



The Briefing – Tuesday - December 6 - 2022

The last Briefing was Monday – December 5 - 2022

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

We are working on updating our mailings lists – Please forward this briefing to newly elected officials

Will be attending the Annual Rural Summit in St. Augustine – Wednesday through Friday!

The Quick

Senate President Announces Committee Chairs and Committee members

Senate President Kathleen Passidomo issued a memorandum regarding Senate committee assignments, and released the committee leadership and membership. Here are the links to the Presidents Memo along with links to committee assignments.

Memo: Committee Leadership and Committee Assignments

Senate 2022-2024 Committee Assignments by Senator

Senate 2022-2024 Committee Assignments by Committee

Speaker Renner and President Passidomo Issue Joint Resolution for Special Session 2022 B

Speaker Renner and President Passidomo issued a joint proclamation formally convening the Legislature into a special session during the week of December 12-16, 2022 reforming property insurance, providing hurricane property tax relief, and establishing a statewide toll credit program. Below are links to the Joint Proclamation and the Senate and House memos.

Joint Proclamation

House Memo: Special Session on Property Insurance, Hurricane Relief, and Toll Credit Program

Senate Memo: Information on Special Session A, Training Opportunities, Travel Authorization

Economic Opportunity and Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles leaders are stepping down.

Department of Economic Opportunity Executive Director Dane Eagle and Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Executive Director Terry Rhodes are stepping down from their posts. Eagle's resignation will be effective Dec. 30.

Eagle cited family reasons for leaving. Eagle was appointed in 2020, he previously served in the Florida House for eight years, to lead the Department of Economic Opportunity in part to oversee the state's unemployment system.

Rhodes' resignation will go into effect Jan. 6. She was appointed by then-Gov. Rick Scott in 2014 to head the highway safety and motor vehicles department, where she previously worked as the agency's chief of staff. Rhodes also held stints as the commissioner of the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and a senior policy adviser in the Florida Senate president's office

Eye on the Tropics

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

All Clear in the Tropics or the next five days!

Headlines Around the State

NBC Miami: Gov. Ron DeSantis Makes Shortlist for Time's 'Person of the Year'

WLRN: DeSantis' office confirms a plan is brewing to shield local taxpayers from Disney fight fallout

FlaPol: Rick Scott lauds Elon Musk's Hunter Biden disclosures

FlaPol: Rick Scott praises Elon Musk for banning Ye, restoring Twitter access for others

The Floridian: Rubio Calls for Sanctions Against China's Tiandy Tech Company

Times: Florida watchdog groups report raises questions about use of ghost candidates

Post: Trump's Mar-a-Lago club back in a spotlight it never really left

WLRN: Ex-Miami US Rep. David Rivera arrested in Venezuela probe

FlaPol: Personnel note: Ashon Nesbitt lined up as next Florida Housing Coalition CEO

WLRN: 10-year low for kindergarten students as school immunizations slide in Florida

Yahoo News: Former campaign worker for GOP congressional candidate arrested for sexual battery, kidnapping

The Capitolist: Over 3,000 Floridians still in temporary housing after Hurricane Ian

Ledger: 'Who's next?': Outrage swells after neo-Nazi demonstration outside Lakeland drag show

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis orders flags at half-staff for NAS Pensacola shooting remembrance

Democrat: EPA: Florida must change water quality standards to protect citizens' health

WLRN: After Surfside, Miami changes rules to fast-track demolition. Affordable housing is in the crosshairs

Times-Union: Jacksonville nonprofit gets \$2.5M from Bezos' homelessness initiative

Sun-Sentinel: Feds give Brightline \$20K to help keep its West Palm to Orlando rail line safe

Sun-Sentinel: Convicted killer wants to fire his Broward lawyers in death-penalty case

WUSF: Florida gas prices are at their lowest level since a tax break in October

Democrat: FAMU announces partnership with Chevron, Fab Foundation to launch a fab lab for Tallahassee

Politico: DeSantis to offer VIP access to his inauguration — for \$50K to \$1M

City & State FL: Number of women serving in Florida Legislature jumped this year

Times: 2 more DeSantis administration officials announce departures

The Capitolist: Dane Eagle resigns as Secretary of the Florida DEO

FlaPol: Dane Eagle flies from DEO just ahead of lobbying ban extension

FlaPol: Senate President Kathleen Passidomo names committee Chairs, shows some bipartisanship

FlaPol: Freshman Senators to lead major panels as committee assignments handed out

FlaPol: Women will take the lead on health care issues in the Florida Senate

City & State FL: State steers \$25 million to building recovery after Hurricane Ian

CBS Miami: Florida law could be especially hard for retirees on fixed incomes

The Capitolist: Report: Florida college and university presidents to hold closed-door meeting in Tallahassee

Sun-Sentinel: Hannah Fulk speaks against a proposed rule change that would restrict protests at the state Capitol

Times: Tampa Bay lawmaker who called U.S. 19 pedestrian project 'waste' walks back claims

Ledger: Polk legislators rank below average for net worth

Sun-Sentinel: Attorney General sues to stop Miami-based robocall routing service

The Capitolist: Broward County School Board could revisit termination of superintendent

Herald: Miami-Dade School Board may lose member to new law on Dec. 31. DeSantis would name a sub

WLRN: Palm Beach County school board members begin new terms, after beating 'parental rights' candidates

FlaPol: Dean Black retains role as Duval GOP Chair

Bradenton Herald: A Florida police chief flashed her badge to get out of ticket. She's now out of a job

Times: Tampa council members react to police Chief Mary O'Connor's resignation

Times: Tampa's ex-police chief still gets nearly \$80,000-a-year pension

Sun-Sentinel: Sheriff Gregory Tony faces more scrutiny from ethics panel over lies, omissions on forms

USA Today: Florida deputy charged after he 'jokingly' pointed gun, fatally shot fellow deputy roommate, sheriff says

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

On the Docket Around the State

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

- CHAMBER DIGS INTO INSURANCE ISSUES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.- The Florida Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual “Insurance Summit,” with speakers expected to include state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier and Citizens Property Insurance Corp. President and CEO Barry Gilway.- Hyatt Regency Orlando, 9801 International Dr., Orlando.
- FIU TRUSTEES MEET - Tuesday, committees start at 8:30 a.m., with full board at 2 p.m.- The Florida International University Board of Trustees will meet after a series of committee meetings.- Florida International University, Graham University Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St.,
- COLLIER COUNTY DELEGATION MEETS - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Collier County legislative delegation, made up of Sen. Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, Rep. Lauren Melo, R-Naples, Rep. Adam Botana, R-Bonita Springs, and Rep. Bob Rommel, R-Naples, will meet.- Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.
- VOLUSIA MURDER CASE HEARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in three cases, including an appeal by Death Row inmate Christian Cruz, who was convicted in Volusia County in the 2013 murder of Christopher Jemery. Location: Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- VIRTUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETS - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Virtual School Board of Trustees will meet.- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSp-oyR-9hroocmIumUXCg>
- GREENWAYS AND TRAILS AT ISSUE - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Greenways and Trails Council will meet.- DeBary Hall Stable, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary.
- UTILITY FUEL COSTS DEBATED - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a regular meeting, followed by the continuation of a hearing about power-plant fuel costs.- Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- ‘WELL-BEING’ COUNCIL MEETS - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet.- Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>
- ALZHEIMER’S AT ISSUE - Tuesday, noon. - The state Alzheimer’s Disease Advisory Committee will meet.- Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81960171482?pwd=RDBvYnF4K2MvVURCMC9HczB2bU9iZz09>. Meeting ID: 81960171482. Code: 762930
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD MEETS - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet.- L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center, 1409 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.
- INSURANCE ISSUES ADDRESSED - Tuesday, 1 p.m.- The state-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. will hold a series of committee meetings in advance of a Board of Governors meeting Wednesday. Location: The Alford Inn, 300 East New England Ave., Winter Park. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tDEbOvsaSxCoDyEkNIuvtQ. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 89801242389
- REFUGEE ISSUES ON AGENDA - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force will meet.- Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>

- TOLL ROAD WIDENING EYED - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold an online hearing about a project that would widen part of State Road 429 in Central Florida. Location: Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3762288422948945678>

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

- CITIZENS INSURANCE EYED - Wednesday, 8 a.m. - The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet.- The Alford Inn, 300 East New England Ave., Winter Park. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hESbDUmuSHet29Fx_PTdtg. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 95637927111
- MARSY'S LAW CASE HEARD - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in two cases, including a high-profile dispute about a 2018 constitutional amendment known as "Marsy's Law." The Marsy's Law amendment included a series of protections for crime victims. The 1st District Court of Appeal last year sided with two Tallahassee police officers who invoked the law to prevent their identities from being released after use-of-force shooting incidents in which they were threatened. The officers argued they were victims in the incidents. The city of Tallahassee appealed to the Supreme Court and has been joined by news organizations that say the officers' names should be released.- Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- LEE COUNTY DELEGATION MEETS - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Lee County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2023 session.- Florida SouthWestern State College, Nursing Building, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.
- PAROLE CASES ON AGENDA - 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet.- Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- GREENWAYS AND TRAILS AT ISSUE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Greenways and Trails Council will meet.- DeBary Hall Stable, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary.
- MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUES ON TABLE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet.- <https://www.gotomeet.me/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 985532741
- USF TRUSTEES MEET - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The University of South Florida Board of Trustees will meet.- University of South Florida, Marshall Student Center, Tampa.
- PALM BEACH DELEGATION MEETS - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Palm Beach County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2023 session.- Clayton E. Hutcheson Agricultural Services Center, 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD MEETS - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet.- South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD MEETS - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet.- Appleton Museum of Art, 4333 East Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD MEETS - Wednesday, 4 p.m. - The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet.- Hillsborough Community College, Brandon Campus, 10451 Nancy Watkins Dr., Tampa.
- ESCAMBIA DELEGATION MEETS - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - The Escambia County legislative delegation, made up of Sen. Doug Broxson, R-Gulf Breeze, Rep. Michelle Salzman, R-Pensacola, and Rep. Alex Andrade, R-Pensacola, will meet in preparation for the 2023 session.- Pensacola State College, Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio. 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.

- TOLL ROAD WIDENING EYED - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a hearing about a project that would widen part of State Road 429 in Central Florida.- AdventHealth Nicholson Center, 404 Celebration Place, Celebration.

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>
- 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.

About the Briefing!

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