican Florida state Rep. Joe Harding on multiple counts after authorities said [he illegally obtained \\$150,000 in pandemic-related small business loans](#) by allegedly using the names of dormant companies. The indictment, unsealed Wednesday night, alleges that between Dec. 1, 2020 and March 1, 2021 Harding used the dormant companies on applications for loans on the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications, including using false bank statements as supporting documentation. Harding was the author of the Parental Rights in Education Bill. Earlier today, Speaker Renner announced that Rep Harding has been suspended from his committee assignments until the matter is resolved.

Bills Being Filed for 2023 Session

As of last evening, House and Senate members had filed 31 bills. Remember House bill numbers are EVEN and Senate Bills are ODD – numerically speaking. Most bills at this point are Claims bills but there are **three bills dealing with education that we will track.**

- **HB 0019 Individual Education Plans** by Tant: Requires IEPs for certain students to contain information on legal rights & responsibilities that transfer to students at age 18; requires information to include ways in which student may provide informed consent to allow his or her parent to continue to participate in educational decisions. Effective Date: July 1, 2023
- **HB 0031 Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards** by Roach: Proposes amendments to State Constitution to require members of district school board to be el
- **SB 0052 Required Instruction in Public Schools** by Burgess; Requiring members of the instructional staff of public schools to provide instruction on social media safety; defining the term “social media”; requiring the Department of Education to make social media safety instructional material available online; requiring district school boards to notify parents of the availability of the instructional material, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

Ethics Commission find Probable Cause

A former Florida Department of Education tech employee is facing possible sanctions from the state’s ethics commission stemming from an allegedly unauthorized tech spending spree during the Covid-19 pandemic. Florida’s Commission on Ethics found probable cause suggesting that the ex-FLDOE staffer, Justin Feller, violated state law by using his position to “obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself.” [Feller is accused of spending gift cards meant for educational training on personal purchases for himself and colleagues](#), requesting payment for training never provided, and stashing state technology at his home amid the pandemic.

Eye on the Tropics

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

All Clear in the Tropics or the next five days!

Headlines Around the State

Bloomberg: DeSantis to Meet GOP Donors in Miami After Re-election Blowout

FlaPol: Former Ronald Reagan campaign manager wants voters ready for Ron DeSantis

Sun-Sentinel: Miami-Dade judge dismisses case against man arrested on voter fraud charges in DeSantis' statewide roundup

Herald: Another Florida voter fraud case dismissed. Miami judge rejects statewide prosecutor

CBS Miami: Florida seeks go-ahead on race instruction law

Sentinel: Florida's surgeon general repeats opposition to COVID vaccines

CBS Miami: Florida Lottery hits milestone with more than \$43 billion for education since 1988

The Capitolist: State of Florida to receive nearly \$500 million from U.S. Treasury for small business growth initiatives

WLRN: Report: Classified items found at Trump storage unit in Palm Beach County

WUSF: Regulators OK higher electric bills for Floridians beginning in January

Times-Union: Layoffs expected to hit Floridians across job industries in 2023

Today: Florida's aging infrastructure unleashed untold gallons of raw sewage during Ian

CBS Miami: Cuban privilege? FIU faces backlash over hosting author of new book
Sun-Sentinel: Sheriff Gregory Tony didn't lie on forms about past killing, his lawyer tells ethics panel
Bradenton Herald: A new Seven Mile Bridge is in the works for the Florida Keys. What the state has planned
FlaPol: Analysis shows Ron DeSantis map kept Jax seat red, but cost GOP a shot at a Tampa seat
WUSF: House and Senate leaders give more details ahead of Florida's property insurance special session
CBS Miami: Changes to attorney fees expected as legislators tackle property-insurance
Politico: Florida Republican who sponsored 'Don't Say Gay' indicted on Covid relief fraud charges
Star-Banner: Ocala Rep. Harding indicted on money laundering, wire fraud charges
FlaPol: Joe Harding deletes Twitter account after Justice Department wire fraud indictment
FlaPol: Email insights: Democrats drag Ron DeSantis for endorsing 'losers'
Sentinel: Lawyers want high court to decide whether redistricting lawmakers must testify
FlaPol: Joe Gruters announces bid for RNC Treasurer
Ledger: Lakeland's Burton to chair Senate Health Policy Committee as legislators get assignments
The Capitolist: State revenue exceeds October expectations
Times: Tampa lobbyists pushed for state law on Tampa wastewater discharges
WUSF: A deal is reached to end Sarasota school superintendent Asplen's contract
Times: Florida prods Hillsborough schools on policies regarding race, LGBTQ students
Sun-Sentinel: Ex-School Board member Donna Korn cleared in ethics probe related to beach house stay
Democrat: City Commission ousts Taylor Biro from police review board over 'abolish police' sticker
Bradenton Herald: Rare American crocodile is discovered much farther north than expected in Florida

On the Docket Around the State

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

- FAMU TRUSTEES MEET - Thursday, committee meeting at 8:30 a.m., full board at 9:30 a.m. - The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will meet, after an Audit and Compliance Committee meeting.- Florida A&M University grand ballroom, Tallahassee.
- FLORIDA GULF COAST TRUSTEES MEET - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will meet.- Florida Gulf Coast University, Cohen Student Union, 10501 FGCU Blvd. . <https://www.fgcu.edu/about/leadership/fgcuboardoftrustees/boardcast>
- OSCEOLA COUNTY DELEGATION MEETS - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Osceola County legislative delegation, made up of Sen. Victor Torres, D-Orlando, Rep. Fred Hawkins, R-St. Cloud, Rep. Carolina Amesty, R-Windermere, Rep. Kristen Arrington, D-Kissimmee, and Rep. Paula Stark, R-St. Cloud, will meet to prepare for the 2023 session.- Osceola County Administration Building, 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee.

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD MEETS - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet.- South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- TRANSPORTATION ON AGENDA - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Transportation Commission will meet.- Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 216490778
- RESOLUTION OF CIVIL CASES AT ISSUE - Thursday, 9 a.m.- The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments about proposed rule changes related to improved resolution of civil cases.- Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- CHILDREN’S ISSUES CONSIDERED - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet will meet.- Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.
- WORKERS’ COMP ISSUES ON TABLE - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Workers’ Compensation Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors will meet.- Information at <https://www.fwcjua.com/#>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES MEET - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The Seminole State College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet.- Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD MEETS - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet.- Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- CONSERVATION ISSUES ADDRESSED - Thursday, 1 p.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.
- FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC BOARD MEETS - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will meet.- Call-in number: 1-415-655-0001. Code: 24359048138
- CENTRAL POLK PARKWAY EXTENSION EYED - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise will hold a meeting about a proposal to extend the Central Polk Parkway.
- Location: Florida Department of Transportation District One Conference Center, 801 North Broadway Ave., Bartow.
- NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL MEETS - Thursday, 7 p.m. - The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet.- Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Blvd., Lake City. <https://meet.goto.com/839560957>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 839560957

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>
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- 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

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[Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT](#)

Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

About the Briefing!

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