

**Day 1
Of the 60 Day
Regular Session
Of the 2023
Florida Legislature**

The Briefing for Tuesday – March 7 – 2023

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A Focus on the Leaders

Senate President Kathleen Passidomo



Senate President (2022-2024)

Elected to the Florida Senate in 2016, reelected
Served in the Florida House 2010-2016
Senate District - Collier, Hendry, Lee

Occupation: Attorney

Education: Trinity University, Washington
D.C., B.A., 1975

Stetson University College of Law, J.D., 1978

Religious Affiliation – Roman Catholic

Recreational Interests – Cooking and Opera

***The Small County Coalition, Legislative
Appreciation, 2021 and 2022***

Speaker of the Florida House Paul Renner



Speaker (2022-2024)

Elected to the House on April 7, 2015
House District - Flagler, St. Johns

Occupation: Attorney

Education: Davidson College, BA, History,
1985-1989; University of Florida, JD, 1991-
1994

Military: Commander, U.S. Navy, retired.
Deployments: Desert Storm (Persian Gulf),
1991; Operation Enduring Freedom
(Afghanistan), 2011

Religious Affiliation: Christian

Recreational Interest: reading, sports, travel

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Opening Day – Tuesday

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[Links to Monitor the Legislative Session](#)

[Link to the Florida Senate](#)

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The Quick

Calendars for the Week

[House of Representatives Calendar for March 7th](#)
[Senate Calendar for Week 1 Beginning Tuesday March 7](#)

Headlines Around the State

Sentinel: [Gingrich joins critics blasting Brodeur's blogger bill](#)

AP: [Florida blogger registration bill 'insane,' Gingrich tweets](#)

Times: [Florida ban on gender-affirming care for minors to start next week](#)

My News 13: [LGBTQ students say Parental Rights law needs clarity](#)

Politico: [Interstate voter list org starts to crack as Florida, other GOP states quit](#)

The Capitolist: [Florida backs out of Electronic Registration Information Center, cites data privacy, partisanship concerns](#)

NBC News: [Supreme Court declines to hear Florida prayer vigil dispute](#)

WLRN: [Signs of recovery in sight for the Everglades](#)

CBS Miami: [Dreamers headed to Tallahassee to ask legislators to keep in-state tuition](#)

Herald: ['This is where I got my start.' Supreme Court Justice Jackson returns home for an honor](#)

Ledger: [Judge declares Pollock a fugitive after Lakeland resident fails to appear for trial in D.C.](#)

The Capitolist: [Florida gas prices hit two-month low, but price hike imminent](#)

Times: [USF police clash with protesters in march over diversity programs. 4 arrested.](#)

Times-Union: [City Council committee votes 7-1 for financing UF campus in Jacksonville](#)

WLRN: [What's next for the stalled UF campus in West Palm Beach?](#)

WUSF: [What to know about the red tide hitting Florida beaches](#)

News-Press: [FGCU building artificial reef to study water quality, red tide](#)

Sun: [Teaching Black history will be discussed at event sponsored by UF](#)

WUSF: [Then and now: How DeSantis State of the State speeches have changed](#)

ABC News: [Florida Legislature's agenda this session may offer clue to a DeSantis 2024 bid](#)

WSJ: [DeSantis, Florida GOP Breathe New Life Into Tort Reform](#)

My News 13: GOP in full control of Florida's 2023 legislative agenda

Sentinel: Legislature to push DeSantis 'freedom' agenda, which critics decry

City & State FL: Showtime: The 10 big issues of the 2023 Florida legislative session

WUSF: 5 DeSantis allies now control Disney World's special district. Here's what's next

Herald: Politics, not record, is behind DeSantis targeting Miami-Dade School Board member, some say

CBS Miami: Group voices opposition to permitless carry bill making its way through Florida legislature

WUSF: Florida parents weigh in on how a universal school choice plan will impact them

Sentinel: Florida school vouchers for all: Great idea or 'casino gambling' with kids' education?

FlaPol: Senate panel advances measure allowing death penalty without unanimous jury

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Ashley Moody targets opioids, human trafficking

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Jimmy Patronis has TikTok, IRS in crosshairs

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Lauren Book focuses on curbing child endangerment, human trafficking, period poverty

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Blaise Ingoglia has the Governor's agenda

CBS Miami: Bill seeks to lower gun-buying age to 18 in Florida

Sun-Sentinel: Florida lawmakers want to drop rifle-buying age from 21 to 18, a change made after Parkland mass shooting

FlaPol: Do lawsuit limitations help or hurt small businesses? It depends on whom you ask

FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Dan Daley champions more Florida National Guard boots on the ground

Sun-Sentinel: Florida nursing homes want money and leeway from lawmakers. Will residents be safe?

Sentinel: Florida lawmakers want to regulate kratom. Here's what you need to know

FlaPol: Senate committee advances removing condition for compensation of wrongfully imprisoned

FlaPol: Senate unveils bill to change rules regarding pharmacy benefits managers

The Floridian: Stan McClain's Senate Run Endorsed by Rep. Tom Leek

FlaPol: Gas stove tax exemption bill clears first committee stop

TCPalm: Martin County schools remove more than 80 book titles for sexual, racial content after complaints

FlaPol: Minor league pay limitation, credit card gun code ban bills clear Senate panel

FlaPol: Osborne Reef rehab receives unanimous approval in Senate committee

FlaPol: Builders & Contractors back LeAnna Cumber for Jacksonville Mayor

Sun-Sentinel: State won't investigate Broward schools' anti-hate program

On the Docket

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- DEATH SENTENCE CHANGES - Tuesday, 12-45 p.m. - The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 555), filed by Rep. Berny Jacques, R-Seminole, that would allow judges to impose death sentences without unanimous jury recommendations. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- NATURAL GAS TAX - Tuesday, 12-45 p.m. - The House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 529), filed by Rep. Jim Mooney, R-Islamorada, that would push back from 2024 to 2026 a natural-gas fuel tax. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- POLITICAL ‘LOYALTY TESTS’ - Tuesday, 12-45 p.m. - The House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 931), filed by Rep. Spencer Roach, R-North Fort Myers, that would prevent colleges and universities from using “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://attendee.gotowebinar.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 ing 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://attendeegotowebinar.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.

About the Briefing!

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The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email = cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

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