



The Briefing for October 16, 2023

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

College Football link-

College Football Schedule - Week 8 Regular Season, 2023 - ESPN

UCF at #6 Oklahoma

FIU at Sam Houston

#16 Duke at #4 FSU

Clemson at Miami

South Florida at Connecticut

Florida has a Bye

FAMU at Texas Southern

Calendar for Week of October 16

House Calendar for Week of 16-19

Florida Senate Calendar for Week of October 16-19

House Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery to meet

Monday - 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Summer Hall (404 HOB)

Agenda includes a presentation by the Division of Emergency Management and a Panel discussion by local governments impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole

Senate Republican Caucus will meet to select a President designate

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 2:00 p.m.—Until Completion.

Republican senators gather will meet Tuesday afternoon to formally designate Sen. Ben Albritton, R-Wauchula, as the next Senate president. Albritton currently serves as Senate majority leader will succeed President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, after the 2024 elections.

Albritton and Rep. Daniel Perez, a Miami Republican who has been designated as the next House speaker, will lead the Legislature during the 2025 and 2026 sessions.

Albritton, 55, a fourth-generation citrus grower, was elected to the Senate in 2018 after serving four terms in the House. He represents a largely rural district made up of Hardee, DeSoto, Charlotte and parts of Polk and Lee counties.

State Board of Education to Meet Wednesday

Meeting Agenda

The agenda includes action on over 20 SBE Rules

[Rule 6A-1.09422, Statewide, Standardized Assessment Program Requirements \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-1.09981, School and District Accountability \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-6.0571, Career and Technical Education and Adult General Education Standards and Industry-Driven Benchmarks \(PDF\)](#)

[New Rule 6E-7.001, Designation of Restrooms and Changing Facilities in Private Post Secondary Educational Facilities \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-7.0714, Library and Instructional Materials Objection Report \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-6.0791, Special Magistrate for Unresolved Student Welfare Complaints at Charter Schools \(PDF\)](#)

[Rules 6A-4.0012, Application Information and 6A-4.004, Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages \(PDF\)](#)

[New Rule 6A-5.067, Teacher Apprenticeship Program \(PDF\)](#)

[New Rule 6A-6.0792, Charter School Review Commission \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6M-8.620, Voluntary Prekindergarten \(VPK\) Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring Program \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6M-8.621, Program Assessment Requirements for the Voluntary Prekindergarten \(VPK\) Education Program \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-1.099827, Charter School Corrective Action and School Improvement Plans \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-6.0784, Charter School Governance Training \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-6.0786, Forms for Charter School Applicants and Sponsors \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-6.0521, Definitions and Requirements Which Apply to All Dropout Prevention Programs \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-5.030, District Instructional Personnel and School Administrator Evaluation Systems \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-5.081, School Leadership Programs \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-6.03311, Procedural Safeguards and Due Process Procedures for Parents and Students with Disabilities \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-6.0575, Clock Hour Dual Enrollment Course Criteria for Eligibility in School and District Accountability \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-1.0955, Education Records \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-4.0021, Florida Teacher Certification Examinations \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-4.00821, Florida Educational Leadership Examination \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-10.042, Test Administration and Security \(PDF\)](#)

[Rule 6A-3.003, Certification as to Specifications of School Buses \(PDF\)](#)

Important Legislative Links

Draft Legislative Programs
Small School District Council Consortium - 2024 Legislative Priorities - Draft - August 2023 .docx

 **The Small County Coalition - 2024 Legislative Program -Draft .docx**

Local Funding Request Forms for Senate and House
Senate 24-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form
2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form [PDF]
2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Requests
Prior Years Local Funding Initiative Requests

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

Link to the Florida Senate
Link to the Florida House of Representatives
The Florida Channel

House Local Funding Documents

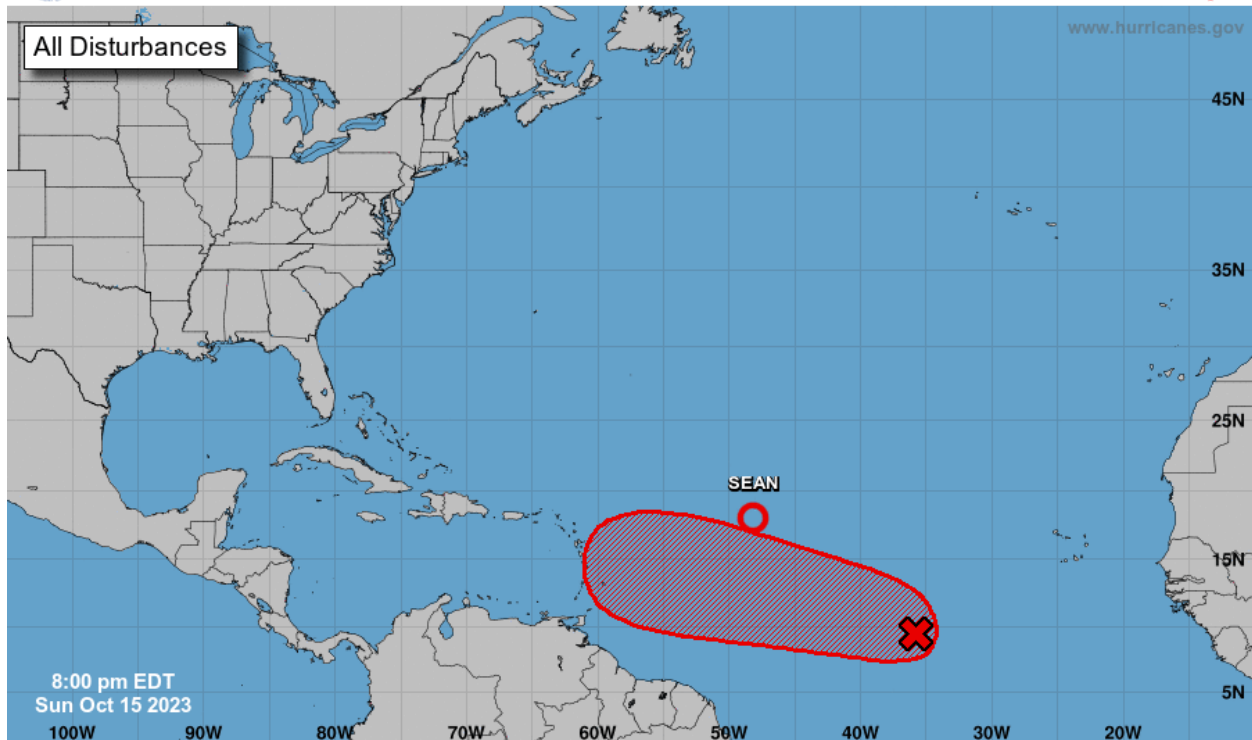
Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.
House Appropriations Project Request Form FY 2024-25
Appropriations Project Request Form Guidance - FY 2024-25
Attestation Form - FY 2024-25 Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.
Frequently Asked Questions and Materials: House Appropriations Projects
House Prior Year FY 2023-24 Requests

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

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis urges House to 'get their act together,' pick a Speaker

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis fumes about fiat currency 'problems', stops short of backing return to Gold Standard

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis plans South Carolina return, though slumping in polls

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Gaza civilian casualties are ' Hamas' fault'

The Hill: Rubio asks Biden administration to cancel visas for foreign nationals supporting Hamas

The Hill: Gaetz stands behind McCarthy ouster despite unrest in Middle East

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis vents about cheap Chinese toys, says they break within '48 hours'

Sun-Sentinel: Climate change could bring stronger, earlier hurricanes, study finds. What about in Florida?

NBC Miami: "We cannot accept people from Gaza as refugees": Governor DeSantis believes U.S. should not allow in refugees

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis would not accept Gaza refugees, says he won't 'shake people down' returning from Israel

The Hill: DeSantis denounces Harvard students who supported Hamas as a 'disgrace'

FlaPol: Florida Democrats 'stand with Israel,' oppose 'civilian casualties' in Gaza

News4Jax: 'It's very critical that my voice is heard': Dozens march in support of Palestine at Town Center

Sentinel: Pythons become the prey: Florida predators are fighting back against the snakes

Sun-Sentinel: 'Not some myth that happens overseas': South Floridians walk to raise awareness about human trafficking

FlaPol: St. Johns County legislators hear local needs

My News 13: Manatees could be soon be back on endangered species list

Times: Archaeologists diving into Florida's past find lessons about adapting to sea rise

ON THE DOCKET FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

— Legislature:

- HISPANIC LEADERS HONORED - Monday, 11 a.m. Sen. Tracie Davis, D-Jacksonville, and Rep. Susan Valdes, D-Tampa, will hold a news conference to unveil a Voces Hispanas/Hispanic Voices exhibit honoring Hispanic leaders from Northeast Florida. Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- MEDICAID MANAGED CARE - Monday, 3:30 p.m. The House Select Committee on Health Innovation will receive a briefing about a process to award new Medicaid managed-care contracts. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE IMPACTS - Monday, 3:30 p.m. The House Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery will host a panel discussion about local impacts of Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- AUDIT REQUEST - Monday, 3:30 p.m. The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will consider a request by Sen. Jason Pizzo, D-Hollywood, for an audit of the city of North Miami Beach. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- 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.
- SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES - 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 - Monday, 2:30 p.m. The Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Tallahassee Community College, Hinson Administration Building, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.
- POLK STATE TRUSTEES - Monday, 3 p.m. The Polk State College Board of Trustees will hold a retreat. Polk State College, Winter Haven Campus, Center for Public Safety, 1251 Jim Keene Blvd., Winter Haven.)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

— Legislature:

- STATE CONTRACTING - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the Department of Management Services about state contracting, including information-technology procurements. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- ILLEGAL GAMBLING - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee will hold a panel discussion about illegal gambling. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BUDGET REQUESTS - Tuesday, 11 a.m. The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about budget requests from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Citrus. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL SAFETY - Tuesday, 11 a.m. The House Education Quality Subcommittee will receive presentations related to school-safety laws. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- 'AIR MOBILITY' ADDRESSED - Tuesday, 11 a.m. The House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee will hold a discussion on "advanced air mobility." 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- ALBRITTON DESIGNATION - Tuesday, 2 p.m. Senate Republicans will meet to formally designate Wauchula Republican Ben Albritton as the next Senate president. Albritton is slated to become president after the November 2024 elections, succeeding President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples. Republicans are able to choose the president because they hold a majority in the Senate. Senate chamber, the Capitol.

— Also:

- WATER QUALITY - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force will meet. <https://www.youtube.com/fwcresearch>
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. St. Petersburg College, EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater.
- PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMISSION - Tuesday, 11 a.m. The state Public Employees Relations Commission will meet to discuss rules that would help carry out a new law that placed additional restrictions on public-employee unions. 4708 Capital Circle N.W., Suite 300, Tallahassee.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 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.
- DIABETES ISSUES ADDRESSED - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The state Diabetes Advisory Council will meet. Information at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/dac/dac-meetings.html>
- TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a hearing in Volusia County about a five-year work program. Florida Department of Transportation, District 5, 719 South Woodland Blvd., DeLand. www.fdot.gov/WPPH/District5
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. Northwest Florida State College, Fort Walton Beach Campus, 1170 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Fort Walton Beach.
- SANTA FE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet in Bradford County. Santa Fe Andrews Cultural Center, 201 East Call St., Starke.
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will meet. Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus, 4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth.
- TRANSPORTATION PLANS - Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an open house at 4:30 p.m. and a presentation at 6 p.m. about a tentative five-year work program. Florida Department of Transportation Jacksonville Urban Office Training Facility, 2198 Edison Ave., Jacksonville.
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

— Legislature:

- HEALTH AGENCY TECHNOLOGY - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will receive information-technology updates from the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Children and Families and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- JUVENILE JUSTICE, CORRECTIONS - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee will receive presentations about new laws dealing with the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrections. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- BUDGET REQUESTS - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about budget requests from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of Financial Services, the Department of Management Services and the Department of Revenue. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CYBERSECURITY - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee will receive an update about cybersecurity. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- FLORIDA LATINOS - Wednesday, 10 a.m. House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, Rep. Susan Valdes, D-Tampa, and Rep. Johanna Lopez, D-Orlando, will take part in a "State of the Florida Latino" news conference. Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- HEALTH BUDGETS - Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about budget requests from the Agency for Health Care Administration, the

Department of Children and Families and the Department of Health. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

- BUDGET REQUESTS - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about budget requests from the Department of Commerce, the Department of Military Affairs, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Division of Emergency Management. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- PROPERTY INSURANCE - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee will receive a presentation from Insurance Commissioner Michael Yaworsky about the property-insurance market. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CITRUS AID - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Senate Agriculture Committee will receive an update about federal assistance for citrus growers. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- BROADBAND - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee will receive a presentation from the Department of Commerce about broadband. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAL MARIJUANA - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Senate Health Policy Committee will receive an update from the Department of Health about the state's medical-marijuana program. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- INVASIVE SPECIES - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. The House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee will receive presentations about invasive species. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. The House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee will receive an overview about human trafficking. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGETS - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about budget requests from the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Commission on Offender Review. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM - Wednesday, 4 p.m. The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will receive a presentation from the Department of Children and Families about the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- BOARD OF EDUCATION - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The State Board of Education will meet in Central Florida. Caribe Royale Orlando, 8101 World Center Dr., Orlando.
- TOP NURSING HOMES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care will review applications for Gold Seal awards. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 998518088
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Florida Commission on Offender Review, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PANEL - Wednesday, 9 a.m. Central time. The Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors is scheduled to meet. Hilton Sandestin Beach, 4000 Sandestin Blvd. South, Destin.
- 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
- TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold hearings in Polk and Lee counties about a five-year work program. Florida Department of Transportation, 801 North Broadway Ave., Bartow, and 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers.
- WATER QUALITY - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will hold an online meeting about draft lists of water bodies to be added to the state's list of impaired waters. Visit: register.gotowebinar.com/register/8028836649959252057

- ST. JOHNS COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will meet. St. Johns River State College, Orange Park Campus, Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park.
- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 5 p.m. The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. Lake-Sumter State College, Sumter Campus, Clark Maxwell Building, 1423 County Road 526A, Sumterville.
- TRANSPORTATION PLAN - Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a hearing in Broward County about a five-year work program. Florida Department of Transportation, 3400 West Commercial Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

— Legislature:

- HOSPITALS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The House Health & Human Services Committee will hold a panel discussion about hospital models. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- ABORTION INITIATIVE - Thursday, 9 a.m. The state Financial Impact Estimating Conference will hold a workshop about a proposed constitutional amendment aimed at ensuring abortion rights. Backers hope to put the proposal on the November 2024 ballot. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DEFENSE ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-support-task-force-fdstf-meeting-118-via-zoom/>
- GULF COAST COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, Panama City.
- HUMAN RELATIONS PANEL - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. Call-in number: 850-270-6017. Code: 916047039
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is expected to release regular weekly opinions.
- **HARDING SENTENCED - Thursday, 3:30 p.m. Former state Rep. Joe Harding, R-Ocala, will be sentenced after he pleaded guilty in March to charges of wire fraud, money laundering and making false statements in a scheme to fraudulently obtain business loans during the COVID-19 pandemic. United States Courthouse, 401 S.E. First Ave., Gainesville.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

- ETHICS PANEL - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- PHARMACY BOARD - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Pharmacy will meet. Holiday Inn Tallahassee East Capital, 2003 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee.
- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS - Friday, 9 a.m. The Council of Presidents of the Florida college system will meet. Governors Club, 202 South Adams St., Tallahassee.
- PODIATRIC ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine will meet. <https://meet.goto.com/987694765>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 987694765
- OPTOMETRY BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Optometry will meet. <https://meet.goto.com/759539829>
- UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Commerce will release a September unemployment report.
- NEW COLLEGE BOARD - Friday, 10 a.m. The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. <https://ncf.zoom.us/j/96663458211?pwd=SUV3cTJxc29VbWlab2FaN1VrWkExdz09>. Code: 404099

Rural Counties Day 2024

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
Rural Counties Day 2024

***January 24-25
At the Florida Capitol***

For additional information -

 [Rural County Days - 2024 Jan 24-25.docx](#)

About the Briefing!

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