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The Briefing for Tuesday – May 9 - 2023

The last Briefing was Saturday, May 6, 2023

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Briefing Schedule

With the conclusion of the 2023 Legislative Session and the issuance of Legislative Reports - the regularity of The Briefing will be reduced! The distribution list will be updated to ensure County Commissioners, School Supts., School Board members along with previous recipients will continue to receive each briefing. If you have any questions please send me an email at cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com. [Thank you to all for continued interest!](#)

Legislative Reports

Here are the initial reports prepared for the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium

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

[SSDCC 2023 -Legislative Session Report -May 8.docx](#)

Reports Include:

Legislative Districts Representing Small Counties

Priorities for 2023

The 2023 Regular Session By the Numbers

Links Relating to the General Appropriations Act for 23-24

Bills Related to Education and Local Government That Passed the 2023 Legislative Session

Additional Information will be distributed as it becomes available.

Upcoming Organizational Meetings

June 7 – 9 - FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay

June 8 – Thursday morning - Small District Breakfast -7:30-8:30am

Small School District Council Consortium Organizational Business for FY 23-24 will be conducted.

June 27 – 30 – Florida Association of Counties Annual Summer Conference
Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek (Orange County)

June 28 - Wednesday morning - **Small County Coalition Annual Breakfast Meeting** - Orlando - Small County Coalition will conduct Organizational Business for FY 23-24 during the meeting.

Information for the 2024 Legislative Session

2024 Legislative Session Convenes - January 9, 2024

2024 Legislative Session Ends – March 8, 2024

Freshman House member Secures votes to be House Speaker Post In five years!

Members of the Legislature select their future leaders years in advance. According to reports, **Representative Jennifer Canady** has secured enough support to be Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives after the 2028 elections. Canaday has received enough votes in the current Freshman class of the House of Representatives to secure the post. Canaday is the director of a science-based program at a private Christian school in Polk County and is the wife of a Florida Supreme Court Justice. Canady would be the first female to lead the Florida House. As it stands now, **Daniel Perez** of Miami-Dade will helm the Chamber from 2024-2026, while Clay County's **Sam Garrison** will take the gavel for the two years after that.

Headlines Around the State

News4Jax: Announcement coming soon? All eyes on DeSantis after legislative session ends

The Hill: DeSantis says Trump deploying 'Democrat attacks' on Social Security, Medicare

Roll Call: Trump's Hill backers often voted like DeSantis on entitlements

Sentinel: Could Trump challenge DeSantis over resign to run law?

News4Jax: Pro-DeSantis super PAC ramps up hiring into Super Tuesday

Politico: Mexican president calls Florida's new anti-immigration bill 'immoral'

WUSF: In Miami, the U.S. Education Secretary blasts expansion of Florida sex education law

FlaPol: Disney: DeSantis and his allies kept retaliating against company during 2023 Session

News4Jax: Disney updates lawsuit against DeSantis to add new events

Sentinel: Disney cites DeSantis' latest comments in expanded lawsuit

City & State FL: Hearing set in appeal of 'Air DeSantis' case related to migrant flight records

Sun-Sentinel: Debt ceiling war raises angst among Floridians

FlaPol: 'Get something done': Jared Moskowitz calls for field hearing in Parkland on gun violence, red flag laws

WUSF: Trial set to begin over Medicaid coverage for transgender treatments

WLRN: The 20-year fight against citrus greening in Florida has farmers and researchers exhausted

Herald: 'It's not right': Founder of nursing home for kids doesn't want kids there permanently

News-Press: What is Florida's future as climate change threats add up?

Times-Union: Moms for Liberty member in Clay County picked 'to bring our message to all 50 states'

DBNJ: Which FL county saw biggest FEMA flood insurance payout after Ian?

WUSF: Gas prices across Florida are down for the second straight week

Sun-Sentinel: Gas prices keep falling after South Florida supplies return to normal. How much longer will they drop?

WLRN: Is Miami also guilty in the conviction of local Proud Boy Enrique Tarrío?

Herald Tribune: Sarasota County political activist tied to Michael Flynn starts new Republican club

My News 13: State Attorney holds summit to try and find solutions to gun violence

Sentinel: Summit joins Central Florida law enforcement, advocates to tackle gun violence

Post: FIU teaching computers to diagnose strokes based on data from thousands of patients

CBS Miami: "I'm a very dumb person sometimes," Taravella High student accused of making school threat

Sun-Sentinel: 'I do stuff without reasoning!': Shooting threat made by South Florida student caused panic across country

CBS News: Former neo-Nazi pleads guilty to murdering Florida roommates in 2017

Times: St. Petersburg insurance executive named in spying scandal dies at 89

Democrat: FAMU housing surge: A look at the financing, timeline and why it's a 'desperate need'

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis says COVID-19 restrictions put Florida trade missions on pause

WLRN: DeSantis approves a trio of bills targeting Chinese citizens in Florida

NBC Miami: DeSantis Signs Bill Banning 'Countries of Concern' From Buying Land, Property in Florida

Post: Hispanic leaders urge DeSantis not to sign controversial immigration bill

City & State FL: Six finalists named for Florida Supreme Court seat

Democrat: DeSantis-desired defamation legislation didn't go the distance. Here's why

Times: Here's how expanded abortion access could land on Florida's 2024 ballot

WUSF: As lawmakers head home, a look at health care-related bills sent to DeSantis

WUSF: Florida bills awaiting approval would repeal local tenant laws and allow monthly fees for renters

Post: Randy Fine got so angry he launched a political career. What upset him? A math problem.

WLRN: Florida speeds up work on 20 highway projects, per DeSantis' request

Sentinel: State plans to speed up I-4 road work in Central Florida

My News 13: 'Lifechanging for generations to come': Bill would be win for first responder retirement benefits

AP: Accused 'ghost candidate' faces campaign finance charges

FlaPol: Proposed regulations for dogs riding in cars that inspired howls are DOA fur-ever

FlaPol: Sponsor plans to bring back bill blocking hair discrimination despite cut from 2023 agenda

Herald Tribune: Legislation changes how Florida cities can expand and contract

FlaPol: Pilot program to phase out single-use plastics fails to get traction

CBS Miami: Technical glitch plagues Florida's driver's license, vehicle registration systems

FlaPol: State computer outage impacts tax collectors motor vehicle services around Florida

WUSF: A Black community's progress is threatened by a proposed liquified natural gas plant

Herald: Illegal alligator hunts included hacking gator with machete, Florida officials say

The Capitolist: Rush Limbaugh Boulevard coming to Florida along with state's \$13.5 billion transportation plan

FlaPol: Fabian Basabe, Joe Saunders battle over Session's impact on Miami Beach historic preservation

PNJ: Elected Santa Rosa Republican official threatens to punch Milton Councilman Jeff Snow

Ledger: Lakeland faces state mandates to improve water quality on five lakes

On the Docket

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

- **TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will start 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.
- **SUWANNEE WATER BOARD MEETS** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- **ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD MEETS** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

- **WILDLIFE TRAPPING** - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will take up a series of issues, including receiving a report about wildlife trapping and discussing a goliath grouper fishing rule. Hilton Miami Airport Blue Lagoon, 5101 Blue Lagoon Dr., Miami.
- **UNIVERSITY ISSUES** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The state university system's Board of Governors will meet after a meeting of its Nomination and Governance Committee. <https://fbog.zoom.us/j/83248923464?pwd=czlSdEJxRmFRcXBzRmM2g4aGVkcW9nQT09/Passcode:648500>

- **PAROLE ISSUES ON AGENDA** The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- **CYBERSECURITY** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. Call-in number: 1-323-741-6564. Code: 492170315
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES CONSIDERED** - 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
- **SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE SEARCH DISCUSSED** - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will discuss the search for a successor to retiring President Thomas Litzel. South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.
- **PEANUTS** - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. The Florida Peanut Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. Florida Peanut Federation, 17856 U.S. 129 South, McAlpin. Call-In Number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 573953338
- **REFUGEE ISSUES** - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <http://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS DUE** - State candidates and political committees face a Wednesday deadline for filing reports detailing finance activity through April 30.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

- **INVASIVE SPECIES** - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will take up issues such as proposed rules to prevent new non-native species from coming to Florida. It also will discuss the proposed creation of a Weeki Wachee River Springs Protection Zone and the establishment of the Doral Glades Fish Management Area. Hilton Miami Airport Blue Lagoon, 5101 Blue Lagoon Dr., Miami.
- **HEALTH INTEGRITY PANEL MEETS** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The state Public Health Integrity Committee, which is chaired by Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo, will meet. Information at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/about/ssg/public-health-integrity-committee/index.html>
- **SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD MEETS** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet in Collier County. Conservancy of Southwest Florida, 1495 Smith Preserve Way, Naples.
- **TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD MEETS** - 10:30 a.m. Central time. The Triumph Gulf Coast board, which helps administer settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. Walton County Commission Chamber, 571 U.S. 90 East, DeFuniak Springs.
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS** - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- **GARCIA HONORED** - Thursday, noon. Sen. Ileana Garcia, R-Miami, is slated to receive the Public Service Award during United HomeCare's annual luncheon and Claude Pepper Awards. Pullman Hotel, 5800 Blue Lagoon Dr., Miami.
- **NORTHWEST WATER BOARD MEETS** - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- **DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES MEET** - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. Daytona State College,

Wetherell Student Services & Administration Building, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd.,
Daytona Beach.

- COURT CONSIDERS MEDICAL POT FIRING - Thursday, 2 p.m. A three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in a dispute about the dismissal of a state correctional officer for using medical marijuana. Samuel Velez Ortiz, who was a sergeant for the Florida Department of Corrections, was approved by a doctor to use medical marijuana to treat post-traumatic stress disorder related to previous military service, according to documents filed in the case. He tested positive for marijuana during a random test, ultimately leading to his firing under a department “zero tolerance” policy. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- TREASURY INVESTMENT PANEL MEETS - Thursday, 2 p.m. The state Chief Financial Officer’s Treasury Investment Committee is scheduled to meet. 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES MEET - Thursday, 4 p.m. The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. Florida Gateway College, Lake City.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

- CITRUS FORECAST RELEASED - Friday, noon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will update its forecast for the 2022-2023 citrus growing season. Call-in number: 1-(888) 844-9904. Code: 8552986

About the Briefing!

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