



The Briefing – Friday – December 2 - 2022

The last Briefing was November 23 - 2022

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

I survived Covid/Flu – a long 3 weeks – back in the game - thanks to all!

[Link to all Week 14 of NCAA Football Games](#)

[No. 1 Georgia vs. No. 14 LSU — SEC Championship \(Atlanta\) | 4 p.m. | CBS](#)

[No. 18 Tulane vs. **No. 22 UCF** — AAC Championship \(New Orleans\) | 4 p.m. | ABC](#)

[No. 2 Michigan vs. Purdue — Big Ten Championship \(Indianapolis, Indiana\) | 8 p.m. | FOX](#)

[No. 9 Clemson vs. No. 23 North Carolina — ACC Champ. \(Charlotte, North Carolina\) | 8 p.m. | ABC](#)

[New Elected Officials Welcomed at State Meetings](#)

Over 100 small county commissioners and 140 small school district leaders met this week in separate meetings in St. Pete and Tampa. A major effort was to welcome the newly elected officials to county commissioners and school boards. There are over 40 new commissioners and an equal number of new school board members in our small counties. These new officials were greeted and provided information about the issues at the state level. A huge congratulations to all that will be serving in their first terms.

[Small County Coalition Adopted Legislative Program](#)

www.smallcountycoalition.org

Over 100 County Commissioners from Florida's Small Counties met this week in St. Pete to consider Legislative Priorities for the upcoming Legislative Session. Small County Commissioners met for a Breakfast meeting on Tuesday – November 30th to receive reports and consider the Coalitions updated Program. The following link is provided –

[The Small County Coalition -Adopted 2023 Legislative Program - Nov 30 - 2022.docx](#)

Major Issues

Protecting Critical Program Funding

Economic Development

Full Funding of Revenue Sharing programs

Support for Infrastructure and Water Projects

Securing Funding for Mandated Salary Increases

Continuing Progress on Internet Access in Unserved Areas

Affordable Workforce Housing

Thanks to the Officers of the Coalition for leading the Coalition - Commissioner Terry Burroughs – Okeechobee – and Vice Chair Russell Melendy – Hardee – led the meeting providing an overview of the Coalition for new commissioners. Thanks to members of the Executive Committee – Ramon Iglesias, Larry Harvey, Brenda Holt, Donald O'Brien, Danny Glidewell, Chris Dougherty, Anthony Adams, Darrell Smith, Kelly Owens, and *Michelle Lincoln* and the members of the Board of Directors for participating.

Small School District Council Consortium

www.ssdcc.org

Over 140 Small School District School Board members and Superintendents from Florida's small school districts met this week in Tampa to consider Legislative Priorities for the upcoming Legislative Session. Small District leaders met for Breakfast on Wednesday in a joint meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium to receive reports and consider the 2023 Legislative Program. The following link is provided –

[SSDCC 2023 Legislative Priorities - Adopted - December 1 - 2022 .docx](#)

Special Appreciation to all of the newly elected school board members that participated in the meeting. Thanks to Supt. Sherrie Raulerson and Board member Christie McElroy for leading the two small district organizations.

Rural Summit to focus on Economic Development and Workforce

Leaders from around the state will meet in St. Augustine next week to participated in the Annual Florida Rural Economic Development Summit. The meeting will be a mix of leaders from the public and private sector working to enhance economies in our rural areas.

December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine.

[Tentative Agenda for Summit](#)

Eye on the Tropics

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

All Clear in the Tropics or the next five days!

Headlines Around the State

[*Herald: Florida pulls \\$2B from major financial firm, cites differences in investing philosophy*](#)

[*FlaPol: Former SBA director says Florida pensions are in good shape, doesn't expect Fed relief on rates*](#)

[*FlaPol: Ashley Moody promises fiscal efficiency, efforts to predict organized crime activity*](#)

[*FlaPol: Danny Burgess refiles bill to require social media safety lessons in public school*](#)

[*FlaPol: Housing affordability dominates policy discussions at Florida TaxWatch meeting*](#)

[*FlaPol: Nichols Spring receives protections, work continues on Weeki Wachee effort*](#)

[*FlaPol: 100-mile rule left intact in latest gopher tortoise regulation revisions*](#)

[*FlaPol: Florida chemical plant is the biggest greenhouse gas polluter in the state*](#)

[*FlaPol: Increased venomous reptile penalties among FWC legislative proposals*](#)

[*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis awards more than \\$22M to Biscayne Bay projects*](#)

[Herald: A Broward man pleaded guilty to his role in Jan. 6 riots. He may face decades in prison](#)

[Herald: Immigration advocates, lawmakers ask Biden to extend and renew Haiti TPS designation](#)

[Times: After criticism, Pinellas School Board may rethink public comment rule](#)

[WLRN: Broward 911 system still struggles with processing calls, outdated facilities - new report](#)

[WLRN: Florida wildlife officials approve manatee protections](#)

[Times-Union: Duval County schools axe contract for LGBT youth group JASMYN after social media controversy](#)

[Democrat: 21-year-old arrested in connection with FAMU mass shooting](#)

[FlaPol: Lobbying Compensation: The Mayernick Group reports \\$755K in Q3 earnings](#)

[FlaPol: Lobbying compensation: The Fiorentino Group earns at least \\$695K in Q3](#)

[FlaPol: Ron DeSantis sidesteps yet another Donald Trump question](#)

[The Hill: DeSantis questions 'huge underperformance' among Republicans nationwide](#)

[Politico: Southern Poverty Law Center sues DeSantis over Martha's Vineyard flights](#)

[AP: Groups sue Florida officials over migrant relocation program](#)

[FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis warns that Citizens could go belly up if insurance market not fixed](#)

[AP: Trial over DeSantis removal of prosecutor on abortion ends](#)

[Herald: Suspended state attorney's top aide says he told his boss pledge letters were a bad idea](#)

[Times: Andrew Warren's chief of staff undercuts argument in DeSantis lawsuit](#)

[FlaPol: Joel Greenberg, former confidant of Matt Gaetz, sentenced to 11 years in prison](#)

[Politico: Ex-Florida official with ties to Gaetz sentenced to 11 years in sprawling public corruption case](#)

[FlaPol: George LeMieux predicts growth will make Florida an economic powerhouse — and a Republican one](#)

[Herald Tribune: Jack Brill defeats Michael Flynn-backed challenger to become Sarasota GOP chair](#)

[NWF Daily News: Fort Walton Beach taps recruitment firm in search for new city manager](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Should the fired Broward schools chief be allowed to stay? It's again up for discussion](#)

[Times: Former Pinellas commissioner vowed to 'squeeze every minute out of life'](#)

Important Meetings on

Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th

Open for participating entities

 [FAC BROADBAND SUMMIT.docx](#)

[Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT](#)


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