



The Briefing for September 18, 2023

The last Briefing was September 15 – 2023

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

Post-Op Update

Currently in Week four post-surgery; Rehab Going Well – Walking/Climbing a few steps; Impressive Scar; Begin Driving Wednesday

College Football link-Schedules and Rankings

[NCAA Football Schedule for Week 4](#)

[Link to this Weeks AP Rankings for College Football](#)

Florida's Big Three – FSU, Miami, and UF all ranked in the Top 25

The Quick

Perez To Be Speaker Designate

Florida state Rep. Daniel Perez's House speaker designation ceremony will be in Florida's House chamber this morning. Tune in [here](#) at 10 a.m. The Miami Republican is set to take the gavel after the 2024 election.

Two Clear Priorities –

Property insurance

- Implement reforms on the private insurance market to ensure that Florida families are treated fairly, paid for their claims in a timely manner and guaranteed a transparent notification process regarding any changes in coverage.
- Shrink the size and scope of Citizens to again make it the insurer of last resort, drive down insurance costs and make sure that it's fully funded and can pay every legitimate claim made by policyholders without forcing higher fees on policyholders, forcing the state into new tax assessments on Florida families, or both
- Implement additional reforms on the private insurance market to ensure that Florida families are treated fairly, paid for their claims in a timely manner and guaranteed a transparent notification process regarding any changes in coverage.

Relief for the 22,000-person state wait-list for Floridians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Legislative Schedule for the Week
Today

10:00AM **H** **Designation of Rep. Daniel Perez** **House Chamber**

Representative Daniel Perez (R-Miami) will be designated as the incoming Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives during a ceremony in the Florida Capitol. He will serve from November 2024 through November 2026.

Tomorrow Only Three Committee Meetings in the House
No Senate Meetings this week

9:00AM **H** **Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee**

11:00AM **H** **Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee**

1:30PM **H** **Transportation & Modals Subcommittee**

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

[Link to the Florida Senate](#)

[Link to the Florida House of Representatives](#)

[The Florida Channel](#)

House and Senate Calendars

[House Calendar for the Week](#)

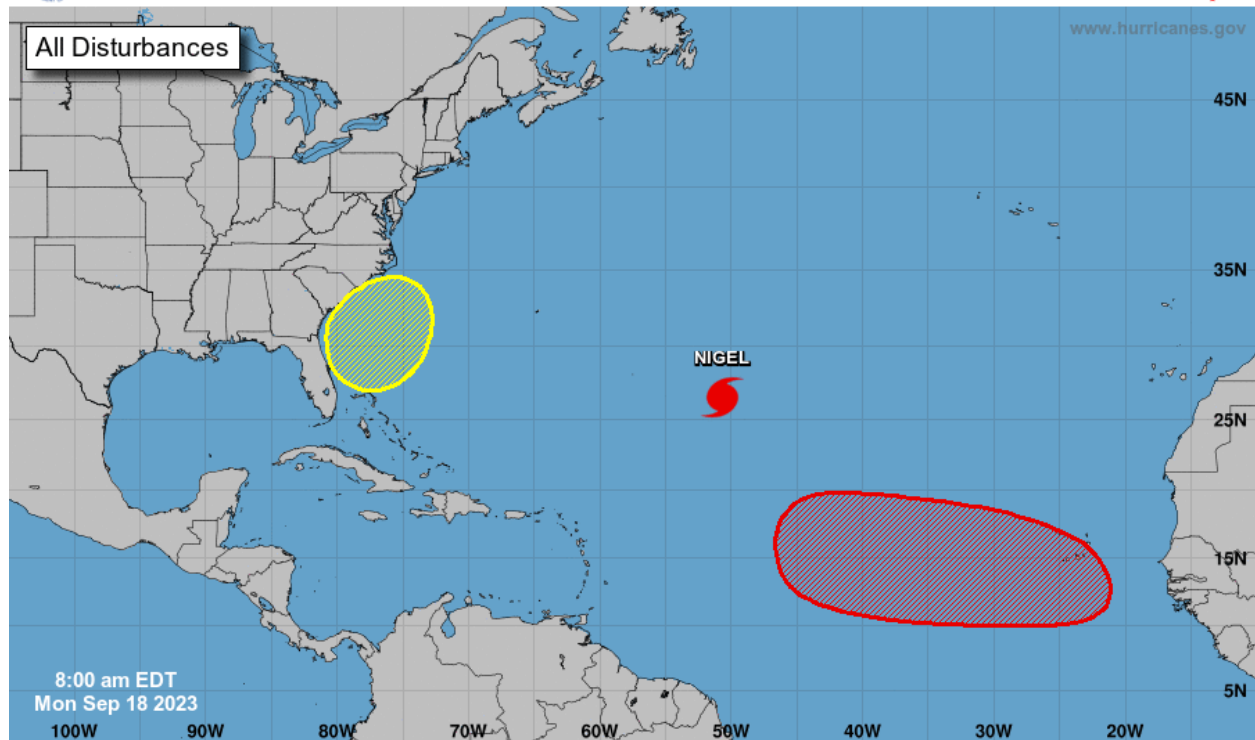
[Senate Interim Committee Schedule](#)

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

Politico: Trump moves to put the nail in DeSantis' campaign coffin

The Hill: DeSantis's campaign targets Trump over abortion comments

NYTimes: 'A Terrible Mistake': Trump Criticizes DeSantis on Abortion Ban

Bloomberg: DeSantis Heads to Texas to Woo Donors as Campaign Faces Cash Crunch

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis distances self from Super PAC oppo against Vivek Ramaswamy

The Hill: Rick Scott's GOP challenger has deep pockets — and says he's willing to spend

Axios: Florida's post-Roe v. Wade abortion uptick

WUSF: Experts discuss Medicare drug price negotiations and their impact on Floridians

Democrat: FAMU rises to no. 91 in U.S. News & World Report as top public HBCU

Democrat: U.S. News ranks FSU at 23, breaking Top 20 streak amid 'rankings chaos'

Times: UF falls to No. 6 in U.S. News rankings as other Florida schools dip too

Post: How did Florida universities do in the U.S. News rankings? Check out FAU

FlaPol: U.S. News counts Florida Poly among nation's top public engineering programs

FlaPol: UCF stands out as innovative school in U.S. News & World Report rankings

The Messenger: Trump Moves Operation Back to Mar-a-Lago in Florida

FlaPol: After avoiding Joe Biden post-Idalia, Ron DeSantis requests storm relief from feds
NBC Miami: Miami Mayor Francis Suarez responds to video of heated exchange with Miami Herald reporter
WUSF: Property taxes for 2024 reflect a record year of inflation in Florida
City & State FL: Five things to know about future Florida House Speaker Daniel Perez
TCPalm: Lawmaker seeks to restore Florida rental rights, require landlords to provide AC
Post: Tuition at Florida's 12 public universities: The top of the list might surprise you
WUSF: USF unveils 'What Lies Beneath,' an exhibit on the research into more than 40 'lost cemeteries'
PNJ: PSC celebrates 75 years as place for 1st meetings, 2nd chances and lifetime success
FlaPol: Lawmakers aide gets appointment to Marion County Commission
Today: SpaceX expansion will claim more wetlands and scrub habitat at Kennedy Space Center
FlaPol: UCF gifts game ball to David Smith during Knights halftime

On the Docket Around the State

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Legislature:

- PEREZ DESIGNATION - Monday, 10 a.m. The House will hold a ceremony to formally designate Rep. Daniel Perez, R-Miami, as the next House speaker. Perez will succeed Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, after the 2024 elections and serve a two-year term. House chamber, the Capitol.

Also:

- UNF TRUSTEES MEET- Monday, 8:30 a.m. The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of North Florida, University Center, Jacksonville.
- CONSERVATION ISSUES - Monday, 8:45 a.m. Gov. Ron DeSantis and the state Cabinet will take up a series of issues, including proposals to spend more than \$141 million to conserve 42,000 acres of land in various parts of Florida. DeSantis and Cabinet members will participate by phone. The public can listen to the meeting in the Cabinet meeting room at the Capitol or on The Florida Channel.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL - Monday, 10:30 a.m. The South Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 250, Hollywood.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81768005536?pwd=ZzZTQnIzS29DVEY5QmViNjFYIYVIUT09>. Meeting ID: 81768005536. Code: 023080
- SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES MEET- Monday, 2 p.m. The Seminole State College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, Auto Showroom, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.
- TCC TRUSTEES MEET- Monday, 2:30 p.m. The Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Tallahassee Community College, Hinson Administration Building, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Legislature:

- ‘RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD’ ADDRESSED- Tuesday, 9 a.m. The House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee will receive presentations on a 2022 law related to “responsible fatherhood.” Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- WETLANDS - Tuesday, 11 a.m. The House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee will receive presentations from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection about wetlands and the St. Johns River Water Management District about mitigation banking. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the Florida Transportation Commission. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- ATHLETIC TRAINING BOARD - Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Athletic Training will meet. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 884984349
- PASCO-HERNANDO COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees will meet. Pasco-Hernando State College, Spring Hill Campus, Rao Musunuru M.D. Conference Center, 450 Beverly Court, Spring Hill.
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. St. Petersburg College, Gibbs Campus, 6605 Fifth Ave. North, St. Petersburg.
- SPACE FLORIDA ISSUES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Space Florida Board of Directors will meet. Call-in Number: 1-855-758-1310. Guest code: 6277636389. Passcode: 567768
- STATE INVESTMENTS - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The state Investment Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. The Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tampa-bay-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. Northwest Florida State College, Student Services Center, 100 College Blvd., Niceville.
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus, 4200 South Congress Ave., Lake Worth.
- SANTA FE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet. Santa Fe College, Academy of Science and Technology, 3000 N.W. 83rd St., Gainesville.
- PENSACOLA COLLEGE BOARD - 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. Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- ‘ABOVE & BEYOND’ EVENT - Tuesday, 6 p.m. City & State Florida and The News Service of Florida will host “Above & Beyond,” an event honoring women in government and public service. Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- DEER DISEASE - Tuesday, 6 p.m. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 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 detected this year in a deer killed in Holmes County. Bonifay K-8 School, 140 Blue Devil Dr., Bonifay.

- BLACK HISTORY - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Rep. Angie Nixon, D-Jacksonville, will be among the panelists during an event titled, “The Value of Black History: A Community Forum.” The event will be held by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. The Bethel Church, 215 Bethel Baptist St., Jacksonville.
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

- MEDICAID ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee will meet. Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Dr., Building 3, Tallahassee.
- WATER QUALITY - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The state’s Blue-Green Algae Task Force will meet. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7339003053370481495>
- 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: 686974885
- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The state university system’s Board of Governors will meet after holding a series of committee meetings. Committees will start at 10 a.m., with the full board expected to meet about 11:35 a.m. <https://flbog.zoom.us/j/89092956199?pwd=Uk12M1ZIMVdxcUVIMGQ0a0c4WEVYQT09>
- EAST CENTRAL COUNCIL - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. 455 North Garland Ave., Orlando.
- 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.
- PATRONIS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY- Wednesday, 2 p.m. State Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis is expected to hold a discussion in Palm Beach County about issues related to the Internal Revenue Service. Okeechobee Steakhouse, 2854 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.
- ST. JOHNS RIVER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will meet. St. Johns River State College, St. Augustine Campus, Viking Center, 2990 College Dr., St. Augustine.
- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE BOARD - 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.
- TURNPIKE WIDENING - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise will hold a public hearing on a project-development and environment study for widening part of the turnpike in Broward County. Chateau Mar Golf Resort, 3501 Inverrary Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

- DEFENSE ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. Hampton Inn & Suites Miami South, 22855 N.E. Ninth St., Homestead.
- SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91588729954?pwd=OVErTVNQVVpRZjQrY1Jab1dpMDBPUT09>. Meeting ID: 91588729954. Code: 082520. Call-in number: 1-929-205-6099.

- SPORTS FOUNDATION BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Sports Foundation Board of Directors is scheduled to meet. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82142951851?pwd=M8kauRgLuITwGu7W31qDTynZcJ21GY.1>. Meeting ID: 82142951851. Code: 612599
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Broward Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://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 expected to release regular weekly opinions.
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will meet. The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- ‘BANNED BOOK READOUT’ - Thursday, 5:15 p.m. Rep. Angie Nixon, D-Jacksonville, is expected to take part in a “Banned Book Readout” held by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. James Weldon Johnson Park, 135 West Monroe St., Jacksonville.
- NORTH FLORIDA WATER ISSUES - Thursday, 6:30 p.m. The Suwannee River Water Management District will hold a workshop about a draft North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan. Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board Room, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak. <https://northfloridawater.com/watersupplyplan/index.html>

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

- DRUG LIST - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee, which makes recommendations about a preferred drug list in the Medicaid program, will meet. <https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/91676269640?pwd=Z280MjdqaHVNZDJJBWksZUjF0Y0pPUT09>
- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS - Friday, 9 a.m. The Council of Presidents of the Florida College System is scheduled to meet. Tallahassee Community College Center for Innovation, 300 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY - Friday, 9 a.m. U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson, a Florida Democrat who is chairwoman of the Caucus on the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, will host a panel discussion on African American history. Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place N.W., Washington, D.C.
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will meet. The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- ACUPUNCTURE BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Acupuncture will meet. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 659073965
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/palm-beach-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- OPTICIANS - Friday, 2 p.m. The Florida Board of Opticianry will meet. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 239471221
- GULF CONSORTIUM - Friday, 4 p.m. The Gulf Consortium, which works on issues related to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. <https://meet.goto.com/176854197>. Call-in number: 1-872-240-3212. Code: 176854197

About the Briefing!

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