

Are you ready for some football?
AP - Top 25 Pre-season Rankings



FSU Ranked # 8 – Open up against #5 – LSU in Orlando on September 3 at 7:30pm

The Briefing for Tuesday – August 15, 2023

The last Briefing was August 13, 2023
How's your weather – <https://weather.com/>

The Quick

Florida House of Representative Opens Local/Member Project Requests

[Link to House of Representatives Appropriation Project Information](#)

- **Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.**
- [House Appropriations Project Request Form FY 2023-24](#)
- [Appropriations Project Request Form Guidance - FY 2024-25](#)
- [Attestation Form - FY 2024-25](#)
 - **Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.**
- [Frequently Asked Questions and Materials: House Appropriations Projects](#)

Here's the list of projects requested by House members last year.
<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/AppropriationProjectRequests/2023>

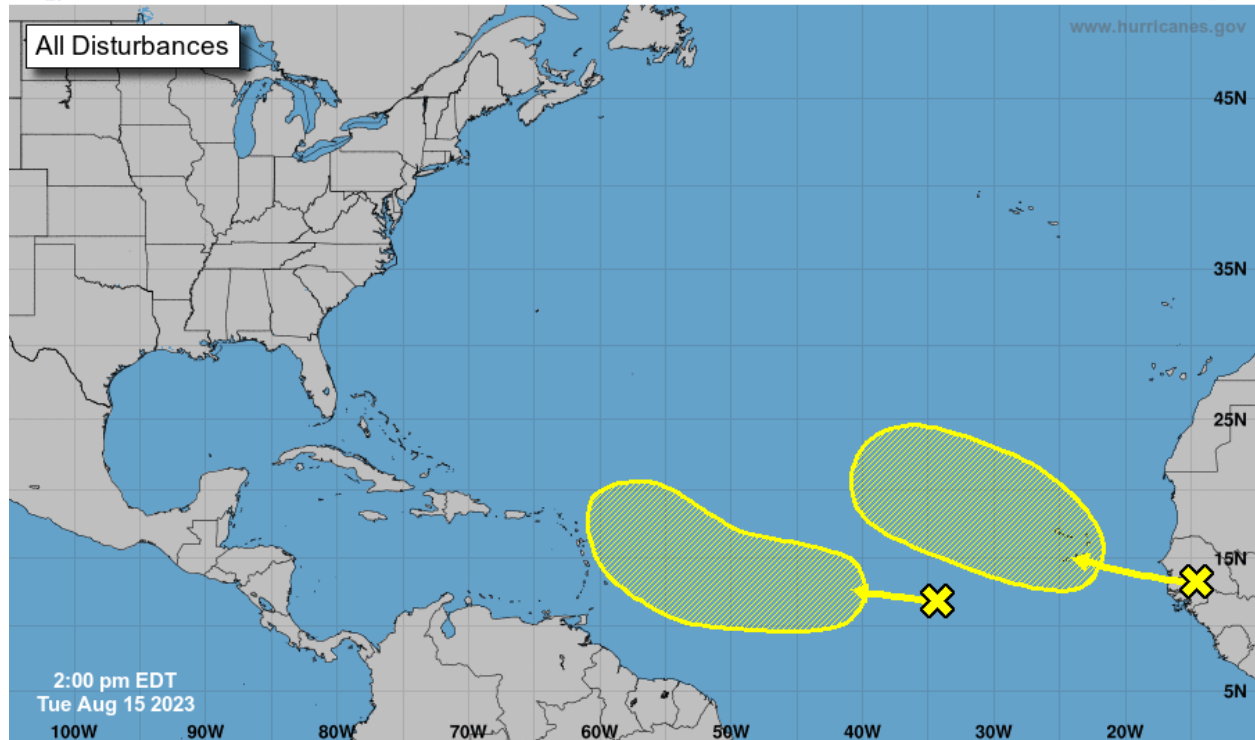
The Senate has not announced the 2024 process yet! Anticipate that in a few weeks!
Suggestion – start developing requests based on the House information.

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

Headlines Around the State

Sun-Sentinel: Fox and other right-wing channels lavish attention on Trump. DeSantis is far, far behind.

FlaPol: Iowa Association of Black Journalists 'incensed' at Ron DeSantis after rally exclusion

Roll Call: DeSantis says he sold all stocks; House disclosures show otherwise

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis hogged a bumper cars ride, then his campaign made it a bigger issue

WUSF: Biden administration backs blocking parts of a Florida tech law

Democrat: DeSantis-led redistricting under legal fire after boosting GOP, erasing Black district

Herald: Immigration advocates move again to block Florida transportation law in federal court

The Floridian: Suarez Says DeSantis Campaign is 'in Decline'

Herald Tribune: 'Accelerating crisis': Ousted Florida ACLU members' lawsuit points to political infighting

Times: ACLU has become too partisan, ousted Florida board members say in lawsuit

The Floridian: Frost: DeSantis Decision to Suspend Worrell is 'Modern Day Fascism'

The Floridian: Steube Files HUNTER Act to Get Answers About White House Cocaine-gate

FlaPol: Donna Deegan 'hopeful' that Black-performing congressional district returns to North Florida

FlaPol: Economists agree: Florida's Medicaid program headed into the red this year

Times: Florida hospitals rebound from severe nursing shortage during pandemic

TCPalm: LGBTQ+ youth in Florida lack equitable access to mental health care

The Capitolist: Florida expands FDA lawsuit regarding imported prescription drugs, citing additional neglected information requests

Times: Florida drivers, get ready for sharp increases in auto insurance rates

Axios: New College students take transfer deal from Massachusetts liberal arts school

WLRN: Getting canceled: Key Biscayne is in the eye of the insurance crisis

PNJ: Florida gas prices see 10-cent dip but experts expect another increase

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis now claims 'every urban core is a disaster zone'

CBS Miami: Gov. DeSantis: State has 'moved on' amid Disney fight

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis talks 'deaths of despair' while addressing entitlement crisis

FlaPol: Another Ron DeSantis ad stresses military stint

The Messenger: Top Florida Legislators Compete to Raise Money for DeSantis

FlaPol: Democrats bring 'Take Back Florida' tour to North Florida

Bradenton Herald: Florida ethics chairman took a new job that may create a \$400K ethical conflict

Sentinel: DeSantis Disney board chief faces scrutiny over ethics role

Herald Tribune: New College professors, students file lawsuit to block DeSantis' higher education law

Sentinel: DeSantis-appointee says he got rid of catch-and-release policy. Former staffer says it never existed.

WLRN: Descendant of Ocoee massacre victim denounces Florida's African American history standards

Ledger: DeSantis' appointment of judge to Lakeland appellate court draws strong reactions

CBS Miami: Republican files for Broward House seat

Sun-Sentinel: Back-to-school scramble is on for child vaccines. Florida drops to 10-year low in completing shot regimen

Times: Hillsborough will offer AP Psychology course after all, ending confusion

Times: How much could it cost to expand Hillsborough commission? Millions.

WUSF: How deadly is Florida heat? Experts say official numbers don't show the whole picture

WLRN: Heat warning stickers are going up on Florida gas pumps

Herald: Cops made hard but right choice handling Ramirez marital dispute in Tampa, experts say

Democrat: Nick Maddox lands CEO job with homeless advocacy group, vows to recuse on some votes

Times-Union: Jacksonville eviction numbers on the rise even as rental costs hold steady

Axios: Sarasota County's income boom caused by pandemic-related migration

On the Docket Around the State

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

- ELECTIONS COMMISSION - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Elections Commission will meet. Location: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4391393799096818270>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2074. Code: 424284031
- MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder will meet. Location: Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, 14100 Bonnet Creek Resort Lane, Orlando.
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: St. Petersburg College, EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater.
- FAU TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Information at <https://www.fau.edu/bot/>
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Location: Northwest Florida State College, Student Services Center, 100 College Blvd., Niceville.
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus, 4200 South Congress Ave., Lake Worth.
- PENSACOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a workshop, committee meetings and a full board meeting. Location: Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. North Florida College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: North Florida College, 325 N.W. Turner Davis Dr., Madison.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

- CABINET AIDES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. Aides to Gov. Ron DeSantis and members of the state Cabinet will meet to discuss issues in advance of an Aug. 22 Cabinet meeting. Location: Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.
- FINANCIAL 'OUTLOOKS' - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss an end-of-the-year outlook for general revenue and an outlook for the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. Location: <https://www.gotomeet.me/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 985532741
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Location: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 686974885
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Location Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COUNCIL - Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The Emerald Coast Regional Council will meet. Location: Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 North Eglin Parkway, Shalimar. www.gotostage.com/channel/ecrc
- CHILDREN'S ISSUES ADDRESSED - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet will meet. Location: The Renaissance Academy, 4351 Mahan Dr., Tallahassee.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.

- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 5 p.m. The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Lake-Sumter State College, South Lake Campus, 1250 North Hancock Road, Clermont.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023

- CHIROPRACTIC ISSUES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. Location: Holiday Inn Disney Springs, 1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Location: South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- DEFENSE ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. Location: Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/events/>
- TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD - Thursday, 11 a.m. Central time The board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., which helps administer settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. Issues are expected to include an \$8.5 million proposal to help the Port of Pensacola become a training base for American Magic, a yacht-racing team that is an America's Cup challenger. Location: Bay County Government Center, 840 West 11th St., Panama City.
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Daytona State College, DeLand Campus, Bert Fish Hall, 1155 County Road 4139, DeLand.
- HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE - Thursday, 6 p.m. Rep. Yvonne Hinson, D-Gainesville, will hold a workshop for people who are interested in buying their first homes and need information about local and state assistance. Location: Santa Fe Blount Center, 530 West University Ave., Gainesville.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023

- HIGHER ED LEADERS - Friday, 8 a.m. Brian Lamb, chairman of the state university system's Board of Governors, Board of Governors member Eric Silagy and system Chancellor Ray Rodrigues are scheduled to meet to discuss issues such as legislative budget requests. Location: <https://flbog.zoom.us/j/83087347107?pwd=bj14RE5MZnIrNHVCMHBPS2t3Mk04UT09>
- GENERAL REVENUE ESTIMATED - Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will update projections of state general revenue, which plays a key role in funding schools, health programs and prisons. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Commerce will release a July unemployment report.
- DUVAL JUDICIAL INTERVIEWS SET - Friday, 10 a.m. The 4th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a Duval County judge position. Candidates are James Le Mieux, Phil Bavington, James Nealis, Isaac East, Marquita Green, Katelyn Johnston, Matthew Lufrano, Joshua Beard, Nancy Cleaveland, David Wainer III and Jordan Beard. Location: Duval County Courthouse, 501 West Adams St., Jacksonville.
- FGCU TRUSTEES - Friday, 2 p.m. The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will meet. Location: <https://www.fgcu.edu/about/leadership/fgcuboardoftrustees/boardcast>

About the Briefing!

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