



The Briefing for Saturday – June 10 - 2023

The last Briefing was Saturday, June 4, 2023

How's your weather – <https://weather.com/>

Where am I?

In Banner Elk, North Carolina through Father's Day. Availability – email, text, or phone.

Small School District Met in Tampa

Pearce and Cowart Elected to lead the SSDCC



Wakulla Supt. Bobby Pearce was elected to Chair the Small School District Council Consortium



Levy Supt. Christopher Cowart was elected to the Vice-Chair of the SSDCC

Chancey, DeSilva, and Dunnell elected to lead the FSBA Small District Council



Suwannee Bd. Member Ed DeSilva



Taylor Bd. Member Deidra Dunnell

Karen Chancey – DeSoto School Board Member was elected to Chair of the FSBA Small District Council	Vice-Chair FSBA Small District Council	Secretary of the FSBA Small District Council
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The Annual Summer Small District Breakfast was held this past Thursday morning. The event is a joint meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium. During the Meeting elections were held for leaders of the FSBA Small District Council and SSDCC Officers for FY23-24.

- Leadership Changes within the FSBA Small District Council - Shirley Owens (Holmes) and Christie McElroy (Gilchrist) completed their terms and did not seek re-election.
- The new officers elected are-
 - Chair – Karen Chancey – DeSoto
 - Vice-Chair – Ed DeSilva – Suwannee
 - Secretary – Deidra Dunnell – Taylor
- Elections also were held for the Small School District Council Consortium. Long-time Chair – Supt. Sherrie Raulerson (Baker) stepped down and Supt. Bobby Pearce (Wakulla) was elected Chair. Supt Chris Cowart (Levy) was elected Vice-Chair, and, Supt. Rick Surrency (Putnam) was elected to a post on the SSDCC Executive Committee.
- During the meeting – Chris Doolin and Bob Jones were affirmed as the Governmental Consultants to the SSDCC and participation fees were approved at the current level.

***County Medicaid Cost Share For FY 23-24 Reduced from original Estimate
Previous Calculation of 23-24 county contribution modified***

During the Budget Conference Process, section 27 of SB 2502 was added to the appropriations bill. The section clarified that in determining the growth in the county contribution to Medicaid, amounts contributed under the Directed Payment Program were not to be included in the calculation. **This change reduced the growth amount from 15.5% to 9.2%, a statewide savings of \$17.5 Million.**

The revised Social Service Estimating Conference Workpapers are available [here](#).

Attached is a spreadsheet that compares the county level required contributions prior to the law change with the required contributions after the law change and shows the savings to each county due to the legislation.



County Contribution
to Medicaid reduction

Note – SB 2502 has not yet been presented to the Governor nor signed into law.

Budget Watch

Still waiting for Governor’s Review – Should be soon!
 While your waiting – here are some relevant links.
[Link to Budget SB 2500 – approved by Legislature](#)
[Link to County By County - Funding Report](#)
[Link to Florida TaxWatch - Budget Turkey Watch Report](#)

Upcoming Meetings

- **June 27-30 - FAC Annual Summer Conference – Orlando**
 - **June 28 - Small County Coalition Annual Meeting**
- **November 29-30 - 2023 Rural Summit – Orlando**

Headlines Around the State

AP: Trump indicted in classified documents case in a historic first for a former president

NYTimes: Justice Department Charges Trump in Documents Case

Times: DeSantis responds to report of Trump indictment: 'mortal threat to a free society'

Herald: DeSantis says Trump indictment proof of weaponization of justice system

Politico: Trump's 2024 GOP opponents rush to his defense, post indictment

NYTimes: Special Counsel Avoids Possible Legal Fight by Moving Trump Case to Miami

WaPo: Trump can still run for president in 2024 after being indicted twice

AP: DeSantis recruiters eyed Catholic church for migrant flights that bishop calls 'reprehensible'

FlaPol: Florida personnel in Texas round up guns, drugs, money and undocumented migrants

Ledger: Polk Sheriff Judd: Trip to border with DeSantis offered education on immigration 'crisis'

FlaPol: Rick Scott presses Joe Biden to take stand against China-Cuba spy op

Floridian: Scott Continues to Push his 'Public Service Reform Act'

My News 13: Maxwell Frost pushes for legislation during gun violence town hall

Herald: 200,000 gallons of sewage quietly leaked in the Florida Keys — some during a hurricane

Sentinel: Civil rights group reports spike in Florida extremist groups, citing Moms for Liberty's rise

Capitolist: State officials highlight importance of hurricane differences, point to new supercomputing aimed at better predictive power

AP: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis woos GOP Christian voters but stays tight-lipped on his own Catholic faith

Politico: Vance, MTG criticize DeSantis campaign for posting apparently fake Trump images

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis bringing campaign to the heart of Texas today with six-city swing

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis to keynote Tennessee GOP dinner in July

FlaPol: LIV Golf-PGA Tour merger marks one more loss for DeSantis super PAC consultant Jeff Roe

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis, Donald Trump mourn Pat Robertson

FlaPol: Carlos Guillermo Smith raises \$150K, hires Allison Cassidy as Campaign Manager

FlaPol: 5 Republicans now competing to replace term-limited Rick Roth in HD 94

FlaPol: Francis Suarez to speak at Reagan Library amid flurry of pre-presidential announcement activity

FlaPol: 'We can do better': Longtime activist Damian Pardo announces campaign for Miami City Commission

WLRN: Miami passes 'disorderly conduct' law for public parks, despite free speech concerns

Bradenton Herald: 'Absolutely panicking.' New Florida law has Bradenton immigrants leaving, employers worried

PNJ: Foul-mouthed speaker prompts calls for decorum at Santa Rosa commission

FlaPol: Holland & Knight announces new leadership

Herald Tribune: DeSantis makes surprise trip to border as he works to outflank Trump on right, immigration

NBC News: Ron DeSantis makes his first presidential campaign visit to the southern border

Bradenton Herald: After flying migrants to California, DeSantis calls for multi-state border partnership

NBC Miami: DeSantis says migrant flights aimed at helping Texas

News4Jax: DeSantis defends flying migrants to California as he meets with sheriffs near border

CBS Miami: Ron DeSantis defends transport of migrants to Sacramento, says he doesn't "have sympathy" for sanctuary states

Herald: Miami mayor raising super PAC cash, assembling campaign team as '24 announcement looms

FlaPol: Donald Trump super PAC trolls Ron DeSantis over expanded 2024 field

Politico: Becerra says DeSantis bears responsibility for Covid's outsized toll

FlaPol: Newt Gingrich identifies Ron DeSantis' challenge as 'draining the Donald Trump lake'

WLRN: Ex-Trump aide appears at Miami court to testify before federal grand jury - reports

CBS Miami: Former Trump attorney Timothy Parlatore thinks Trump could be indicted in Florida

FlaPol: Rick Scott isn't ruling out Dwyane Wade, Grant Hill 2024 challenge

The Floridian: Rubio Introduces Bill, Allows Veterans Easier Access to Home Care

The Floridian: Gaetz Demands Censure of January 6th Committee Chair

The Floridian: Donalds Rails Against Newsom's Immigration Crisis Complaints

CBS Miami: Crist tapped for ambassador post by White House

FlaPol: Rick Scott upbeat about PGA, LIV golf merger

Axios: Florida thrusts chunk of Citizens policies into private market

WUSF: O Canada: Canadian tourists are 'flocking' to Florida

Sun-Sentinel: Travel to Florida from Canada close to pre-pandemic levels

FlaPol: Florida personnel in Texas round up guns, drugs, money and undocumented migrants

News-Press: More cyanotoxin warnings in the Caloosahatchee; algae-tainted Lake O releases paused

News-Press: Cape Coral pastor has social media debate with Ted Cruz over Ugandan anti-LGBTQ law

Times: Could this Tampa Publix be a blueprint for future stores?

Post: Florida could owe you money: Here's how to find out if the state is holding some of yours

Post: South Florida residents must earn more than \$100,000 to avoid being 'rent burdened'

Ledger: Polk County Commission nixes LGBTQ Pride proclamation. Approaches vary in local cities

News-Press: Outgoing FGCU president Mike Martin to be interim president and CEO of SWFL Collaboratory

Times: Can Florida credit DeSantis for its No. 1 education ranking? A closer look.

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis takes his presidential pitch to Oklahoma

FlaPol: 20 Oklahoma lawmakers endorse Ron DeSantis

Roll Call: How confusion about pronouncing his name could matter for DeSantis

FlaPol: At border security roundtable, Ron DeSantis discounts bad 2024 polls

WUSF: Florida officially has a Digital Bill of Rights. Here's what that means for residents

Politico: Chinese citizens seek to block Florida's law banning them from owning property

City & State FL: State Rep. Fred Hawkins tapped to lead South Florida State College

Yahoo News: Legislator without higher-ed experience is named president of a Florida state college

FlaPol: Ricky Polston, former Florida Supreme Court Justice, to leave Citizens Property Insurance

FlaPol: Florida Policy Project affordable housing report highlights tough challenge with workable solutions

Herald Tribune: 'Reckless': Sarasota School Board's Bridget Ziegler rebuts Moms for Liberty 'extremist' label

City & State FL: New Florida law invalidates out-of-state driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants

WUSF: Why joining the prestigious Association of American Universities puts USF on a whole other level

Sentinel: Florida Virtual School cuts back after fewer students complete courses

Yahoo News: Central Florida officials vow 'no veteran will be left behind' ahead of influx of federal cash to house homeless

WLRN: Trial for disgraced former school resource officer, Scot Peterson, begins

Sun-Sentinel: Deputy's failure to confront Parkland gunman cost children's lives, jury hears

Times: Hillsborough educators now are calling 'social-emotional learning' something else

WLRN: A feud in Central Florida ends with a Black mom dead and her white neighbor arrested

News4Jax: Woman who fatally shot neighbor after 2-year feud arrested in Florida

Yahoo News: Florida 'stand your ground' law may not apply in AJ Owens shooting. Here's why

CBS Miami: What we know about Ajike "AJ" Owens, the Florida mom fatally shot through a neighbor's door

Star-Banner: Benjamin Crump holds press conference after arrest in Ocala mom's death

Herald: 'We say gay. We say trans.' In Miami, county mayor celebrates raising of Pride flag

FlaPol: James St. George raises nearly \$200K in first month running for HD 19

FlaPol: Wellington Mayor makes it a 3-person Republican Primary for HD 93 seat

News4Jax: 'I'm disappointed': Sheriff T.K. Waters reacts to revelation of jail healthcare contractor's criminal history

On the Docket

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

- **GOOD DAY TO GO FISHING** - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will allow people to go freshwater fishing Sunday without licenses as part of a "license-free" weekend.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

- **POT PROPOSAL** - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Financial Impact Estimating Conference will hold a workshop about a proposed constitutional amendment that would legalize recreational use of marijuana. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **EASTERN FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD** - Monday, 10:30 a.m. - The Eastern Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Eastern Florida State College, Melbourne Campus, 3865 North Wickham Road, Melbourne.
- **PENSACOLA COLLEGE BOARD** - Monday, 4:30 p.m. - The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a workshop, committee meetings and a full board meeting. - Pensacola State College, Pensacola.
- **JONES SPEAKS TO MIAMI BEACH DEMS** - Monday, 7 p.m. - Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-Miami Gardens, and Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava are expected to speak to the Miami Beach Democratic Club. - Marseilles Hotel, 1741 Collins Ave., Miami Beach.
- **FINANCE REPORTS DUE** - State candidates and political committees face a Monday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through May 31.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

- **FLORIDA GULF COAST TRUSTEES** - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will meet. - Florida Gulf Coast University, Cohen Student Union, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers.
- **SUWANNEE WATER BOARD** - 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.
- **FPL FUEL COSTS** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Public Service Commission will take up a series of issues, including a proposal by Florida Power & Light that would reduce customer bills because of lower-than-expected costs 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.
- **ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD** - 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.
- **REVENUE ESTIMATING PANEL** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze "measures affecting revenue." - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **REFUGEE ISSUES** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. Description; The Tallahassee Area Refugee Task Force will meet. - <http://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tallahassee-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>

- DRIVER'S LICENSE EVENT - Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Rep. Robin Bartleman, D-Weston, the city of Pembroke Pines and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will hold a Florida Licensing on Wheels mobile-office event that will allow people to do such things as renew driver's licenses and vehicle registrations. - 601 Center City Way, Pembroke Pines.
- JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, Noon. - The Board of Trustees of Florida State College at Jacksonville will hold a workshop, followed by a regular meeting. - Florida State College at Jacksonville, 501 West State St., Jacksonville.
- MIGRANT RECORDS CASE - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - A three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in a dispute about whether Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration violated state law by not properly providing public records about a plan to fly migrants from Texas to Massachusetts last year. The non-profit Florida Center for Government Accountability filed a lawsuit alleging that the administration had not turned over requested records about the flights, which drew national attention after 49 migrants were flown from San Antonio, Texas, to Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. Leon County Circuit Judge J. Lee Marsh ruled in October that the administration did not properly comply with the state's public-records law. - 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- JONES DISCUSSES BLACK VOTE - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-Miami Gardens, will take part in a panel discussion at Florida International University titled, "The Black Vote: Historical and Contemporary Significance." The discussion is part of a series of events that FIU will hold in conjunction with Juneteenth. - Florida International University, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023

- AIF HOLDS 'POLICY RETREAT' - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - Associated Industries of Florida will hold a "policy retreat" and awards dinner, with speakers expected to include Attorney General Ashley Moody and Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota. - Tradewinds Island Resorts, St. Pete Beach.
- FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will hold a Strategic Planning Committee meeting, followed by a full board meeting. - Florida Polytechnic University, Applied Research Center, 4700 Research Way, Lakeland. Call-in number: 1-415-655-0001. Code: 24262547081 - 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
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. - CareerSource Heartland, 5901 U.S. 27 South, Sebring.
- WORKERS' COMP BOARD - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors will meet. - Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will meet. - Information at <http://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/orlando-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- CITRUS ISSUES - Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. - The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. - Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, 5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs.
- COUNCIL ON BLACK MEN, BOYS - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The state Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys will meet. - <https://meet.goto.com/468417517>. Call-in number: 1-866-899 4679. Code: 468417517
- SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Education Estimating Conference will analyze what is known as "capital outlay full time equivalent" enrollment. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

- FSU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8 a.m., with full board at 3:30 p.m. - The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet after a series of committee meetings. - Florida State University, Turnbull Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- PHARMACY BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Board of Pharmacy will meet in Volusia County. - The Shores Resort & Spa, 2637 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores.

- UNF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - University of North Florida, Student Union, Jacksonville.
- FIU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m., with full board at 2 p.m. - The Florida International University Board of Trustees will meet after a series of committee meetings. - Florida International University, Graham University Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami. <https://webcast.fiu.edu/>
- TRANSPORTATION PANEL - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will meet in Charlotte County. - Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda.
- SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. - South Florida Water Management District, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- PANHANDLE PLANNING COUNCIL - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The Emerald Coast Regional Council will meet. - Chautauqua Building, 95 Circle Dr., DeFuniak Springs.
- LAWMAKERS SPEAK TO TIGER BAY - Thursday, noon. - Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, and Rep. Fiona McFarland, R-Sarasota, will speak to the Sarasota Tiger Bay Club. - Michael's on East, 1212 South East Ave., Sarasota.
- OWEN EXECUTION SCHEDULED - Thursday, 6 p.m. - Death Row inmate Duane Owen is scheduled to be executed in the 1984 murder of Georgianna Worden, who was bludgeoned with a hammer and sexually assaulted in her Boca Raton home. - Florida State Prison, 23916 N.W. 83rd Ave., Raiford.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

- TREASURE COAST COUNCIL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. - Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Wolf High-Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- JOBS REPORT RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a May unemployment report.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - The South Florida Regional Planning Council will meet in Monroe County. - Murray E. Nelson Government Center, 10250 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

- DESANTIS CAMPAIGNS IN NEVADA - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pacific time. - Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican candidate for president, will speak at the 8th Annual Basque Fry, an event hosted by the Morning in Nevada PAC. - The Corley Ranch, Gardnerville, Nev.
- LAWMAKERS CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Windermere, and Rep. LaVon Bracy Davis, D-Ocoee, will host a Juneteenth festival. - Bill Breeze Park, 125 North Lakeshore Dr., Ocoee.

Tropical Outlook

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook
National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Seven-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: ✕ < 40% ✕ 40-60% ✕ > 60%
Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: ○ Depression ○ Storm ● Hurricane
⊗ Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

About the Briefing!

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