



51 years ago, on this day in 1972 : The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland where it educates and commissions officers admits women for the first time in its history with the induction of 81 female midshipmen (officer cadets). The class of 2025 includes **325 women and 788 men**

## ***The Briefing for Thursday- July 6- 2023***

*The last Briefing was Saturday, July 1, 2023*

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

### **Coalition Chair Appoints 3 Commissioners to Small County Coalition Executive Committee**

*Small County Coalition Chair Russell Melendy - County Commissioner from Hardee County has announced the three Chairs appointees to serve a 1 year term on the Small County Coalition Executive Committee. Melendy' appointees are Indian River Commissioner Susan Adams, Levy County Commissioner John Meeks, and, Okeechobee County Commissioners Kelly Owens. The Commissioners are appointed as At-Large members of the Coalition's Executive Committee. Here is a listing of the Officers and Executive Committee Members that will serve during 2023-24 FY:*



### **OFFICERS and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS for 2023-24**

Chair – Commissioner Russell Melendy, Hardee County  
Vice– Commissioner Tray Hawkins, Washington County  
Secretary – Commissioner Chris Dougherty, Bradford County  
Past- Chair – Commissioner Terry Burroughs, Okeechobee County

#### **Executive Committee Members**

#### **Chairs At-Large Appointees (Up to 3)**

Commissioner Susan Adams , (Indian River County)  
Commissioner John Meeks, (Levy County )  
Commissioner Kelly Owens (Okeechobee County)

### **Region 1**

*(Wakulla, Franklin, Gulf, Walton, Washington, Holmes, Santa Rosa\* and Okaloosa\*)*

Commissioner Danny Glidewell, (Walton County) - 2025

Commissioner Ricky Jones, (Gulf County) – 2024

### **Region 2**

*(Hamilton, Gadsden, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, and Calhoun)*

Commissioner Ronnie Moore (Madison County) - 2025

Commissioner Scott Monlyn (Calhoun County) – 2024

### **Region 3**

*(Bradford, \*Clay, Columbia, Union, Baker, Nassau, Flagler, and Putnam)*

Commissioner Donald O'Brien – (Flagler) - 2025

Commissioner Larry Harvey (Putnam County)- 2024

### **Region 4**

*(Gilchrist, Lafayette, Dixie, Levy, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Citrus and Hernando)*

Commissioner Anthony Adams (Lafayette County) – 2025

Commissioner Darrell Smith (Gilchrist County)– 2024

### **Region 5**

*(\*Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Hardee, Highlands, Indian River, Okeechobee, Martin, and Monroe)*

Commissioner Ramon Iglesias – (Hendry County) - 2025

Commissioner Michelle Lincoln (Monroe County) – 2024

## **Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems**

### **What are the new requirements? How do they impact your county?**

In 2020, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 712, also known as the Clean Waterways Act (CWA), now Chapter 2020-150, Laws of Florida. This legislation passed with unanimous, bipartisan support and carries a wide range of water-quality protection provisions aimed at minimizing the impact of known sources of nutrient pollution and strengthening regulatory requirements. The CWA directed DEP to create an OSTDS Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that was charged with developing and providing recommendations the governor and legislature by Jan. 1, 2022, related to requirements for the physical location of OSTDS and the marketplace availability and use of associated Enhanced Nutrient Reducing (ENR) technology. The formation of a TAC was used by DEP to seek and receive input and recommendations from external stakeholders during the rule development process.

[TAC Recommendations Report](#)

During the 2023 legislative session, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 1379, [Laws of Florida Chapter No. 2023-169](#). This statute specifies areas (impacted areas) in the state where Enhanced Nutrient-Reducing Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (ENR-OSTDS) are required instead of conventional septic systems. Which new OSTDS (aka septic system) permits are affected?

- New septic system construction permits that meet all of the following are affected:
- On lots one acre or less.
- Systems located in an impacted area.

Applications received by the Department of Health county health department (CHD) on or after July 1, 2023, or incomplete applications (except for the site evaluation) received before July 1, 2023.

**Here are general websites that provide additional information regarding this program:**

<https://floridadep.gov/water/onsite-sewage>

<https://floridadep.gov/water/onsite-sewage/content/onsite-sewage-treatment-and-disposal-systems-ostds-technical-advisory>

## **Headlines Around the State**

*NYTimes: DeSantis Campaign Continues to Struggle to Find Its Footing*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis drags Donald Trump as 'pioneer' in 'injecting gender ideology into the mainstream'*

*FlaPol: Donald Trump claims Ron DeSantis campaign in 'total disarray' after New Hampshire 'performance'*

*CBS Miami: Miami Mayor Francis Suarez launches AI chatbot for presidential campaign*

*Herald: AI version of Francis Suarez hits digital campaign trail but doesn't have all the answers*

*FlaPol: Casey DeSantis will head to Iowa for national 'Mamas for DeSantis' reboot*

*FlaPol: Mike Huckabee calls for 'course corrections' to slumping Ron DeSantis campaign*

*FlaPol: 'Blowing it': Ron DeSantis rips Joe Biden for white powder in the White House*

*Sun-Sentinel: Trump valet due in court again Thursday in secret documents case. Did he hire a local lawyer?*

*Herald: Trump aide set for third shot at arraignment in Miami. If he can find a local attorney*

*CBS Miami: DOJ had video of boxes being moved at Mar-a-Lago before FBI search*

*NBC News: More Mar-a-Lago search warrant information released in Trump classified docs case*

*FlaPol: Rick Scott meets with Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel*

*Politico: Matt Gaetz proposes end to cannabis testing for military*

*Roll Call: Diaz-Balart puts stamp on Latin America programs in spending bill*

*The Floridian: Florida Lawmakers Propose Nonpartisan Bill to Offer Emergency Agricultural Assistance*

*Times: Are Florida laws chasing university faculty away? Some see a 'brain drain.'*

*NBC Miami: These are the 5 state driver's licenses no longer valid in Florida under new immigration law*

*Daily News: Pardoned, fired, retired: SW FL lures famous politicians, pundits*

*Post: Is Florida the top state Americans want to move to, or move out of? We have some answers*

*FlaPol: Scotty Moore shuts down congressional campaign as he runs for HD 35*

*NBC Miami: 'I still can't say goodbye': Parkland families walk through building where massacre happened*

*WLRN: Victims' families walk through Parkland school shooting site, untouched for 5 years*

*Herald: Parkland families make first visit to school building. 'I wanted to stand where he stood'*

*Sun-Sentinel: Parents visit site of Parkland mass shooting: 'Do not turn away'*

*Times-Union: Supreme Court ruling on Colorado LGBTQ case could influence lawsuit over Jacksonville HRO*

*Sentinel: Ben Crump hired by family of man killed by Orlando police officer*

*Democrat: DeSantis criticized for 'desperate' tactics as campaign struggles against Trump*

*NBC News: Ron DeSantis defends video going after Trump on LGBTQ issues: 'Totally fair game'*

*Politico: Florida GOP will require DeSantis, Trump to sign loyalty pledge to make primary ballot*

*Times: DeSantis reshaped Florida higher education over the last year. Here's how.*

*NBC News: 2 top public health positions in Ron DeSantis' administration are vacant*

*Sentinel: Millionaire developer Hosseini wields great influence with DeSantis*

*WLRN: Florida says law restricting Chinese land ownership is not discriminatory*

*WUSF: Transgender Floridians remain in limbo as legal fight over gender-affirming care continues*

*Sentinel: Agriculture Commissioner Simpson reports \$20.6 million net worth*

*Bradenton Herald: What happens next for sports betting in Florida after federal court decision?*

*Ledger: Lakeland's Jennifer Canady chosen to be Florida House Speaker for 2028-2030 term*

*WLRN: Florida's new concealed carry law doesn't change where guns are prohibited*

*Sun-Sentinel: FAU selects finalists for president; DeSantis-supported GOP Rep. Randy Fine is not among them*

*The Capitolist: Amid swirling rumors, Rep. Randy Fine not among finalists for FAU President position*

*Post: A Republican won this Florida House seat last year. Can she keep it in 2024?*

*FlaPol: State releases emergency rules on mandatory masking in health care settings*

*Herald Tribune: New College ramps up search for president, approves salary range ahead of trustees meeting*

*Ledger: Gov. DeSantis appoints five to Polk State College Board of Trustees*

*Times: Appointed by DeSantis, Suzy Lopez to run for Hillsborough state attorney*

*CBS Miami: Revamped FAMU lawsuit alleges discrimination*

*City & State FL: Jack Latvala case returns to Florida Commission on Ethics*

*WUSF: Thousands of educators protest Florida book ban outside of convention center*

*Sun-Sentinel: Broward sheriff's ethics case put on hold as state prepares for hearing where his police license is on the line*

*My News 13: Floridians face growing coyote concerns*

*WLRN: Joy and fear as Guatemalans celebrate their heritage in the face of new immigration law*

*Herald: Florida lawyer filed for disbarment. He's accused of murdering his father the next day*

*Bradenton Herald: 'I have a lot to learn.' Jason Wysong sworn in as Manatee County's new superintendent*

*Times: How, and if, DeSantis could put an end to birthright citizenship*

*Democrat: DeSantis steps up pace of executions in Florida, chasing Trump*

*The Hill: Former Trump press secretary says he showed classified documents to people on Mar-a-Lago dining patio*

*The Floridian: Steube Believes Biden's Alleged Crimes are Treasonous*

*FlaPol: Maxwell Frost adds star power to rally for 'Freedom to Learn'*

*The Floridian: Franklin Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Support Florida Farmers*

*WLRN: Florida and other states see big jump in maternal mortality rates*

*USA Today: 1 million Florida buildings will be overrun by sea-level rise by 2100, study shows*

*Herald: In 'strictly private' sessions, some to visit crime scene of 2018 Parkland shooting*

*NBC News: DeSantis is squeezing the sunshine out of Florida's public records law, critics say*

*Times: DeSantis Florida crime claims based on incomplete data, records show*

*The Floridian: DeSantis Invokes 'Sacred Fire of Liberty' in new ad*

*The Floridian: Fried Calls SB 1718 'a Disaster'*

*Democrat: Pre-high school game prayer law goes into effect in Florida. Its controversy continues.*

*Wash. Post: A Florida city famous for its water worries that it might run out of it*  
*News4Jax: After the July 4th holiday, its time to get to work for the Deegan administration*  
*WLRN: The sargassum season for Florida is gone: Mysterious seaweed disappearances continue*  
*NBC Miami: Scientists noticed 'dramatic decrease' in sargassum in South Florida beaches. USF professor explains why*  
*PNJ: Can settlement money make a dent in Escambia's opioid crisis?*

### **On the Docket**

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023**

- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- NEW COLLEGE BOARD MEETS - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet.  
- <https://ncf.zoom.us/j/99854714892?pwd=MzBEcEFDa2hTN1BWdDIvVDJiK0Z6dz09>. Code: 706676
- BROADBAND DISCUSSED - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Office of Broadband will hold one in a series of meetings to discuss broadband connectivity and availability. - Big Bend Technical College, 3233 South Byron Parkway, Perry.
- DEER DISEASE AT ISSUE - Thursday, 6 p.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will hold a meeting about chronic wasting disease, which has been described as similar to mad cow disease, with deer becoming emaciated and often being found isolated and trembling. A case of the contagious disease was recently detected in a deer killed in Holmes County. - Bonifay K-8 School, 140 Blue Devil Dr., Bonifay.

#### **FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023**

- HEARING AID BOARD MEETS - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will meet in Pinellas County. - Sheraton Sand Key Resort, 1160 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater Beach.
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD MEETS - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. - Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82608630608?pwd=OERkeTU4eE1od0lZWbHOGVTblE4dz09>. Meeting ID: 82608630608. Code: 854806. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656
- BROADBAND DISCUSSED - Friday, 2:30 p.m. - The Department of Economic Opportunity's Office of Broadband will hold one in a series of meetings to discuss broadband connectivity and availability. - Gulf Coast State College, Gulf/Franklin Campus, 3800 Garrison Ave. Port St. Joe.

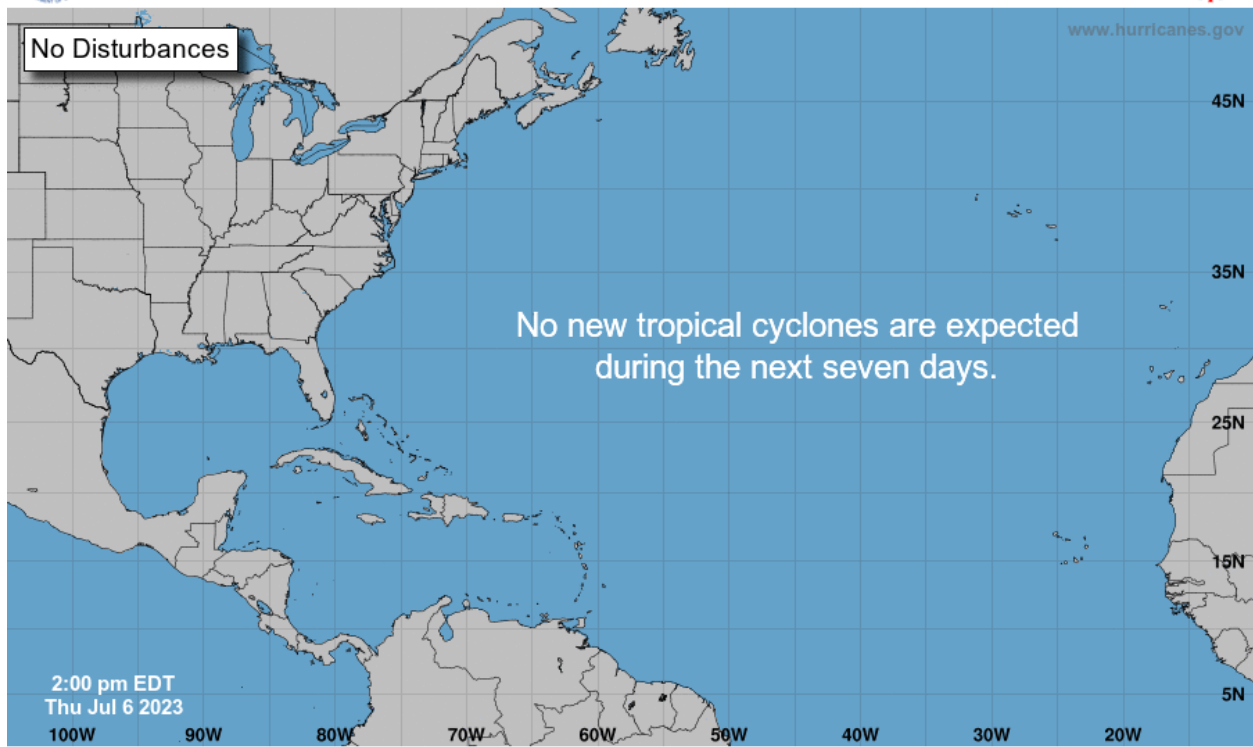
### ***Tropical Outlook***

<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

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