



The Briefing for Monday – March 6 – 2023

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Opening Day – Tuesday

9:30-11:00 – Senate Opening Session – President Passidomo's Remarks

10:00-11:00 – House of Representatives – Opening Session – Speaker Renner's Remarks

11:00- – Joint Session – Governor DeSantis' Opening Speech

The Quick

Calendars for the Week

House of Representatives Calendar for March 7th

Senate Calendar for Week 1 Beginning Tuesday March 7

REVISED - Education and Local Government Related Bills

Education Bills being Tracked - Revised 3-6-23.docx

Local Government Bills - Revised - 3-6-23.docx

Key Meetings Today

Senate Education Pre-K -12 - 1:00—3:00 p.m.

- SB 196 (ED) by Senator Jones and others—Guidance Services on Academic and Career Planning
- SB 244 (ED) by Senator Calatayud—K-12 Teachers
- SB 294 (ED) by Senator Rodriguez and others—Required Instruction in the History of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
- SB 308 (ED) by Senator Collins and others—Interscholastic and Intrascholastic Activities
- SB 478 (ED) by Senator Perry—Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program
- SB 636 (ED) by Senator Simon—Individual Education Plans

Senate Agriculture- 3:30—5:30 p.m.

- Presentation on Youth Development and Educational Opportunities by 4-H

- Presentation on the Future Technology of Agriculture by Dr. Nathan Boyd, UF/IFAS
- Presentation on Florida Agriculture in the Classroom by Becky Sponholtz, Ex Dir of FAITC
- Presentation on the Apalachicola Bay System Initiative by Dr. Joel Trexler, Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory
- Presentation on Aquaculture by the University of South Florida
- Presentation on Farming Reimagined for the 21st Century by Florida A&M University

On the Docket

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

Legislature-

- HOUSE DEMOCRATS HOLD AVAILABILITY- Monday, 10 a.m. - House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, and Rep. Kelly Skidmore, D-Boca Raton, will hold a media availability. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82071898213?pwd=Q3F0ZnpYeWtpOHJTcUxuM2Qwb1J3dz09>
- LAWSUIT LIMITS - Monday, 11 a.m. - The National Federation of Independent Business will hold a news conference about bills (HB 837 and SB 236) aimed at reducing costly lawsuits against businesses and insurance companies. House sponsors Tommy Gregory, R-Lakewood Ranch, and Tom Fabricio, R-Miami Lakes, are expected to take part in the news conference. Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- ABORTION RIGHTS - Monday, noon. - Sen. Lori Berman, D-Boca Raton, and Rep. Rita Harris, D-Orlando, will take part in a news conference about legislation (SB 1076 and HB 1033) that seeks to put into Florida law abortion rights that had been guaranteed under the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision. <https://ppsenfl.zoom.us/j/register/tZlOc-2qqzMoGdDdR3hEFLfKXqMCaf7RWk2w>
- AUTOPSY REPORTS - Monday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will consider a bill (SB 404), filed by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, that would create a public-records exemption for autopsy reports of minors whose deaths were related to domestic violence. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PRE-GAME PRAYERS - Monday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will take up a proposal (SB 308), filed by Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that would make a series of changes about high-school athletics, including allowing high schools to offer prayers over stadium loudspeakers before championship games. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is considering a lawsuit filed by Tampa's Cambridge Christian School after being blocked by the Florida High School Athletic Association from offering a prayer over the loudspeaker before a 2015 high-school football championship game. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- WATER DISTRICT APPOINTEES -Monday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will consider the confirmation of members of the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water Management District. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- APALACHICOLA BAY - Monday, 3-30 p.m. - The Senate Agriculture Committee will receive a presentation about the Apalachicola Bay System Initiative, which is seeking to restore oyster reefs and address other issues in the bay. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- GUN SALE INFORMATION - Monday, 3-30 p.m. - The Senate Commerce and Tourism 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

“political loyalty tests” in hiring, admissions and promotions. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

- ‘TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL KITCHENS’ -Tuesday, 1-30 p.m. - The House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 415), filed by Rep. Juan Carlos Porras, R-Miami, that would preempt local regulation of “temporary commercial kitchens” used to prepare takeout or delivery meals. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL BOARD RESIDENCY - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will take up a bill (SB 444), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would change a residency requirement for school-board candidates. Under current law, candidates have to live in the districts they are seeking to represent at the they qualify to run. The bill would revise the requirement so they would have to live in the districts at the they assume office. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- GENETIC COUNSELORS - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 218), filed by Sen. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, that would allow genetic counselors to provide services through telehealth. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PROPERTY INSURANCE CHANGES - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will take up a bill (SB 418), filed by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, that would make a series of property-insurance changes, including changes related to models used to project hurricane losses. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- VACATION RENTALS -Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will consider a proposal (SB 714), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would revamp laws related to vacation-rental properties. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- LAWSUIT LIMITS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will take up a wide-ranging bill (SB 236), filed by Sen. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, that is aimed at shielding businesses and insurers from costly lawsuits. The bills include proposals such as eliminating what are known as “one-way” attorney fees in lawsuits against insurers and reducing from four years to two years a statute of limitations for filing negligence lawsuits. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- COUNTY, CITY ATTORNEYS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Community Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (SB 216), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would create a public-records exemption for personal information related to current and former county and city attorneys. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- EMERGENCY OPIOID ANTAGONISTS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will take up a bill (SB 542), filed by Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, that would require each state college and university to have a supply of emergency opioid antagonists, which can help prevent fatal drug overdoses. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will consider a proposal (SB 256), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would make a series of changes targeting public-employee unions, including preventing workers from having union dues deducted from their paychecks. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE RESPONSE - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The House Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery will receive presentations, including from the Department of

Transportation, about hurricane response and recovery efforts. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also-

- SPECIAL ELECTION IN HD 24- Tuesday, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. - A special Republican primary election will be in Marion County's House District 24. 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.
- IAN IMPACT -Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to sales taxes and Hurricane Ian. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UTILITY ISSUES - Tuesday, 9-30 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will consider proposals that would increase monthly bills for customers of Florida Power & Light, Duke Energy Florida and Tampa Electric Co. The proposed increases stem from hurricane-related costs and higher-than-expected prices in 2022 for natural gas. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- USF TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 9-30 a.m. - The University of South Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of South Florida, Marshall Student Center, Tampa.
- COMMUNITIES TRUST PROGRAM - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Communities Trust Governing Board will meet. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4056345114380791895>.
- 'WELL-BEING' COUNCIL -Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-MEETING/child-and-family-well-being-council-ing-4>
- SPEECH, AUDIOLOGY BOARD -Tuesday, 3-30 p.m. - The state Board of Speech Language Pathology & Audiology will meet. <https://goto.com/969544933>. Call-in number- 1-877-309-2073. Code- 969544933
- SUNCOAST PARKWAY PROJECT - Tuesday, 5-30 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online ing about a Suncoast Parkway extension project in Citrus County. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2701187135135381006>

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

Legislature-

- DISABILITIES AGENCY - Wednesday, 8-30 a.m. - The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will receive an update on the Agency for Persons with Disabilities 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION CHANGES - Wednesday, 8-30 a.m. - The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 64), filed by Chairman Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, that would make a series of changes related to the Department of Transportation. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL VOUCHERS - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Education Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 202), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that includes a major expansion of school vouchers. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAID COVERAGE - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - Rep. Angie Nixon, D-Jacksonville, will take part in a news conference to call for closing a Medicaid "coverage gap." Fourth floor, the Capitol.

- CONSTRUCTION LAW CHANGES -Wednesday, 1-30 p.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 360), filed by Sen.. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, that would shorten the for residents to file lawsuits about “latent” construction defects in their homes. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE DAMAGE - Wednesday, 1-30 p.m. - The Senate Select Committee on Resiliency will receive a presentation from Daytona Beach Shores Nancy Miller, whose community sustained hurricane damage last year. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION- Wednesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETING-

- - **Wednesday, 8 a.m.**
 - House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- - **Wednesday, 11 a.m.**
 - House Commerce Committee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Health & Human Services Committee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Infrastructure Strategies Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- - **Wednesday, 1 p.m.**
 - House Education & Employment Committee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House State Affairs Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Judiciary Committee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

Also-

- COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS - Wednesday, 8 a.m. - Children’s Home Society of Florida and the University of Central Florida’s Center for Community Schools will hold an event as part of the annual Community Partnership Schools Day at the Capitol. Kleman Plaza, Raymond Sittig Hall, 301 South Bronough St., Tallahassee.
- POLK COUNTY DEATH CASE HEARD- Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in two cases, including an appeal by Leon Davis Jr., who was sentenced to death in the 2007 murders of two women during a robbery at a Polk County insurance agency. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- 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
- CITRUS FORECAST - Wednesday, noon. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture is scheduled to update forecasts for the 2022-2023 citrus growing season. Call-in number- 1-855-384-4184. Code- 6486013
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 1-30 p.m. - The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-MEETING/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-ing>

- ‘RED MASS’ -Wednesday, 6 p.m. - Catholic bishops from across Florida will hold the annual “Red Mass” in conjunction with the start of the legislative session. Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, will serve as lector/reader. Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 900 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- I-95 INTERCHANGE -Wednesday, 6 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting in Palm Beach County about a project involving the Woolbright Road interchange on Interstate 95. Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 East Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8952177920719531022>

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

Legislature-

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION- Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETING

- **- Thursday, 8 a.m.**
 - House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Civil Justice Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- **- Thursday, 9 a.m.**
 - Senate Appropriations Committee (110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **- Thursday, 11-30 a.m.**
 - House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee (314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- **- Thursday, 2 p.m.**
 - House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **- Thursday, 5-30 p.m.**
 - House Rules Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

Also-

- ARBITRATION DISPUTE - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in an appeal by the uniform company UniFirst Corp. in an arbitration dispute with a customer, Joey's New York Pizza, LLC. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD -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. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JSQhW3gfSYmuwfmzS2yA6A
- BLACK MEN AND BOYS COUNCIL -Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys will meet. Florida A&M University, Perry-Paige Auditorium, 1740 South Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS- Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD -Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- CITIZENS CLAIMS - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. Call-in number- 1-786-635-1003. Code- 98593216531
- SUNCOAST PARKWAY PROJECT - Thursday, 5-30 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online ing about a Suncoast Parkway extension project in Citrus County. Citrus County National Guard Armory, 8551 West Venable St., Crystal River.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023

Legislature-- Friday, 9 a.m.

- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Education Quality Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

Also-

- HOUSING ISSUES - Friday, 8-30 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- FRIED ETHICS CASE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Ethics will consider whether to dismiss a long-running case involving allegations that former state Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried did not properly disclose personal financial information. Attorney Elizabeth Miller, who serves as an advocate for the commission, filed a motion to dismiss the ethics complaint against Fried, the newly elected chairwoman of the Florida Democratic Party. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- FISCALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTIES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up issues related to fiscally constrained counties, which include many of the state's rural counties. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BLACK MEN AND BOYS COUNCIL -Friday, 9 a.m. - The Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys will meet. Florida A&M University, Perry-Paige Auditorium, 1740 South Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Tallahassee.

- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE -Friday, 9-15 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact conference,” which involves analyzing potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- GAMBLING ISSUES -Friday, 9-30 a.m. - The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- PILOT COMMISSIONERS BOARD -Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners is scheduled to . Call-in number- 1-888-585-9008. Code- 491089625
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Feb. 28.

Headlines Around the State

City & State FL: Gov. DeSantis will speak to more than Florida in 'State of the State' speech

Politico: When Ron DeSantis met the swamp

LA Times: DeSantis touts Florida approach during California visit

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: With insurance reform done, Jim Boyd wants Florida fighting the opioid crisis

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Florida TaxWatch wants inflation countered, businesses protected as policy evolves

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Insurance industry leaders say its time to fix a broken legal system

Sun-Sentinel: Python invasion has exploded out of the Everglades and into nearly all of southern Florida, new map shows

WUSF: Red tide is drifting north along Pinellas beaches and increasing in Manatee and Sarasota counties

Axios: Black historic sites stand forgotten

Democrat: Tallahassee airport sets record in 2022 for TSA gun interceptions

Herald: Elite gathering of financial titans returns to Miami for annual event

News-Herald: Duke Energy Florida to break ground on new solar power plant in March

NYTimes: In Florida Legislative Session, a Chance for DeSantis to Check Off His Wish List

Politico: DeSantis and Florida GOP push hard-right agenda, including expanding 'Don't Say Gay'

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: ACLU fears proposed restrictions on education, freedom as Gov. DeSantis flexes his agenda

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Wilton Simpson pushes bills on firearms, farm land

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Ralph Massullo eyes universal school choice

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Daniel Perez backs leadership on affordable housing, permitless carry, school choice funding

WUSF: Students push back against book bans as the scope of a new Florida law expands

Sun: Alachua County schools cope with DeSantis-backed library book law

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Electric vehicles, major road projects on Senate transportation committee's agenda

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Bryan Ávila adds reef restoration, teacher certification, police aid to priorities list

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Ana Maria Rodriguez again targets condo fraud, school zone speeders, PACE changes

Democrat: Judge's ruling on Florida lobbying ban has Bill Proctor vowing to 'die in office' fighting

FlaPol: Donald Trump rips Ron DeSantis as Jeb Bush redux

Times: National organizations condemn Florida bill that would bring major higher ed changes

AP: Latino Republicans push back on party's immigration agenda

Post: Sunshine State is primed for an electric vehicle revolution. Are the right pieces of the puzzle in place?

My News 13: DeSantis signs Reedy Creek bill: 'The corporate kingdom comes to an end'

Politico: DeSantis appoints political backers to new Disney oversight board

Herald: Makeover of Disney's special district is complete as DeSantis appoints new board

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis floats 'open market' competing with College Board's Advanced Placement offerings

FlaPol: Most School Board members targeted for ouster voted for student mask mandates

FlaPol: Democratic lawmakers file abortion rights legislation

Democrat: 'Disaster for free speech': Florida defamation, libel bill alarms advocates

CBS Miami: Florida lawmakers seek billions for local projects

News-Press: Hurricane repairs top list as Florida lawmakers seek billions for local projects

FlaPol: Bruce Antone files bill to study salaries of lawmakers, Cabinet members

WLRN: Senate proposals aim to help in future storm recovery

WLRN: Lawmakers seek to limit use of electric vehicles during evacuations

Axios: Experts cautiously optimistic on manatee recovery

Democrat: 'Kids are really struggling': Baker Acts continue to rise among Leon County's children

TCPalm: Mental Health Courts in Martin, Indian River counties bracing to lose state grant money

Herald Tribune: Red tide: High risk of respiratory irritation forecast for some Sarasota County beaches

News-Press: Red tide numbers strong as fish kills reported throughout Naples-Collier area

News-Press: UF starts telemetry program to search for large Burmese pythons

On the Docket!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

- 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

- EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION MONEY - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the Public Education Capital Outlay, or PECO, program. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION MONEY - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss transportation revenues. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CITIZENS PANEL - Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. - The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Consumer Services Committee will meet. - https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wSEDciZnSvGkibno-KGiUQ. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 97781432199
- MEDICAID EXPENDITURES - Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. - The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to Medicaid expenditures and managed-care rates. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DESANTIS APPEARS IN PALM BEACH - Wednesday, 6 p.m. - Gov. Ron DeSantis is scheduled to appear at an event hosted by the Palm Beach Republican Club. - Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

- ‘SANCTUARY CITIES’ FIGHT - Thursday, 9 a.m. - A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in a battle about a 2019 Florida law that banned so-called sanctuary cities. The state appealed to the Atlanta-based appeals court in 2021 after U.S. District Judge Beth Bloom struck down key parts of the law. Bloom ruled that two parts of the law violated constitutional equal-protection rights, issuing a permanent injunction against them. The law was a priority of Gov. Ron DeSantis and was touted as a way to improve safety in communities. - James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, 99 N.E. Fourth St., Miami.
- VALENCIA COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. - Valencia College, West Campus, 1800 South Kirkman Road, Orlando. <https://valenciacollege.zoom.us/j/95703457472?pwd=K1YrZkcxS2p5MFZlcXlpT2xVcHFiQT09#success>
- UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up a forecast for the unemployment compensation trust fund. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- EDUCATION BUDGET - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The State Board of Education will meet to approve an amended budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. - Information at <https://www.fldoe.org/policy/state-board-of-edu/meetings/2023/2023-03-02/>
- NORTHEAST FLORIDA PANEL - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet. - Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrfc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>. Meeting ID: 87499770491
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE - Friday, 1:30 p.m. - The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the state employee health-insurance program. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OPTICIAN ISSUES - Friday, 2 p.m. - The Florida Board of Opticianry will meet. - <https://meet.goto.com/451101221>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 451101221
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - Candidates in a special Republican primary election in Marion County’s state House District 24 face a Friday deadline for filing campaign-finance reports. 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 on March 7 will face write-in candidate Robert “Foxy” Fox in the May 16 general election. No Democrats qualified for the race.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

- EARLY VOTING ENDS IN SPECIAL ELECTION -Early voting will end March 4 in a special Republican primary election in Marion County’s state House District 24. 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 on March 7 will face write-in

About the Briefing!

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