



The Briefing for October 26, 2023

The last Briefing was October 23– 2023

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

College Football link-

[College Football Schedule - Week 9 Regular Season, 2023 - ESPN](#)

Key Upcoming Dates

2023

- November 6–9 - House and Senate Legislative Committee meetings
- November 13–17- House and Senate Legislative Committee meetings
- November 14 - House Deadline for submission of Local Funding Requests
- November 15-17 - FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa
- November 16 - Small County Coalition Lunch meeting - Tampa
- Nov. 29 – Dec. 1 - Florida Annual Rural Summit – FREDA
- Nov 28–Dec 1 - FSBA/FADSS 78th Annual Joint Conference, Tampa
- Nov 30 - Small District Breakfast at FSBA – Tampa
- December 4 - House and Senate Legislative Committee meetings
- December 11–15- House and Senate Legislative Committee meetings

2024

- January 9- Legislative Session Begins
- January 16 - Small County Coalition Legislative Reception and Briefing - TBA
- January 17 Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day
- January 17 - Small School District Council Consortium Legislative Briefing - TBA
- January 17–18- FSBA Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL
- January 24-25 Rural Counties Day - FREDA
- March 8 - Legislative Session End

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

[Link to the Florida Senate](#)

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

[The Florida Channel](#)

Draft Legislative Programs

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

The Small County Coalition - 2024 Legislative Program - October 2023 .docx

Local Legislative Budget Request Forms

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions and Materials: House Appropriations Projects

Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Division of State Lands

Land and Recreation Grants

Upcoming Grant Submission Cycles and Webinars 2024-25

The Land and Recreation Grants Section fosters partnerships that enhance and sustain Florida's natural and cultural resources to provide increased outdoor recreational opportunities for the state's residents and visitors.

[Calendar of Dates Associated with Grant Programs](#)

[2023 LRGS Program Guide.pdf](#)

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Division of State Lands Land and Recreation Grants Program

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ON THE DOCKET FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

- COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind will meet. Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 2225 North Lois Ave., Tampa.
- HERNANDO DELEGATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Hernando County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Hernando County Government Center, 20 North Main St., Brooksville.
- SARASOTA DELEGATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Sarasota County legislative delegation is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Sarasota County Commission chamber, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.
- MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Museum of Black History Task Force will meet. R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3147074291914638168>
- MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. Hilton Palm Beach Airport, 150 Australian Ave., West Palm Beach.

- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED - Thursday, 9:45 a.m. The 4th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a circuit judge position. The 4th Judicial Circuit is made up of Duval, Clay and Nassau counties. Candidates scheduled to be interviewed are Jordan Beard, Marquita Green, David Wainer, Nancy Cleaveland, Joshua Beard, Melissa Merritt, Matthew Lufrano, L.E. Hutton, Geraldine Hartin and Megan Kelley. Duval County Courthouse, Room 7139, 501 West Adams St., Jacksonville.
- APALACHEE COUNCIL - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council will meet. Information at <https://www.arpc.org/board-packages>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is expected to release regular weekly opinions.
- PINELLAS DELEGATION - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Pinellas County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus, 9200 113th St. North, Seminole.
- SUMTER DELEGATION - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Sumter County legislative delegation is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Sumter County Government Building, 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood.
- CHILDREN'S ISSUES ON AGENDA - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet will meet. Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Don Genung Training and Resource Center, 3180 Enterprise Road East, Safety Harbor.
- GREGORY RAISES MONEY - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. A fundraising event is scheduled for Rep. Tommy Gregory, R-Lakewood Ranch. Grove, 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch.
- ESCAMBIA DELEGATION - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Escambia County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Pensacola State College, Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio. 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- WALTZ SPEAKS IN PALM BEACH - Thursday, 6 p.m. U.S. Rep. Mike Waltz, R-Fla., will speak to the Palm Beach Republican Club. The Colony Hotel Pavilion, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach.
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 S.W. Commerce Blvd., Lake City. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 602999133.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

- HOUSING ISSUES ON AGENDA - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Hyatt Regency Coral Gables. 50 Alhambra Plaza, Coral Gables.
- FSDB TRUSTEES MEET - Friday, 10 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.
- DEMOCRATS HOLD CONVENTION - Friday, 7 p.m. The Florida Democratic Party will start an annual convention that will continue until Oct. 29.
- Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Dr., Orlando.

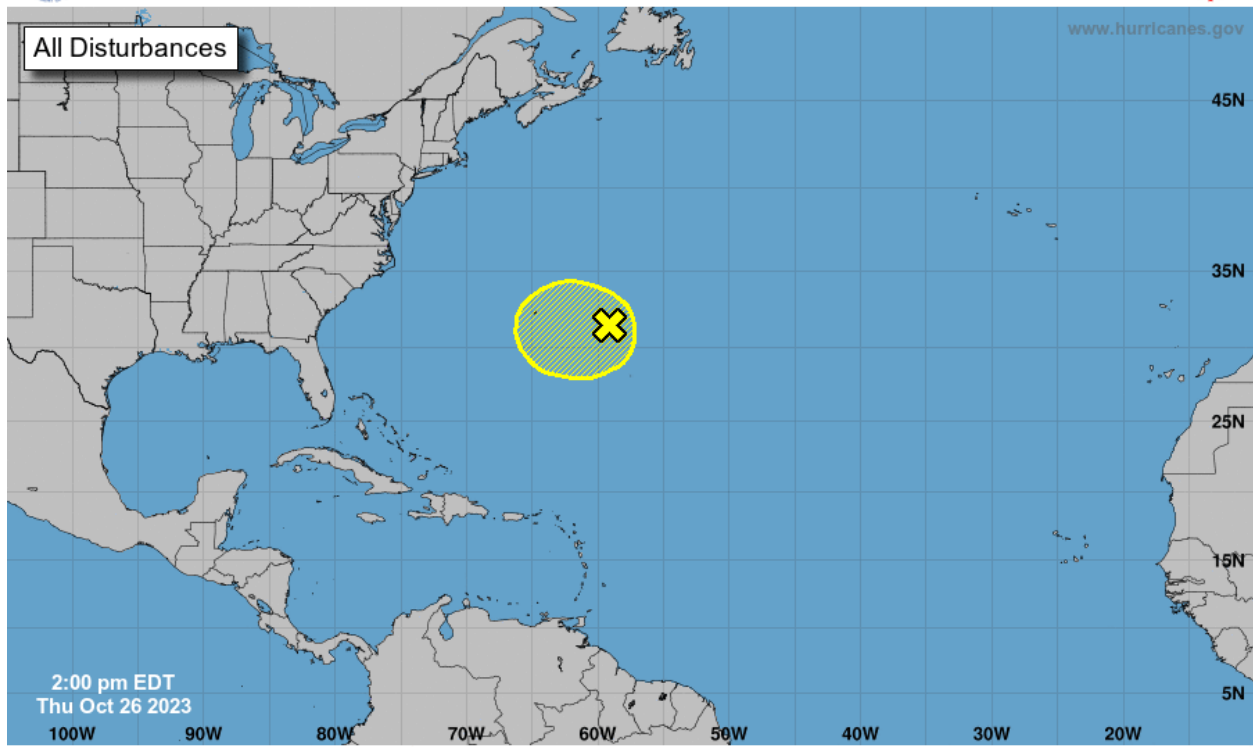
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

- EARLY VOTING STARTS IN SPECIAL ELECTION - Early voting will start in a Nov. 7 special primary election in House District 35 in Orange and Osceola counties. The special election was called after former Rep. Fred Hawkins, R-St. Cloud, was appointed president of South Florida State College. The special general election will be Jan. 16.



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: Mike Johnson secures Speaker's gavel with support of all Florida Republicans

The Hill: Gaetz: Johnson victory proves MAGA power over Republican party

FlaPol: Was all the Speaker drama worth it? Matt Gaetz's latest fundraising appeal says yes.

The Floridian: Scott Calls on Colleagues to Vote for Israel and Ukraine Funding Separately

The Floridian: Moskowitz Calls Out Anti-Semitism on Both Sides of the Aisle

WUSF: The FDA's decision on Canada drug imports to Florida faces a delay past October

Sun-Sentinel: Still waiting for those cheaper prescription drugs from Canada? It could take a while longer

FlaPol: 12 companies are competing for billions in Florida Medicaid contracts

The Capitolist: Citizens shrinks as homeowner policies are plucked by private insurers

Times: Florida CFO threatens to sue NCAA over FSU football players eligibility

WLRN: In Florida, Gen Z activists step into the fight against sugarcane burning

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis eyes Kim Reynolds endorsement as 'huge get' in Iowa

Herald Tribune: Gaetz helps install new speaker. Will it help him run for governor?

Sentinel: DeSantis urges Supreme Court to reject Worrell's suspension challenge

Politico: U.S. Supreme Court lifts stay on Florida sports betting case

NYTimes: Supreme Court Allows Mobile Sports Bets at Florida Indian Casinos

Axios: Gov. DeSantis appoints campus DEI critics to oversee Florida university

Ledger: DeSantis appoints five to Florida Poly board of trustees

Sun: Lawmaker calls for resignation of Gainesville mayor, GRU general manager

The Capitolist: Education leaders look to university-business partnerships to advance Florida's workforce

The Capitolist: State Board of Administration greenlights asset allocation revisions for FRS pension plan

WUSF: Florida is adopting Safe System Approach to improve safety, reduce traffic deaths and severe injuries

Sun-Sentinel: School Board member cleared of inappropriately touching student

WUSF: A Central Florida school is the only one in the state to receive a federal teaching grant

WLRN: Science lesson at the beach? In post-pandemic South Florida, 'unconventional' education thrives

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