



The Briefing for September 6, 2023

The last Briefing was Friday – September 3 – 2023

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[College Football Schedule for Week Two](#)

The Quick

Legislative Committee Meetings begin in two weeks

September 18-22, 2023 - Interim Committee Week #1
October 9-13, 2023 - Interim Committee Week #2
October 16-20, 2023 - Interim Committee Week #3
November 6-9, 2023 - Interim Committee Week #4
November 13-17, 2023 - Interim Committee Week #5
December 4-7, 2023 - Interim Committee Week #6
December 11-15, 2023 - Interim Committee Week #7
January 9, 2024 - First Day of Session:

Of Note – Revenue Collections Continue to exceed Estimates

General Revenue collections for July 2023 were \$225.9 million (7.3 percent) over the estimates adopted by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) in March 2023, as adjusted for law changes occurring during the 2023 Regular Session.

Bill Proposes to put term limits for county commissioners on statewide ballot

[Text of House Joint Resolution 19 - Term Limits for County Commissioners](#)

As reported earlier, State Rep. Michelle Salzman has filed a bill seeking a vote to change the Florida Constitution and limit the terms of county commissioners to no more than eight consecutive years. House Joint Resolution 19 would prohibit incumbent county commissioners who have held office for eight years “from appearing on ballot for reelection.”

Salzman indicated that House leadership was hoping to place term-limits on other local offices as well. No bill to expand term-limits to local officials other than county commissioners has not yet been filed. State Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, has to file a companion bill through the legislature’s upper chamber.

In order to be placed on the ballot, the term-limit proposal must be approved by 3/5ths of both the House and Senate. If the bill passes the Florida Legislature and is signed by the governor, the proposal would be placed on the ballot for consideration by voters. In order to be included in the Constitution, the proposal must garner 60% of the statewide vote in the General Election

23-24 County and Municipal Revenue Estimates Updated

[Link to Updated Revenue Estimates for Counties and Cities for 2023-24](#)

The Department of Revenue's Office of Tax Research has issued revised FY 2023-24 county and municipal revenue estimates for the following revenue sources:

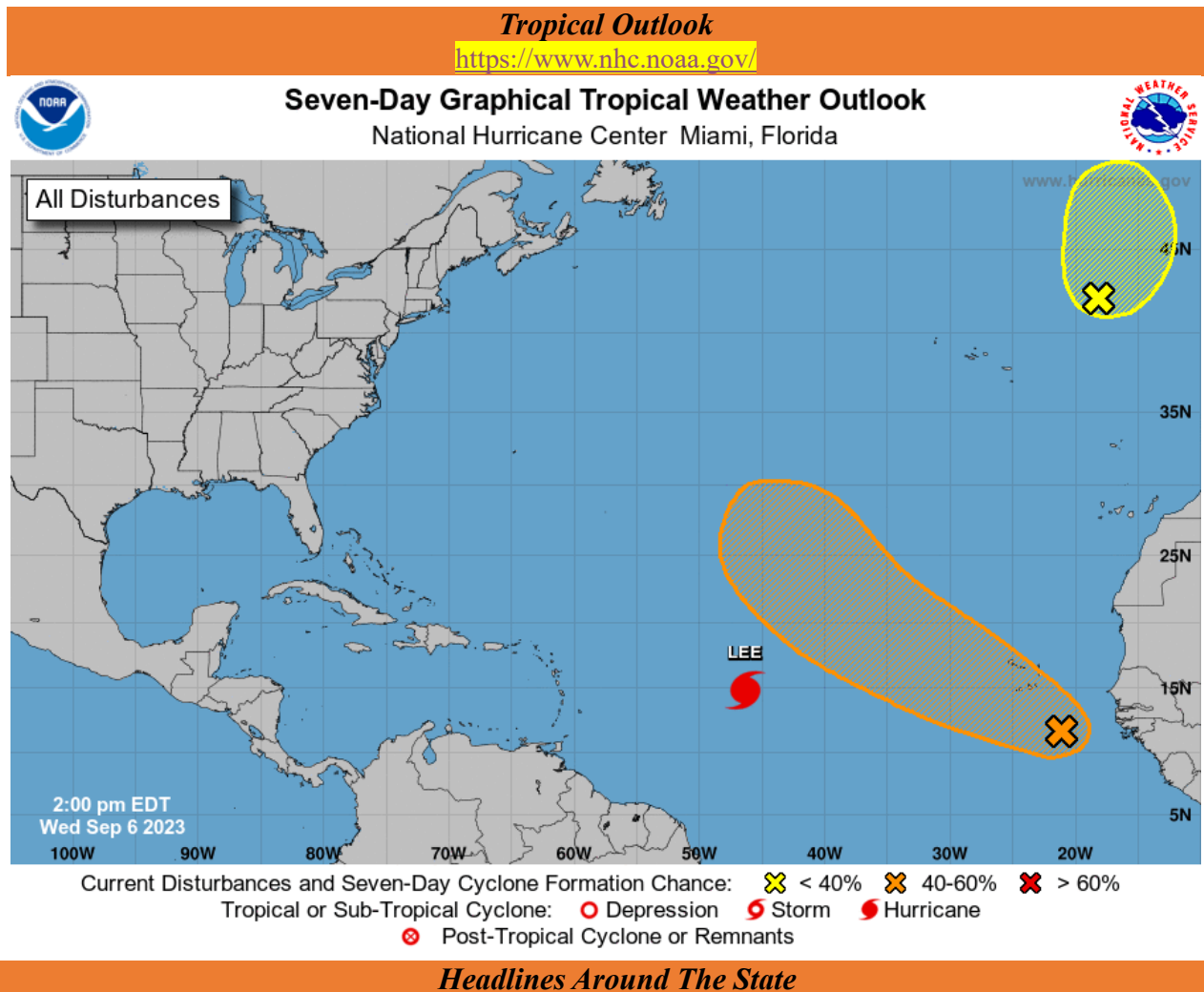
1. County Revenue Sharing Program
2. Local Discretionary Sales Surtaxes
3. Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Program
4. Municipal Revenue Sharing Program

These revisions reflect updated data from the latest round of revenue estimating conferences.

Former Levy County Commissioner files to succeed term-limited Rep. Clemons

Chad Johnson, a professional auctioneer and former Levy County Commissioner, filed for the House District 22 contest to succeed Rep. **Chuck Clemons**. During his time as a county commissioner, Johnson was involved with the Small County Coalition. The district covers Gilchrist, Levy, and parts of Alachua counties. Johnson is stressing his own roots in the region.

"As a lifelong resident of the district and businessman, I understand the values and issues important to the working families of House District 22," the Chiefland Republican said. "In the state Legislature, I will work tirelessly for more jobs, better schools, conservation of our natural resources, and to protect the values of the Free State of Florida."



Politico: Christie knocks DeSantis for not meeting Biden during visit to survey hurricane damage

FlaPol: Chris Christie charges Ron DeSantis with 'putting politics above his job'

The Hill: Christie: DeSantis is 'big government Republican'

The Hill: Christie knocks DeSantis for voting against New Jersey relief funds: 'Now he wants aid'

FlaPol: Donald Trump memo plays up divide between Ron DeSantis super PAC, campaign

WUSF: Department of Justice fires back in a Florida nursing home kids case

The Floridian: Rubio, Scott Call for investigation into Chinese Influence in American Public Schools

FlaPol: Jared Moskowitz supports clean vote on disaster funding as Kat Cammack files House bill

The Floridian: Webster Joins Effort to Urge Congressional Leaders to Separate Ukraine Funding from FEMA Funding

FlaPol: Marco Rubio staff to host events helping Floridians apply for post-Idalia aid

Sun-Sentinel: Jimmy Buffett had fans of all political stripes. He was no fan of Trump.

FlaPol: Joe Biden battleground state ad buy during NFL prime time game bypasses Florida viewers

WLRN: Idalia hit one of Florida's poorest areas. How could that impact an economic recovery?

Democrat: Hurricane season forecast: Monster in the making, Lee breaks record before it's even born

WLRN: As a late-summer uptick continues, Florida passes 90,000 COVID deaths

Sun-Sentinel: Proud Boys Enrique Tarrio gets record 22 years in prison for Jan. 6 seditious conspiracy

The Hill: DeSantis faces fresh challenges with return to campaign trail

Politico: DeSantis built a massive network of big donors. Many have ditched him.

WUSF: Once the leading alternative to Trump, turnover in the DeSantis team spells trouble

Herald: With arguments coming this week, a look at anti-abortion views of some Florida justices

WUSF: FDEM has key messages for Floridians in the wake of Hurricane Idalia

City & State FL: State's top jurist takes stand on opioid epidemic

USA Today: Florida lawmakers denounce antisemitic incidents over Labor Day weekend: 'Hate has no place here'

The Capitolist: Early estimate pegs Florida with \$7.02 billion surplus in upcoming Fiscal Year

WUSF: From her Land O'Lakes homestead, Susan MacManus watches Florida's political evolution

The Floridian: Florida Lawmaker Files Bill to Prohibit Citizens Arrests

Times: Florida orange shortage causes price increase for some products

Bradenton Herald: Manatees were dying in record-breaking numbers. But that trend may be slowing down

The Capitolist: Eight Florida universities in line to receive nursing education funding this week

WLRN: Police watchdog leader enters Florida State Senate race in Broward

FlaPol: Chad Johnson jumps into race for open HD 22 seat

Democrat: 'Right to Rock Act' seeks to protect artists' performances from social media censorship

WLRN: New survey finds Florida food inflation turning into a health crisis

FlaPol: Jason Pizzo new Broward County delegation Chairman

Sun-Sentinel: Parkland trial judge taking job with family business: Her father's law firm

On the Docket Around the State

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

- **BAR ACCIDENT CASE** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in four cases, including a case involving catastrophic injuries suffered by an 18-year-old woman after two Tallahassee bars served underage drinkers. The guardian for Jacquelyn Faircloth went to the Supreme Court after a panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal rejected a \$28.6 million judgment in the case. Faircloth was injured when she was hit by a pickup truck in 2014 while crossing a street about 2 a.m., according to court records. The driver of the truck, 20-year-old Devon Dwyer, had been drinking at Potbelly's, a bar near the Florida State University campus, while Faircloth had been drinking at another establishment, Cantina 101. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- **BISCAYNE BAY WATER QUALITY** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The state Biscayne Bay Commission is scheduled to meet. Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus, Wolfe University Center, 3000 N.E. 151st St., North Miami.
- **GAMBLING ISSUES** - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- **NORTHEAST PLANNING COUNCIL** - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet. Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>. Meeting ID: 87499770491
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS** - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is expected to release regular weekly opinions.
- **CONCEALED CARRY** - Thursday, noon. The Sarasota Tiger Bay Club will host a discussion about a new state law that allows people to carry guns without concealed-weapons licenses. Speakers are expected to include Rep. Tommy Gregory, R-Lakewood Ranch, and Rep. Michele Rayner, D-St. Petersburg. Michael's on East, 1212 South East Ave., Sarasota.
- **FED CEO VISITS COLLEGE** - Thursday, 3:45 p.m. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta CEO Raphael Bostic and Broward College President Gregory A. Haile will discuss economic issues during an event open to students and local business leaders. Broward College, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, Health Sciences Simulation Center, 3501 Davie Road, Davie.
- **U.S. 98 WIDENING** - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Central time. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting on a \$110 million plan to widen a nearly five-mile stretch of U.S. 98 in Bay County. Panama City Beach City Hall, 17007 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. <https://nwflroads.com/>

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

- **ETHICS COMMISSION** - Friday, 8:45 a.m. The Florida Commission on Ethics is scheduled to consider dismissal of a long-running ethics case against former state Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- **ABORTION HEARING** - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in a constitutional challenge to a 2022 law that prevented women from having abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The case involves questions about whether a privacy clause in the Florida Constitution protects abortion rights. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- **HOUSING ISSUES** - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors will meet. Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 East Coastline Dr., Jacksonville.

- FSU TRUSTEES - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet after holding a series of committee meetings Thursday. Augustus B. Turnbull Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- STATE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK - Friday, 10 a.m. The Joint Legislative Budget Commission, which is made up of House and Senate members, will take up a series of issues including receiving a presentation about a long-range financial outlook for the state. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- NURSING BOARD - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 275112502
- CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL BOARD - Friday, 1:30 p.m. The state Correctional Medical Authority is scheduled to meet. Hampton Inn & Suites Gainesville-Downtown, 101 S.E. First Ave., Gainesville. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 344085830
- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Friday, 2 p.m. The state university system's Board of Governors is scheduled to meet. Information at <https://www.flbog.edu/session/board-of-governors-committee-meetings-and-full-board-wlvzdze/>
- TAX 'HOLIDAYS' END - Friday is the final day of disaster-preparedness and "tool time" tax "holidays." The disaster-preparedness holiday, which started Aug. 26, allows people to stock up on storm supplies without paying sales taxes. The week-long tool-time holiday offers sales-tax exemptions on a variety of goods, such as tools and work boots.

Information sites

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/>

- **Executive Orders**
 - [Governor Desantis Issues EO-23-171 \(8/26/2023\)](#)
 - [FLHSMV Issues EO 082623 \(8/26/2023\)](#)
 - [EO-23-171 Amendment to EO 23-171 \(8/28/2023\)](#)
 - [Executive Order 23-175 Amendment to EO 23-171 \(8/29/2023\)](#)
- **State Assistance Information Line**
 - [☞ State Assistance Information Line: 1-800-342-3557](#)
- **Traffic**
 - [Florida 511](#) - Get up-to-the-minute, real-time traffic conditions and incident information for the State of Florida with Florida 511.
 - [Florida Highway Patrol](#) - Florida Highway Patrol Live Traffic Crash and Road Condition Report. Reports are updated every five minutes. Incidents located within city limits also may not show on the map since it is not common practice for FHP to work incidents inside city limits.
 - [Florida Traffic](#) - Traffic incidents and conditions from Florida 511 and Florida Highway Patrol brought to you by Florida State Emergency Response Team Geographic Information Systems.

About the Briefing!

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