



The Briefing – Wednesday – November 23 - 2022

The last Briefing was Saturday – November 19- 2022

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

[Link to all Week 13 of NCAA Football Games](#)

*This is the first day in 16 days that I am back in the office after facing COVID and the Flu! Glad to feel better – Looking forward to seeing folks at the Winter meetings next week!
Please review the following information.*

***Fall Meetings to be Held Next Week in St. Pete and Tampa
To Welcome New Officials and Adopt Legislative Priorities***

***Small County Coalition to Meet Wednesday November 30th in St. Pete
Fall Breakfast Meeting - For County Commissioners and Staff***

[Small County Coalition Fall Meeting - 2022 - November 30 - 2022 .docx](#)

[22-24 Commissions Compared to 20-22 Commissions - Final .docx](#)

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

***Small School District Council Consortium to meet Thursday – December 1 –
Breakfast Meeting For Small District School Board members and Superintendents***

Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting

[SSDCC 2022- Draft Materials for SDC and SSDCC FALL MEETING -Dec 1, 2022 \(1\).docx](#)

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

The Quick

Florida Legislature Holds Organizational Session
Opening Remarks from Senate President Kathleen Passidomo
Opening Remarks from Speaker of the House Paul Renner

On Tuesday, the Florida Legislature embarked on the 2023 Legislative Session with a mostly ceremonial Organizational Session. Representative Paul Renner took the gavel as state House speaker — one of the most-powerful positions in Florida. Renner, a lawyer and Navy veteran, was sworn in during a post-election organization

session to start a two-year term as speaker. Also Tuesday, Naples Republican Kathleen Passidomo became Senate president.

- Renner announced that he will create a Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency and Recovery to help the state rebound from Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole and to prepare for future storms.
- Renner also vowed to address inflation and cost-of-living issues such as taxes, insurance, housing, fuel and electricity.
- Renner also will look at investment practices that involve what are known as “environmental, social and governance ratings,” or ESG, which can include such things as taking into account climate change.
- Renner has previously indicated a focus on statewide water planning and infrastructure needs.

On the Senate side - Naples Republican Kathleen Passidomo outlined what she described as a voter-supported “conservative agenda” as she became Florida Senate president. Passidomo stressed a need to expand parental rights and a state wildlife corridor, address workforce housing and respond to Hurricane Ian, which caused massive damage in her Southwest Florida district.

Special Session Noticed for Week of Monday, December 12 - Friday, December 16, 2022

Senator Passidomo and Speaker Renner indicated in a memo issued yesterday that the anticipated special session would be during the committee week of Dec. 12-16. The resolution outlining the issues within call will be released after Thanksgiving.

House Speaker Announces Committee Chairs

- **Rep. Mike Grant**, R-Port Charlotte, will chair a newly created select committee focused on responding to Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole and preparing for future storms
- Rep. Tom Leek, R-Ormond Beach, will serve will serve as chairman of the Appropriations Committee.
- Rep. Bob Rommel, R-Naples, will serve will serve as chairman of the Commerce Committee;
- **Rep. Ralph Massullo**, R- Lecanto, will serve as chairman of the Education & Employment Committee;
- **Rep. Bobby Payne**, R-Palatka, will serve as chairman of the Infrastructure Strategies Committee;
- Rep. Randy Fine, R-Brevard County, will serve as chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee;
- Rep. Tommy Gregory, R-Lakewood Ranch, will serve as chairman of the Judiciary Committee;
- Rep. Daniel Perez, R-Miami, will serve as chairman of the Rules Committee;
- Rep. Lawrence McClure, R-Dover, will serve as chairman of the State Affairs Committee; and
- Rep. Stan McClain, R-Ocala, will serve as chairman of the Ways & Means Committee.

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 Won Over Florida. Now He Has the Rest of the US to Convince

Politico: Florida Legislature poised to change law to aid a DeSantis presidential run

FlaPol: In potential gift to Ron DeSantis, new legislative leaders eye resign-to-run change

WUSF: Some observers say DeSantis is being smart by staying quiet on a 2024 presidential bid

WLRN: Sen. Lauren Book begins term leading outnumbered Democrats

The Capitolist: In Tallahassee for organizational session, Democrat lawmakers insist they won't be ignored

City & State FL: Florida legislative Democrats look to 'long game' to rebuild

The Capitolist: Elections Canvassing Commission certifies state midterm elections

Sun-Sentinel: Court seems skeptical of Trump claims in Mar-a-Lago documents case

Sun-Sentinel: Police across Florida must have plan in place to deal with active shooters, safety panel says. And it intends to ask for a mandate

Sentinel: Spike in Florida electricity bills isn't done yet, utilities warn

Times: Floridians can now apply for free hurricane home inspections and grants. Here's how

Sentinel: Joel Greenberg's attorney urges light prison sentence, blasts DOJ for not charging others

WUSF: Public comment requested over a revised proposal for critical habitat of endangered bonneted bats

WUSF: First comprehensive plan to deal with climate change in greater Tampa Bay area released

Sentinel: Florida's median home sale price reaches \$401,990 in October

Sun-Sentinel: State of the market: It's taking almost twice as long for homes to sell in South Florida

WUSF: Sarasota School Board to consider firing superintendent

FlaPol: Kathleen Passidomo voted in as Senate President in organizational session

FlaPol: Paul Renner names committee Chairs for 2022-23

Bradenton Herald: Tallahassee's new leaders lay out their legislative priorities in era of GOP dominance

Sun-Sentinel: Legislature's new leaders vow to help hurricane victims, fight inflation

FlaPol: Kathleen Passidomo, Paul Renner consider parental rights, LGBTQ policies

Daily News: New Florida Senate president points to housing, wildlife corridor as priorities

FlaPol: Paul Renner, now House Speaker, promises conservative agenda

DBNJ: Renner takes gavel as Florida House Speaker, vows to fight indoctrination of school children

Democrat: Florida's new House leader plans to form select committee on hurricane resiliency, recovery

FlaPol: Dates set for December Special Session on property insurance, Hurricane Ian property tax relief

Sentinel: Appeals court sides with UF, says school doesn't have to return student fees because of COVID campus shutdown

Herald: Criminal probe into board of Florida's largest HOA widens as prosecutors seize records

WUSF: Unite Florida Portal now open for state sheltering and housing assistance

Herald: DeSantis appointee ousted as Broward School Board chair; Parkland parent replaces him

Herald: Miami-Dade School Board elects new chair, vice chair aligned with DeSantis, GOP

Herald: 'We're at risk as an independent school system,' new Broward School Board member warns

WLRN: Spotlight on 'parental rights' as new school board members take office in Broward, Miami-Dade

CBS Miami: New school board members take oath in Broward, Miami-Dade Counties. Here's a look at them

FlaPol: Seven candidates clash at first Jacksonville mayoral debate of 2023 cycle

Sun: History in Alachua County: First all-women school board sworn in

The Capitolist: Jacksonville University announces accelerated nursing program at Palm Coast satellite campus

On the Docket

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED - Description: State offices will be closed in advance of Thanksgiving.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Time: Wednesday, 11 a.m. Description: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release weekly opinions.
- WARREN PRETRIAL ISSUES ADDRESSED - Time: Wednesday, 3 p.m. Description: U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will hold a pretrial conference in a lawsuit filed by suspended Hillsborough County State Attorney Andrew Warren. Gov. Ron DeSantis suspended Warren, who challenged the ouster in federal court. Location: Call-in number: 1-888-684-8852. Access Code: 3243416. Security Code: 1234

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED -Description: State offices will be closed for Thanksgiving.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2022

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED -Description: State offices will be closed for Thanksgiving.

Important Meetings on Rural/Small County Issues

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

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