

# The Briefing for Tuesday – February 21 – 2023

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#### The Quick

#### **KEY DATES**

March 7<sup>th</sup> - Florida Legislative Session Convenes
 March 14 - Small County Coalition Legislative Event
 March 15 - Small District Legislative Briefing - Omega Adjacent to the AC Marriott

• April 25-27 - Rural Days in the Legislature

• May 5 - 60<sup>th</sup> day – last day of Regular Session

## <u>Legislative Calendars</u>

House Calendar for this Week's Meetings Senate Calendar for this Week's Meetings

#### REACH ACT

CareerSource Florida Board of Directors

Meeting – Thursday – February 23, 2023 9 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. ET

On the agenda – two major items will be considered.

Here are the recommendations:

#### CAPE Certifications and Approval of Master Credentials List

The 2023-2024 Master Credentials List includes: 1. 275 degree credentials which meet the state or regional demand criteria defined by the Framework of Quality. 2. 1,446 non-degree credentials which meet the demand and wage criteria defined by the Framework of Quality. 3. 33 digital tools recommended by the Department of Education for inclusion on the Master Credentials List. The 2023-2024 Master Credentials List includes non-degree credentials granted a oneyear provisional status. A total of 78 industry certifications, 85 apprenticeships, 136 nondegree programs of study and 10 degree programs of study have been granted provisional inclusion on the 2023-2024 Master Credentials List. These non-degree credentials do not fully meet the demand and wage criteria established by the committee. These credentials may be considered for inclusion on the 2024-2025 Master Credentials List by submitting documentation supporting either local demand or sequencing to a higher credential that leads to an occupation that meets the wage threshold. Credentials that do not submit acceptable documentation will be removed from the list for the 2024-2025 year. The 2023-2024 Master Credentials List can be found at the following link:

Master Credentials List - CareerSource Florida

#### Realignment of Workforce Boards

Future State Options Report Prepared for CareerSource Florida as a part of Phase Two of the Local Workforce Development Board Alignment Evaluation

In response to the REACH Act – CareerSource Florida will consider analysis of the current workforce board alignment in the context of the statutory requirement to reduce the number of WFB's statewide. CareerSource Board of Directors will consider three options – Reducing from 24 to 21 – Reducing 24 to 19 and Reducing from 24 to 16. After months of analysis and input, the option to reduce the number of Workforce Boards from 24 to 21 is being recommended.

#### Reduction from 24 to 21 local workforce development boards

Ten local workforce development areas would be directly impacted by some level of change within this option, whether by consolidation or realignment. This option would:

- Realign Jefferson County (currently in area 6) with Leon, Wakulla, and Gadsden counties (currently in area 5).
- Realign Madison, Taylor, Lafayette, Hamilton, and Suwannee counties (currently in area 6) into a five-county area.
- Realign Monroe County (currently in area 23) with Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, and Collier counties (currently in area 24).
- Realign Miami-Dade County (currently in area 23) as a single-county area.
- Consolidate full area 7 and full area 9.
- Consolidate full area 14 and full area 15.
- Consolidate full area 11 and full area 13.

#### On the Docket!

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

#### Legislature:

- 'CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY' Tuesday, 8 a.m. The House Judiciary Committee will consider a proposal (HB 543), filed by Rep. Chuck Brannan, R-Macclenny, and Rep. Bobby Payne, R-Palatka, that would allow people to carry concealed weapons without licenses an idea that supporters call "constitutional carry." 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL VOUCHERS Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will take up a bill (SB 202), filed by Chairman Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that includes a major expansion of school vouchers. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- LAGOON MONEY Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will consider a proposal (SB 320), filed by Sen. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, that would provide at least \$50 million a year to help clean up the Indian River Lagoon, where poor water quality has contributed to problems such as manatee deaths. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION CHANGES Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Transportation Committee will take up a bill (SB 64), filed by Sen. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, that would make a series of changes related to the Department of Transportation. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- GENDER DYSPHORIA Tuesday, 1 p.m. The House Health & Human Services Committee will hold a panel discussion about gender dysphoria and minors. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- MAIL-IN VOTING Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will receive a report from Secretary of State Cord Byrd about voting by mail. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONSTRUCTION LAW CHANGES Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Judiciary Committee will take up a bill (SB 360), filed by Sen.. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, that would shorten the time

- for residents to file lawsuits about "latent" construction defects in their homes. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs,
   Space and Domestic Security Committee will receive a presentation from Division of Emergency
   Management Director Kevin Guthrie. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONDO ISSUES Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will consider a
  proposal (SB 154), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that involves a series of
  issues related to condominium associations and buildings. 401 Senate Office Building, the
  Capitol.
- GUN SALE INFORMATION Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will take up a bill (SB 214), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would prevent the use of separate codes for credit-card purchases of firearms and ammunition. Supporters say the bill is designed to prevent financial institutions from collecting and monitoring information on Floridians' firearm and ammunition purchases. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ELECTRIC VEHICLES Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will consider a proposal (SB 284), filed by Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford, about issues involving electric vehicles. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The House Appropriations Committee will receive overviews of the Florida Retirement System and the state employees' health-insurance program. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

#### Also:

- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD Tuesday, 8 a.m. The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. 2nd Ave., Miami. https://www.mdc.edu/livestream
- 'NUISANCE' ALLIGATORS' Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will start a two-day meeting that will include an overview of a program to address "nuisance" alligators. Marriott Jacksonville, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville.
- LOTTERY NUMBERS Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze lottery revenues. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD Tuesday, 9 a.m. The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. St. Petersburg College, Tarpon Springs Campus, 600 East Klosterman Rd., Tarpon Springs.
- UTILITY GAS RATES Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an internal-affairs meeting, followed by a meeting about a proposal by Florida Public Utilities Co. to raise natural-gas rates. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- SIMPSON SPEAKS TO ECONOMIC CLUB Tuesday, noon. Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson will speak to the Economic Club of Florida. Florida State University Alumni Center, 1030 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD Tuesday, noon. The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will meet. Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach Gardens Campus, BioScience Building, 3160 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens.
- PASCO-HERNANDO COLLEGE BOARD Tuesday, noon. The Pasco-Hernando State
  College Board of Trustees will meet. Pasco-Hernando State College, Spring Hill Campus, Rao
  Musunuru M.D. Conference Center, 450 Beverly Court, Spring
  Hill. <a href="https://phsc.zoom.us/j/85169210673#success">https://phsc.zoom.us/j/85169210673#success</a>. Meeting ID: 85169210673.

- COMMUNICATIONS TAX Tuesday, 2 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will
  discuss the communications services tax and the gross receipts tax. 117 Knott Building, the
  Capitol.
- CHAMBER BEGINS 'FLY-IN' EVENT Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. The Florida Chamber of Commerce will hold the opening session of its annual legislative "fly-in" event. Augustus B. Turnbull Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- SANTA FE COLLEGE TRUSTEES Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet. Blount Hall, 530 West University Ave., Gainesville.
- PENSACOLA COLLEGE BOARD Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, committee meetings and a full board meeting. Information at <a href="https://www.pensacolastate.edu/about-psc/district-board-of-trustees/#1556032552158-960d99dd-ca8c">https://www.pensacolastate.edu/about-psc/district-board-of-trustees/#1556032552158-960d99dd-ca8c</a>
- NEW COLLEGE BOARD Tuesday, 5 p.m. The News College of Florida Board of Trustees <a href="https://ncf.zoom.us/j/95121082869?pwd=OGs3RVJYdTJvcXA0UldBZUMwZTFSdz0">https://ncf.zoom.us/j/95121082869?pwd=OGs3RVJYdTJvcXA0UldBZUMwZTFSdz0</a>
   9. Code: 941760
- EXPRESSWAY PLANS Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The Central Florida Expressway Authority will hold a meeting about State Road 516, a planned expressway in Lake and Orange counties. Horizon High School, 10393 Seidel Road, Winter Garden.
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The North Florida College Board of Trustees will meet. North Florida College, Student Center, Madison.
- TURNPIKE WIDENING Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold an
  online meeting about widening a seven-mile stretch of the turnpike in Palm Beach County.
  Information at www.TurnpikeWPBto704.com
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

#### Legislature:

- PASSIDOMO, RENNER SPEAK AT CHAMBER EVENT Wednesday, 8 a.m. Senate
  President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, and House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, are
  scheduled to speak during the Florida Chamber of Commerce's annual legislative "fly-in" event.
  Attorney General Ashley Moody, Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson and several
  lawmakers also are slated to speak during the event. Augustus B. Turnbull Florida State
  Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. The House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 143), filed by Rep. Patricia Williams, D-Pompano Beach, that would create a task force to study why children go missing from out-of-home care. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DEFENSE ATTORNEY PROTECTIONS Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a bill (HB 71), filed by Rep. Patt Maney, R-Shalimar, and Rep. Bobby Payne, R-Palatka, that would increase criminal penalties for violent crimes committed against defense attorneys. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- OPIOID SETTLEMENT Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will receive an update about a state legal settlement over the opioid epidemic. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- INDIAN RIVER LAGOON Wednesday, 11 a.m. The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee will receive a presentation by the Department of Environmental Protection about the Indian River Lagoon. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- COMP PLAN CHALLENGES Wednesday, 11 a.m. The House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 359), filed by Rep. Wyman Duggan, R-Jacksonville, that would allow prevailing parties to recover their attorney fees in legal challenges to comprehensive growth-management plans. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES Wednesday, 11 a.m. The House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 425), filed by Rep. Tiffany Esposito, R-Fort Myers, and Rep. Alex Andrade, R-Pensacola, that would make a series of changes related to the Department of Transportation. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will receive a presentation from the Department of Corrections about issues such as hiring and retaining correctional officers. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- AHCA Wednesday, 2 p.m. The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations from the Agency for Health Care Administration. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS Wednesday, 2 p.m. The House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee will hold a panel discussion about water management districts. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- WORKFORCE HOUSING Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 102), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would take a series of steps to address housing affordability. The issue is a priority of Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- 'REVISER' BILLS Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. The House Rules Committee will take up a series of "reviser" bills. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

#### Also:

- FISHING ISSUES Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will continue a two-day meeting in Duval County and take up a series of fishing-related issues. Marriott Jacksonville, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville.
- PAROLE CASES Wednesday, 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
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214
- CORCORAN CONFIRMATION Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. The state university system's Board of Governors will hold committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. The board is expected to confirm the appointment of Richard Corcoran as interim president of New College of Florida. Corcoran is a former state House speaker and education commissioner. <a href="https://flbog.zoom.us/j/81159917823?pwd=Vnp5TmViR0o4K1N4UnNHZ1U5MUtxUT09">https://flbog.zoom.us/j/81159917823?pwd=Vnp5TmViR0o4K1N4UnNHZ1U5MUtxUT09</a>
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Florida Development Finance Corporation, 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter

- Springs. <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83723980444?pwd=VTFHM2w5b">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83723980444?pwd=VTFHM2w5b</a> DFlQmc3NS9SU0VNUH g5UT09. Meeting ID: 83723980444. Code: 035675. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD Wednesday, 3 p.m. The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. College of Central Florida, Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus, Mann Conference Center, 15390 N.W. Highway 19, Chiefland.
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD Wednesday, 4 p.m. The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Hillsborough Community College, Plant City Campus, Trinkle Center, 1206 North Park Road, Plant City.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

#### Legislature:

- ABANDONED CEMETERIES Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 49), filed by Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, that would create a state Historic Cemeteries Program to provide grants to research, restore and maintain abandoned African American cemeteries 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee will receive a briefing from the Office of Insurance Regulation about the insurance market. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- VOUCHER EXPANSION Thursday, 9 a.m. The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1), sponsored by Rep. Kaylee Tuck, R-Lake Placid, that would dramatically expand school vouchers in Florida. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- KRATOM REGULATION Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 179), filed by Rep. Alex Andrade, R-Pensacola, that would place regulations on the sale of a kratom, a Southeast Asia plant used as an herbal medicine. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ORDINANCE CHALLENGES Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 170), filed by Sen. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, that would make changes involving lawsuits challenging local ordinances. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Select Committee on Resiliency will receive a presentation from the Department of Transportation about electric-vehicle charging infrastructure. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- RUNNING ON FIELD Thursday, 11:30 a.m. The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 319), filed by Rep. Taylor Yarkosky, R-Montverde, that would crack down on fans who run onto the field during sporting events. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- NURSING EDUCATION Thursday, 11:30 a.m. The House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee will receive a presentation about nursing education programs. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- GAINESVILLE AUDIT Thursday, 2 p.m. The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will receive a presentation about an audit of the city of Gainesville. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE HARDENING Thursday, 2 p.m. The House Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery will receive presentations from utility and telecommunications providers about hurricane hardening and recovery efforts. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

#### Also:

- TRUST FUNDS Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the State School Trust Fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FIU TRUSTEES Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida International University Board of Trustees will meet after holding a series of committee meetings. Committees start at 9 a.m., with the full board scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Florida International University, Graham University Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami.
- HIGHWAY SAFETY MONEY Thursday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze highway-safety revenues. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Transportation Commission will meet. Florida Department of Transportation, Barry Building, 3185 South Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 454216842
- GULF COAST COLLEGE BOARD Thursday, 10 a.m. The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, Panama City.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- FEDERAL MEDICAID MONEY Thursday, 1 p.m. The Social Services Estimating Conference will update the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, or FMAP, which helps determine how much federal money Florida receives for the Medicaid program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- KIDCARE SPENDING Thursday, 1:15 p.m. The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze expenditures in the KidCare subsidized health-insurance program.
- 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FGCU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH Thursday, 2 p.m. The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will receive an update about the school's search for a new president. https://www.fgcu.edu/about/leadership/fgcuboardoftrustees/boardcast.aspx
- EXPRESSWAY PLANS Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Central Florida Expressway Authority will hold a meeting about State Road 516, a planned expressway in Lake and Orange counties. Clermont Arts & Recreation Center, 3700 South Highway 27, Clermont.
- TURNPIKE WIDENING Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a meeting about widening a seven-mile stretch of the turnpike in Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.
- DILLBECK EXECUTION Thursday, 6 p.m. Death Row inmate Donald David Dillbeck is scheduled to be executed in the 1990 murder of Faye Vann during a carjacking in a Tallahassee mall parking lot. Florida State Prison, Raiford.
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETS Thursday, 7 p.m. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Blvd., Lake City. <a href="https://meet.goto.com/778856597">https://meet.goto.com/778856597</a>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 778856597

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023

#### **No Legislative Meetings**

#### Other meetings -

 UCF TRUSTEES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of Central Florida, Live Oak Event Center, Orlando. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQfJD9WL2NQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQfJD9WL2NQ</a>

- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an "impact" conference, which involves estimating the potential costs of legislation.
- 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FSDB TRUSTEES Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet. Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.
- LOBBYING FIRMS SELECTED Friday, 10 a.m. Staff members of the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will select lobbying firms whose 2022 compensation reports will be audited. Claude Pepper Building, 111 West Madison St., Tallahassee.
- LONG-TERM CARE Friday, 10 a.m. The state Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program's State Council will meet. <a href="https://ombudsman.elderaffairs.org/quarterlymeeting-schedule/">https://ombudsman.elderaffairs.org/quarterlymeeting-schedule/</a>. Call-in number: 850-792-8943. Code: 223090851
- FSU TRUSTEES Friday, 11 a.m. The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. Florida State University, Jim Moran Building, 111 South Monroe St., Tallahassee.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

- EARLY VOTING STARTS IN SPECIAL ELECTION Early voting will start Feb. 25 in a special Republican primary election in Marion County's state House District 24. Early voting will continue through March 4 in advance of the March 7 election. Five Republicans are seeking to replace former Rep. Joe Harding, who resigned from the House after being indicted on federal charges of wire fraud, money laundering and making false statements. The winner of the GOP special primary will face write-in candidate Robert "Foxy" Fox in the May 16 general election. No Democrats qualified for the race.
- THOMPSON HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT Saturday, 7 p.m.State Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Windermere, will help host a Black History Month event titled, "Resistance and African American History." Sky Lounge Icon Park, 8375 International Dr., Orlando.

#### Headlines Around the State

Politico: Republican 2024 rivals go shopping for big donors

The Hill: DeSantis lays out timeline for 2024 decision

FlaPol: Donald Trump tweaks 'enemy' Ron DeSantis in West Palm Beach speech

FlaPol: Donald Trump accuses Ron DeSantis of 'trying to hide his past'

The Hill: DeSantis hits back at 2024 Republicans who criticized him

FlaPol: Donald Trump declares victory in Florida GOP Chair race

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says tour of out-of-state police unions is 'recruitment' mission

ABC News: NYC mayor takes shot at DeSantis ahead of visit to Staten Island

Politico: DeSantis downplays Russia threat after Biden visit

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis warns against 'proxy war' with China in Ukraine

FlaPol: Rick Scott seconds Ron DeSantis proposal to move federal agencies from Washington

WUSF: Out-of-state patients fuel an increase in abortions in Florida

News-Press: U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds retries bipartisan bill on harmful algal blooms

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Post: PBAU professor is being investigated for teaching racial justice in class. Here's what university says.

FlaPol: Lobbying compensation: Ballard Partners is top earning firm for 2022, narrowly besting The Southern

Group
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FlaPol: Lobbying compensation: The Southern Group retakes top spot in Q4, Ballard Partners close behind
Bradenton Herald: Florida to take over child protective duties in Tampa Bay area, including Manatee
Sun-Sentinel: 'Little Rock Nine' member to speak in Coral Springs Elizabeth Eckford, one of the 'Little Rock
Nine,' to speak in South Florida on Tuesday

FlaPol: Former Palm Beach Post veteran journalists form new media venture
WUSF: A documentary on the plight of the Florida panther premieres this week
Times: Florida assisted living home must pay \$12.5M after woman's death

Sentinel: OCPS schools to debut Florida's first electric school buses, a pilot to test costs

CBS Miami: DeSantis' use of government power to implement agenda worries some conservatives

WLRN: Using contentious new migrant transport bill, DeSantis wants flights lawsuit dismissed

CBS Miami: Gov. DeSantis says migrant flights lawsuit 'moot'

FlaPol: Annette Taddeo lays out plan to 'RESET' Florida Democrats

FlaPol: Final curtain on Dems' disastrous Midterms set for Saturday, as party picks new Chair

My News 13: Florida's 'Stop Woke Act' has educators, students rethinking classroom options

Sentinel: How does Richard Corcoran's New College of Florida salary compare to other school leaders?

Sentinel: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis visits Elmhurst as part of visit aimed at showing he's pro-police

WUSF: Lawmaker eyes Medicaid managed-care program for people with developmental disabilities

WLRN: Parents raise concerns as Florida bans gender-affirming care for trans kids

Times: Florida Republican, following DeSantis lead: Make it easier to sue media outlets

Democrat: Florida college students plan a statewide walkout against Gov. DeSantis' education 'attacks'

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis adds three new trustees to the board governing Broward College

Times: Florida turns attention to alternate tests amid feud with College Board

FlaPol: Senate permitless carry, school safety bill passes first committee test

Times: Florida bills target political loyalty tests in college diversity efforts

Times: Florida leaders renew interest in the death penalty as execution looms

Times: US Supreme Court asked to block Florida execution of Donald Dillbeck

City & State FL: Explainer: How the state of Florida prepares for an execution

FlaPol: Proposed bill puts employers offering trans coverage on hook for reversal treatment

Times: Florida home schoolers want no part in voucher expansion bill

WLRN: State expanding services to deal with opioid recovery

The Capitolist: Filed House bill would establish Florida Scholars Academy for incarcerated teenagers

The Capitolist: Lawmakers seek to reinstate telehealth rules waived during COVID-19 pandemic

#### Democrat: FSU football player turned lawmaker wants to ban fans from rushing field

The Capitolist: The Florida Health Care Association seeks to increase funding, workforce development in upcoming Legislative Session

News4Jax: Florida lawmaker from St. Johns County files bill to raise age for driving a golf cart from 14 to 16

## About the Briefing!

## The Briefing is prepared almost daily by Chris Doolin

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