



## *The Briefing for Saturday – May 13 - 2023*

*The last Briefing was Friday, May 12, 2023*

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### *Upcoming Meetings*

2023

June 7–9-	FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
June 8 –	Small School District Breakfast
June 27-30 -	FAC Annual Summer Conference
June 28 -	Small County Coalition Annual Meeting

### *The Quick*

#### **USDA Forecast at 90 year low for Citrus Harvest**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Friday issued a forecast that said Florida growers this season are on pace to fill 15.65 million boxes of oranges, which would be the lowest total since the 1934-1935 season. The new forecast also was down from an April projection of 16.1 million boxes. Florida growers produced 41.2 million boxes of oranges during the 2021-2022 session. Additional numbers will be released in June and July. In addition to sustaining heavy damage in last fall's Hurricane Ian, the industry has battled for two decades against deadly citrus greening disease and development pressures. The federal forecast gave grapefruit production a slight boost, putting it at an estimated 1.8 million boxes this season. That was up from 1.6 million boxes in a March forecast and 1.7 million boxes in an April forecast.

#### **Teacher of the Year Finalists Announced 4 of the 5 are Small District Teachers**

This week the Florida Department of Education announced the five 2024 Teacher of the Year state finalists. The finalists were chosen from 74 district teachers of the year. Four of the five finalists are from small school districts.

- **Adrianna Swearingen, Bay County** – is a media specialist at Northside Elementary School in Bay County.

- **Kimberly Crowder, Hamilton County** – is a reading intervention teacher at Hamilton County Elementary School in Hamilton County.
- **Sarah Idsardi, Hardee County** – is a fourth-grade teacher at North Wauchula Elementary School in Hardee County.
- **Jennie Goffe, Hendry County** - is an agricultural teacher at Clewiston High School in Hendry County for the past ten years.
- **Kayla Jackson, Highlands County** – teaches at Memorial Elementary School in Highlands County where she serves as a fifth-grade math and science teacher.

The 2024 Florida Teacher of the Year winner will be announced on July 20, 2023, in Orlando. The winner will serve for one year as the Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education.

### **DeSantis Signs School Start Time Bill**

Gov. DeSantis signed HB 733 that mandates start times for Middle and High Schools. The legislation will prevent middle schools from beginning the “instructional day” earlier than 8 a.m., while high schools will be barred from starting the school day before 8:30 a.m. The start times will be required to take effect by July 2026. 67 percent of Florida’s public high schools start school before 8:00am. The bill was a priority of House Speaker Paul Renner. The bill was opposed by the Small School District Council Consortium because of concerns regarding the safety of young students having to start earlier, impact of work schedules and before and after school supervision, impact on after school academic and athletic events, and cost of running additional bus routes. Although many districts already comply with the required times – many small counties do not, in addition the later times have been considered and rejected by Orange and Miami-Dade. The legislature allocated \$5,000,000 to provide grants to assist with implementation.

### *Headlines Around the State*

*WaPo: DeSantis seeks rebound as he and Trump hold dueling events in Iowa*

*AP: DeSantis, Trump look to sway Iowa GOP activists at dueling events*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis, Donald Trump schedule dueling Iowa stops*

*Politico: DeSantis rolls out a major slate of Iowa endorsements*

*NWF Daily News: DeSantis picks up two endorsements before Iowa showdown with Trump*

*Politico: DeSantis takes anti-woke show to Illinois*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis jokes about ‘dead people voting’ in Illinois*

*FlaPol: Donald Trump claims Ron DeSantis needs a ‘personality transplant’*

*NYTimes: Why Ron DeSantis Is Limping to the Starting Line*

*Politico: Miami's mayor mulls a White House run*

*FlaPol: Sunrise man faces five years imprisonment for threatening elections staff*

*FlaPol: First-time GOP candidate for Palm Beach County's HD 93 adds \$48K in April*

*Daily News: Education Commissioner suggests shorter contract for incoming FGCU President Timur*

*Times-Union: DeSantis gets millions in taxpayer money to fight lawsuits over hard-right policies*

*Politico: Florida federal judge's border decision 'very harmful,' Mayorkas says*

*Times: Florida ruling is sabotage of federal migrant response, White House says*  
*Herald: Florida citrus growers expected to deliver smallest orange crop in almost 90 years*  
*Capitolist: State of Florida nixes firearm purchase tracking*  
*FlaPol: More z's: Middle and high schools will begin later starting in 2026-27 school year*  
*FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis — and your mom — don't want you getting scammed on Mother's Day*  
*Democrat: Red & Green: Corey Simon doubles number of local projects, triples spending as new GOP rep*  
*Times: 3 of Tampa Bay's county commissions just met. That's a first.*  
*Bradenton Herald: 'We're all going to be affected.' Bradenton leaders speak out on Florida immigration law*  
*Times: McDonald's found liable for hot Chicken McNugget that burned Florida girl*

### **On the Docket**

#### **MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023**

- **FALLEN LAW OFFICERS HONORED** - Gov. Ron DeSantis has ordered flags to be flown at half-staff Monday at all state and local buildings to mark Peace Officers Memorial Day.
- **SOUTH FLORIDA PLANNING COUNCIL** - Monday, 10:30 a.m. - The South Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. - Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization, 150 West Flagler St., Suite 1900, Miami.
- **SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES** - Monday, noon. - The Seminole State College of Florida Board of Trustees will hold a budget workshop, followed by a regular meeting. Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, Auto Showroom, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.
- **UF TRUSTEES** - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The University of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656. Code: 99016550852
- **TCC TRUSTEES** - Monday, 2:30 p.m. - The Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees will meet. - Tallahassee Community College, Wakulla Environmental Institute, 170 Preservation Way, Crawfordville.
- **LOBBYIST REPORTS DUE** - Lobbying firms face a Monday deadline for filing reports showing compensation for the period from Jan. 1 through March 31.

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

- **HD 24 SPECIAL ELECTION HELD** - Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in a special election in Marion County's House District 24. Republican Ryan Chamberlin and write-in candidate Robert "Foxy" Fox are running for the seat, which opened after former Rep. Joe Harding, R-Ocala, was indicted on federal charges of wire fraud, money laundering and making false statements.
- **MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD** - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. - Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus, 11011 S.W. 104th St., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>
- **ELECTIONS ISSUES** - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Elections Commission will meet. - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/571953185404345941>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2074. Code: 966952589

- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. - EpiCenter of St. Petersburg College, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater.
- PENSACOLA SCHOOL - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The State Board of Education will consider issues related to the Escambia County school district and Warrington Middle School. - Call-in number: 1-877-612-6725. Code: 356150
- HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, is slated to take part in an online event about health-care workforce shortages. A panel discussion, hosted by the MolinaCares Accord and Molina Healthcare of Florida, is expected to include speakers from the University of South Florida, the Florida Health Care Association and the Florida Chamber Foundation. - <https://molinacares.com/event/addressing-health-care-workforce-shortages-in-florida/>
- PASCO-HERNANDO TRUSTEES - Tuesday, noon. - The Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Pasco-Hernando State College, Porter Campus, 2727 Mansfield Blvd., Wesley Chapel.
- SANTA FE COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a board meeting. - Santa Fe College, Northwest Campus, Learning Commons, 3000 N.W. 83rd St., Gainesville.
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. - Northwest Florida State College, Student Services Center, 100 College Blvd., Niceville.
- CITIZENS INSURANCE BOARD - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. - [https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2UhvUUYoTMyZJLVaGRcyJg#/registration](https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2UhvUUYoTMyZJLVaGRcyJg#/registration). Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 88307560058.
- TRABULSY HELPS RECAP SESSION - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - Rep. Dana Trabulsy, R-Fort Pierce, is expected to take part in an event held by the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations and the Florida Philanthropic Network to recap the 2023 legislative session. - Information at <https://educationfoundationsfl.org/>
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Palm Beach State College, Loxahatchee Groves Campus, 15845 Southern Blvd., Loxahatchee.
- PENSACOLA STATE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. - The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, committee meetings and a full board meeting. - Pensacola State College, Pensacola.
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - The North Florida College Board of Trustees will meet. - North Florida College, Student Center, Madison.
- 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, MAY 17, 2023**

- DEFENSE ISSUES - Wednesday, 8 a.m. - The Florida Defense Alliance will meet. - Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown, 316 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- ELECTIONS ISSUES - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Elections Commission will meet. - <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/571953185404345941>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2074. Code: 966952589
- TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle is scheduled to resume a trial in a lawsuit challenging a state decision to prevent Medicaid coverage

for treatments such as puberty blockers and hormone therapy for transgender people. - United States Courthouse, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.

- CABINET AIDES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - Aides to Gov. Ron DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody, Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson and state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis will discuss issues in advance of a May 23 Cabinet meeting. - Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.
- CITRUS ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. - Florida Department of Citrus, 605 East Main St., Bartow.
- PAROLE ISSUES - 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. - Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214
- EAST CENTRAL COUNCIL - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. - Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.
- 1000 FRIENDS DISCUSSES SESSION - Wednesday, noon. - The growth-management advocacy group 1000 Friends of Florida will hold a webinar about the 2023 legislative session. - Information at <https://1000fof.org/upcoming-webinars/>
- TOP NURSING HOMES - Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. - The Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care will meet to consider nursing homes' applications for Gold Seal awards. - Agency for Health Care Administration, 400 West Robinson St., Suite 309, Orlando.
- HURRICANE SEASON - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - Florida State University faculty members Patricia Born, Dennis Smith and Allison Wing will take part in a briefing about the 2023 hurricane season, which will start June 1. - Reporters may contact [wwellock@fsu.edu](mailto:wwelllock@fsu.edu) for Zoom link.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. - South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.
- 'CAT FUND' - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will meet. - Call-in number: 1-415-930-5321. Code: 586527939.
- LAKE-SUMTER TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 5 p.m. - The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Lake-Sumter State College, Leesburg Campus, Kelly Convocation Center, 9501 U.S. 441, Leesburg.

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023**

- HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Healthy Kids Corp. Board of Directors will meet. - Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando. Call-in number: 850-792-4925. Code: 761264624
- FSDB BOARD - Thursday, 9 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.
- DEFENSE ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. - Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown, 316 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.

- GULF COAST STATE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet in Gulf County. - Gulf Coast State College, Gulf/Franklin Campus, 3800 Garrison St., Port St. Joe.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Broward Refugee Task Force will meet. - Information at <http://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/broward-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions. SIMPSON SPEAKS AT TIGER BAY - Thursday, noon. - Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson will speak to the Capital Tiger Bay Club. - Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- CHILDREN'S ISSUES - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet is scheduled to meet. - Florida Department of Education, Turlington Building, 325 West Gaines St., Tallahassee.
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will meet. - Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.

**FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023**

- DENTISTRY ISSUES - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - The Florida Board of Dentistry will meet. - Aloft Jacksonville Tapestry Park, 4812 West Deer Lake Dr. Jacksonville.
- TRANSGENDER CARE - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will hold a hearing on a request for a preliminary injunction against state bans on doctors providing treatments such as puberty blockers and hormone therapy to transgender minors. The bans were approved by the state Board of Medicine and the state Board of Osteopathic Medicine. - United States Courthouse, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.
- IMMIGRATION POLICY - Friday, 9 a.m. - U.S. District Judge T. Kent Wetherell is scheduled to hold a hearing in a request by Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody for a preliminary injunction against a new federal immigration policy that would lead to releasing migrants who cross the country's southern border. Wetherell issued a temporary restraining order against the policy on May 11. - United States Courthouse, 1 North Palafox St., Pensacola.
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Transportation Commission will meet. - Orlando International Airport, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority offices, 1 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando.
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will meet. - Florida Hotel & Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- JOBLESS REPORT RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release an April unemployment report.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will meet. - Information at <http://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/palm-beach-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- MEDICAL EXAMINERS PANEL - Friday, 10 a.m. - The state Medical Examiners Commission will meet. - Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee.
- LEGISLATIVE SESSION - Friday, 11:30 a.m. - The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will hold a luncheon to discuss the 2023 legislative session. The county's delegation is made up



of Sen. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, and Rep. Shane Abbott, R-DeFuniak Springs. - Rivertown Community Church, 4534 Lafayette St., Marianna.

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023**

- EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION - Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - Secretary of State Cord Byrd will take part in an event to mark the anniversary of the May 20, 1865, announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Florida. - Knott House Museum, 301 East Park Ave., Tallahassee.

***Legislative Reports***

[SCC - Legislative Report for the 2023 Regular Legislative Session - May 9, 2023](#)  
[SSDCC 2023 -Legislative Report -May 8](#)

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