



*The first day of fall 2023 was Saturday, September 23. Known as the autumnal equinox, which is the day of the year when day and night are approximately equal in length all over the world.*

## ***The Briefing for September 24, 2023***

*The last Briefing was September 22 – 2023*

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

### ***College Football link-Schedules and Rankings***

***[College Football Schedule - Week 5 Regular Season, 2023 - ESPN](#)***

***Noles go 4-0 – beat Clemson in Overtime!***

***Dabo blew it – should have run Shipley! Oh well – go Noles!***

### ***The Quick***

#### ***Local Legislative Hearings***

##### **Monday, October 2, 2023**

- 9:00 PM - N/A - **[Legislative Delegation: Indian River County](#)**
- 5:00 PM CST - N/A - **[Legislative Delegation: Bay County](#)**

##### **Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

- 10:00 AM CST - N/A - **[Legislative Delegation: Holmes County](#)**
- 11:30 AM CST - N/A - **[Legislative Delegation: Washington County](#)**
- 2:00 PM CST - N/A - **[Legislative Delegation: Jackson County](#)**
- 4:30 PM CST - N/A - **[Legislative Delegation: Calhoun County](#)**

##### **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

- 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM - **[Legislative Delegation: Highlands County](#)**
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - **[Legislative Delegation: Clay County](#)**
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM - **[Legislative Delegation: Glades County](#)**
- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM - **[Legislative Delegation: Okeechobee County](#)**

##### **Friday, October 5, 2023**

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - [Legislative Delegation: Martin County](#)
- 5:30 PM CST - N/A - [Legislative Delegation: Walton County](#)

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - [Legislative Delegation: Putnam County](#)

**Friday, October 13, 2023**

- 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM - [Legislative Delegation: St. Johns County](#)
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM - [Legislative Delegation: Flagler County](#)

**Thursday, Oct 23 –**

- 9:00-11:00am - Columbia County Delegation Hearing
- 1:00-2:00pm – Union County Delegation Hearing
- 3:00-4:00pm – Baker County Delegation Hearing

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

- 5:30 PM CST - 7:00 PM CST - [Legislative Delegation: Santa Rosa County](#)

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

- 10:00-Noon – Gilchrist County Delegation Hearing
- 1:30-4:00pm – Alachua County Delegation Hearing
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM - [Legislative Delegation: Nassau County](#)

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - [Legislative Delegation: Hernando County](#)
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - [Legislative Delegation: Sumter County](#)

**Monday, October 30, 2023**

- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - [Legislative Delegation: Citrus County](#)
- 5:30 PM CST - N/A - [Legislative Delegation: Okaloosa County](#)

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - [Legislative Delegation: Hardee County](#)

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - [Legislative Delegation: Charlotte County](#)
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM - [Legislative Delegation: DeSoto County](#)

**Nov 1 –**

- 2:00pm - Bradford County Delegation Hearing - Bradford Co Commission Chamber, Starke

***LATEST POLLS***

**Presidential approval**

- **9/21: (1,500 LV) Approve 45, Disapprove 54** | Rasmussen Reports

**President: 2024 general election, New Hampshire**

- 9/18: (801 LV) Biden 78, Kennedy 9, Williamson 6 | CNN/UNH

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- 9/18: (2,018 LV) Biden (D) 52, Trump (R) 40 | CNN/UNH
- 9/18: (2,018 LV) Biden (D) 50, DeSantis (R) 33 | CNN/UNH
- 9/18: (2,018 LV) Biden (D) 49, Ramaswamy (R) 32 | CNN/UNH
- 9/18: (2,018 LV) Biden (D) 45, Haley (R) 29 | CNN/UNH
- 9/18: (2,018 LV) Biden (D) 49, Pence (R) 20 | CNN/UNH
- 9/18: (2,018 LV) Biden (D) 44, Christie (R) 20 | CNN/UNH
- 9/18: (2,018 LV) Biden (D) 47, Scott (R) 34 | CNN/UNH

**President: 2024 Republican primary, Iowa**

- 9/18: Trump 49, DeSantis 16, Scott 7, Ramaswamy 7, Pence 4, Christie 2, Haley 8, Hutchinson 0, Burgum 4, Hurd 0, Binkley 0 | Trafalgar Group

**Local Funding Request Forms for Senate and House**

**Senate Releases 24-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form**

Senate Appropriations today released the 2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form. The information provided will be published by the Senate for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.

[2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form \[PDF\]](#)

[2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Requests](#)

[Prior Years Local Funding Initiative Requests](#)

**House Local Funding Documents**

**Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.**

[House Appropriations Project Request Form FY 2024-25](#)

[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](#)

[House Prior Year FY 2023-24 Requests](#)

**Links to Monitor the Legislative Session**

[Link to the Florida Senate](#)

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

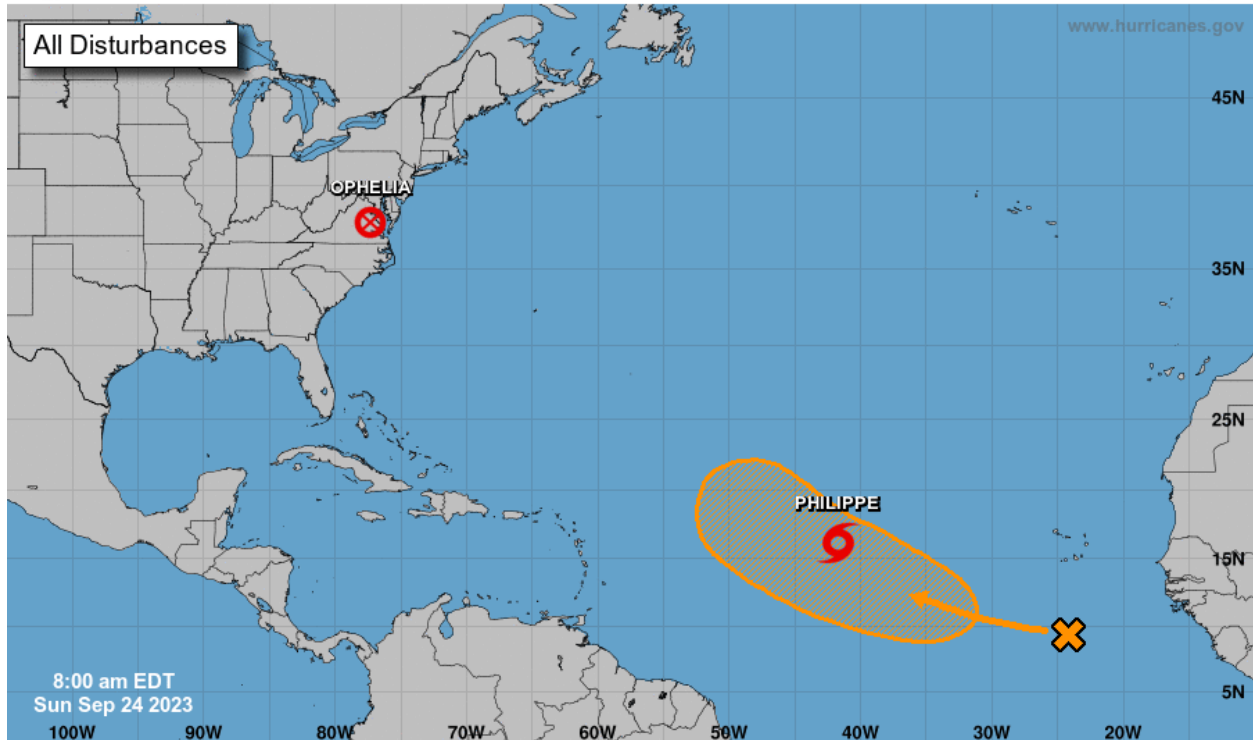
[The Florida Channel](#)

**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***

**TODAY'S**

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Republicans lack the 'confidence' to be labeled 'racist' and attack critical race theory*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis expects pro-choice movement to 'weaponize' Donald Trump's take on 'terrible' Florida abortion law*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis re-ups prediction that terror comes from the Mexican border*

*FlaPol: Protests start Sunday ahead of Ron DeSantis' California campaign trip*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis thinks states should enforce immigration policy if feds aren't doing it 'fully'*

*News-Press: Florida's coastal homes may lose value as climate-fueled storms intensify insurance risk*

*Daily News: He saved lives in Fort Myers after Hurricane Ian, credits storm with saving his own*

*Daily News: Holly Smith on Sanibel a year after Ian: 'These are the lessons people need to look at'*

*DBNJ: Senate president calls Wright's allegations against women's shelter 'troubling'*

*Bradenton Herald: 'Uncertainty and chaos': UF faculty discuss DeSantis policies at Black studies conference*

*WaPo: After Florida restricts Black history, churches step up to teach it*

*Sentinel: A civil-rights story. A fight for transgender bathroom access. And a clash that doesn't follow neat political lines.*

*Herald: Miami candidates call for end to City Hall corruption as campaign season kicks off*

*Times: In Clearwater, mayor's race will headline a crowded March election*

*Sun-Sentinel: Tensions loomed large before Broward College president's resignation: A closer look at the simmering concerns*

*AP: Both parties want to win South Florida. Here's one Cuban activist's view of the political fight*

*Times: New Rays stadium will add 1,200 affordable housing units. Is it enough?*

### **SATURDAY'S**

*Herald-Tribune: DeSantis stumbles into second debate weaker than ever*

*FlaPol: Senate Democrats peg government shutdown on Rick Scott in ad buy*

*Floridian: Steube Joins Republican Colleagues in Rejecting Further U.S. Funds to Ukraine*

*NBC: Miami Mayor Francis Suarez discusses investigations, possible run for Florida governor*

*FlaPol: Nikki Fried demands investigation of Tom Wright after altercation at domestic violence shelter*

*Axios: Florida tries and fails to bring major gun manufacturer to the state*

*Sentinel: Climate insurance bubble could hurt Florida's economy, study says*

*WUSF: Central Florida UAW workers go on strike, call for fair wages and better benefits*

*Sun-Sentinel: Should Parkland shooting be a topic in history class? Some worry it'll dredge up memories*

*Gainesville Sun: School district removes letter from online despite Parents' Bill of Rights clause*

*WUSF: In Miami, it's no coincidence marginalized neighborhoods are hotter*

*NYTimes: Sports Are In, Gender Studies Are Out at College Targeted by DeSantis*

*Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis drops Sagemont Prep campuses, other schools from voucher programs because of China ties*

*FlaPol: Americans for Prosperity Action Florida backs Erika Booth in HD 35*

*FlaPol: Service workers union backs true partner Daniella Levine Cava for re-election as Miami-Dade Mayor*

*FlaPol: Mike Mannino launches second Clearwater City Council bid*

*FlaPol: Miami-Dade again floats using its waters to curb traffic*

*Democrat: White House calls on state governors to fund HBCUs, including FAMU*

*News-Press: 'Rogue jurors' and what-ifs: Defense lawyers dish on Andrew Gillum case in podcast*

*Democrat: Sunshine and shade: Matlow reports 'crime' to FDLE; Dailey says 'he's making this up'*

*Herald Tribune: Sarasota County Commission cuts childcare, homeless services, Boys and Girls Clubs funds*

*FlaPol: Alan Cohn, Andrew Warren spearhead effort to set term limits for U.S. Supreme Court Justices*

*WLRN: No money in Broward budget for tenant right to counsel program, despite activists' pleas*

*TCPalm: Brightline CEO: Treasure Coast train station is focus now following passenger rail launch*

*FlaPol: Fantasy sports betting platforms warned about illegal activity*

### **On the Docket Around the State**

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

- POLK STATE BOARD - Monday, 4 p.m. - The Polk State College Board of Trustees will meet. Polk State College, Lakeland Campus, 3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland.
- RECREATIONAL ISSUES - Monday, 5 p.m. - The South Florida Water Management District will hold a forum about recreational issues within the district. - South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. [https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_P0IBMz04S7CXyCz-PNgM4w#/registration](https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P0IBMz04S7CXyCz-PNgM4w#/registration)
- SUWANNEE WATER DISTRICT BUDGET - Monday, 5:05 p.m. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will hold a hearing on a millage rate and budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. - Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- SAWGRASS WIDENING - Monday, 5:30 p.m. - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a meeting about plans to widen part of the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County. - New River Civic Center, 60 Weston Road, Sunrise.
- SUPREME COURT CLOSED - The Florida Supreme Court will be closed Monday for Yom Kippur.

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. - Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus, 11011 S.W. 104th St., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>
- REDISTRICTING TRIAL STARTS - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - A panel of federal judges will start a trial in a constitutional challenge to a congressional redistricting plan that Gov. Ron DeSantis pushed through the Legislature last year. - Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.
- FLORIDA GULF COAST BOARD HUDDLES - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will hold a workshop. - Florida Gulf Coast University, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers.
- PAROLE CASES - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. - Maitland City Hall, 1776 Independence Lane, Maitland. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- FAU TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will meet. - Information at <httpswww.fau.edu/bot/upcoming-meetings/>
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. - Broward College, Judson A. Samuels South Campus, 7200 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines.
- KEYS COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. - The College of the Florida Keys, Key West Campus, 5901 College Road, Key West.



- ARCHITECTURE PANEL - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The state Board of Architecture and Interior Design will meet. - Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 463216301
- SOUTHWEST DISTRICT BUDGET - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The Southwest Florida Water Management District will meet and later hold a budget hearing. - South Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- ST. JOHNS WATER BUDGET BUDGET - Tuesday, 5:05 p.m. - The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will take up a millage rate and budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. - St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- SFWMD DISTRICT BUDGET - Tuesday, 5:15 p.m. - The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will hold a hearing on millage rates and a budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. - [https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_KkjsNzwmwR5ediAmgH1DkYQ#/registration](https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KkjsNzwmwR5ediAmgH1DkYQ#/registration)
- MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - The Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. - State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

- CITIZENS INSURANCE ISSUES - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. - Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 95637927111
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. - Maitland City Hall, 1776 Independence Lane, Maitland. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- INSURANCE ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - The Florida Department of Financial Services will host an insurance “village” in Charlotte County to help people with insurance issues after last year’s Hurricane Ian. - Charlotte County Event Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda.
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The 7th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for two Volusia County judgeships. Candidates slated to be interviewed are Ryan Michael Belanger, Neal Coffman, Wesley Jackson Flagler, Sara Howeller, Allison Hughes, Katherine Hurst Miller, Maria Indelicato, Courtney Kilbourne, Joseph LeDonne, Shey McCurdy, Regina Nunnally, Ann Philips, Glenn Reid, Ralph Seegobin, Jr., Michele Simonsen, Jeanne Stratis and Brian Toung. - Volusia County Courthouse Annex, 125 East Orange Ave., Daytona Beach.
- FLORIDA POLY TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. - The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will meet. - Florida Polytechnic University, Applied Research Center, Lakeland. Call-in number: 863-225-2351. Code: 472500096
- 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
- OPIOID ABATEMENT - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/statewide-council-opioid-abatement>
- FAMU TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will meet. - <https://famu.zoom.us/j/98543917794?pwd=dWtYbWxtK2JqQ2lxSitrejM1ZDVSDz09>. Code: 998110. Call-in number: 1-305-224-1968
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - Hampton Center, 1501 West Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 4 p.m. - The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. - Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, 4001 West Tampa Bay Blvd., Tampa.
- TOURISM DISTRICT BUDGET - Wednesday, 5:05 p.m. - The Central Florida Tourism Oversight District Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on a proposed budget. - Central Florida Tourism Oversight District, 1900 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- GOP CANDIDATES DEBATE - Wednesday, 9 p.m. - Gov. Ron DeSantis and other Republican presidential candidates will debate, - Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley, Calif.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

- HEALTH INSURANCE - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Health Insurance Advisory Board is scheduled to meet. - Call-in number: 1-866-299-7949. Code: 1433866
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission for Independent Education will meet. - The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- INSURANCE ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - The Florida Department of Financial Services will host an insurance “village” in Lee County to help people with insurance issues after last year’s Hurricane Ian. - Florida SouthWestern State College, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.
- STATE REVENUE ANALYZED - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss a long-term revenue analysis. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CHILDHOOD POVERTY - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold a webinar titled, “Root Cause Matters: Addressing Transportation to Tackle Florida Childhood Poverty.” - Information at <https://floridaflcoc.weblinkconnect.com/events/Root-Cause-Matters-Addressing-Transportation-to-Tackle-Florida-Childhood-Poverty-2344/details>
- UCF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 10:15 a.m. - The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - University of Central Florida, Fairwinds Alumni Center, Orlando.
- TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Central time. - The Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors, which helps administer settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. It is slated to receive a presentation from Florida State University President Richard McCullough. - Destin City Commission chamber, 4100 Indian Bayou Trail, Destin.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is expected to release regular weekly opinions.
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE BOARD - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The state Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology will meet. - <https://meet.goto.com/216185421>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 216185421
- SUICIDE PREVENTION - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The state Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council will meet. - Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe St., Tallahassee.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD BUDGET - Thursday, 5:05 p.m. Central time. - The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will hold a hearing on a budget and a millage rate for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. - Gulf Coast State College, Student Union East Building, 5230 West Highway 98, Panama City.
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. - The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. - Drury Inn and Suites, 4000 S.W. 40th Blvd., Gainesville. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 900079429

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**



- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission for Independent Education will meet. - The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- INSURANCE ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - The Florida Department of Financial Services will host an insurance “village” in Lee County to help people with insurance issues after last year’s Hurricane Ian. - Florida SouthWestern State College, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.
- FSDB TRUSTEES - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet. - Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.
- SPACE FLORIDA BOARD - Friday, 10:45 a.m. - The Space Florida Board of Directors is scheduled to meet. - Call-in number: 1-855-758-1310. Guest Code: 6277636389. Passcode: 567768

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

- MINIMUM WAGE Increases - Florida’s minimum wage will increase from \$11 to \$12 on Sept. 30. The increase is required by a 2020 constitutional amendment that will gradually lead to a \$15-an-hour minimum wage on Sept. 30, 2026, and inflation-linked increases after that.

***About the Briefing!***

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