



The Briefing for October 28, 2023

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

The World Series

Texas Rangers take Game 1 with extra inning Walk-off H.R.

Game 2 this evening – Here's the schedule

World Series Schedule

College Football Week 9

College Football Schedule - Week 9 Regular Season, 2023 - ESPN

Biggest Game – Georgia vs Florida

Another biggie – Oregon vs Utah

Possible Trap Game – FSU at Wake Forest

Important Meeting Dates

- November 15-17 - FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa
- November 16 - Small County Coalition Lunch meeting - Tampa
- Nov 28–Dec 1 - FSBA/FADSS 78th Annual Joint Conference, Tampa
- Nov 30 - Small District Breakfast at FSBA – Tampa

Bits and Pieces

CIRCUIT COURT CONSOLIDATION ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Friday, 10 a.m.

Location: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dD_sMnrXTaehoKVDj1zcg#/registration

Public Testimony has been overwhelmingly opposed to consolidation

The Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee, which was appointed by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Carlos Muniz, will Friday to begin considering the possibility of consolidating judicial circuits. The state's Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee was put together in July after State and Speaker of the House Paul Renner asked Florida's Supreme Court if they thought consolidating our state's circuit courts would make the whole system run more smoothly. There have been several public hearings to receive testimony where public comments were overwhelmingly in opposition to consolidation. The committee will have until Dec. 1 to provide the state Supreme Court with a recommendation on court consolidation, which will then report the findings to the state Legislature. Recommendation changing judicial circuits will have to be approved by the Florida Legislature.

Florida's Housing Finance Corporation Resigns

Michael DiNapoli, the Executive Director of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation resigned Thursday. DiNapoli's tenure since February has been controversial leading to his suspension twice this year. Napoli was reinstated by Governor DeSantis but was suspended again last month. Napoli was under investigation for allegedly creating a hostile work environment.

Special Session 2023C

The House & Senate announced Special Session 2023C, *beginning* on Monday, November 6 and ending on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Topics include the following:

- Hurricane Relief – Provide additional resources to assist Floridians recovering from the impacts of Hurricane Idalia, including support for our agriculture industry and debris removal.
- Increased Resiliency Efforts to Help Lessen Insurance Costs – Dedicate resources to address the existing backlog of applicants intending to access the successful My Safe Florida Home Program for homeowners looking to fortify their homes which are proven steps to lower insurance premiums.
- Additional Funding for Students with Unique Abilities – Provide a mechanism to increase the number of students served under the Family Empowerment Scholarship for students with disabilities.
- Support for Israel – Formally express support for the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign and independent nation, with the right to defend itself and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and terrorism, condemn the attack on Israel by Hamas, and ask for additional sanctions against terrorist regimes.
- Expanded Sanctions Against Terrorist Regimes – Impose additional sanctions, ending any financial support, whether directly or indirectly, to the Islamic Republic of Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah, or any other entity that supports terrorism across the globe.
- Additional Security Infrastructure to Guard Against Anti-Semitic Violence, Hate Crimes – Provide at-risk institutions, such as vulnerable Jewish Day Schools, with additional security resources and infrastructure.

Rep. Randy Fine switches support from DeSantis to Trump

Randy Fine, a Republican lawmaker from south Brevard County a visible DeSantis supporter switched his support from DeSantis to Donald Trump for the GOP presidential nomination. Fine is the only Jewish Republican announce that DeSantis wasn't doing enough to stem antisemitism in the state. Fine is not a stranger to statewide issue previously carrying the Governor's legislative agenda and also for a failed effort to be the President of FAU. Interesting how loyalties can shift especially when DeSantis has been so strong on Pro-Israel efforts.

State Should Look at Revision to Florida Retirement System

The Florida Legislature is being asked to consider changes to the FRS that would enable retirees to be reemployed without penalties. With a shortage of teachers and other professions, the current restriction against receiving additional retirement benefits is a disincentive for retirees to come back to work in an FRS position.

Headlines Around The State

McClatchy DC: DeSantis calls for institutionalizing more people in wake of Maine mass shootings

FlaPol: Legal experts say efforts likely illegal under Gov. DeSantis to shut down pro-Palestinian college groups

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis jokes about how someone had to kill a Gator for his boots

Newsweek: Matt Gaetz Denies Alluding to GOP Colleague's Sexuality

Floridian: Mills Evacuates Another Large Group of Americans Trapped in Israel

McClatchy DC: In Miami, Second Gentleman Emhoff tells men to get off the sidelines of abortion fight

Times: Florida parents get angry as school voucher system struggles to keep up

FlaPol: Security breach prompts new safety measures in Florida Legislature

FlaPol: Lori Berman, Katherine Waldron file property rights bills to protect residents from stray bullets

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis names decorated Marine Col. Mark Thieme as new Florida State Guard Director

Sentinel: onePulse Foundation says it's abandoning museum plan, returning land to the Orange County

WUSF: St. Petersburg has plenty of questions about the Rays stadium deal

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says 'involuntary commitment,' not red flag laws, would have stopped Maine mass murder

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Maine mass murder 'could be another example' of failed mental health system

Herald: State affordable housing director resigns. Chosen by DeSantis, he was suspended twice

Sun-Sentinel: 'You're going to waltz right in': Randy Fine talks of how FAU presidential bid fizzled out

Sun-Sentinel: Who is Rep. Byron Donalds of Florida? He could be a rising star after speaker bid

Florida Phoenix: Proposed rollback of child labor law in FL gets pushback; critics say kids would be exploited

FlaPol: Maxwell Frost, Daniel Webster want to close gaps on sending hurricane alerts

Politico: Trump rakes in millions at MAGA-studded Mar-a-Lago fundraiser

Politico: Televising Trump's federal trials? Judicial panel says its hands are tied

Floridian: Luna Says 'America won' With Johnson as Speaker

FlaPol: Debbie Wasserman Schultz passes \$1M fundraising mark in bid for 11th term

FlaPol: 'Fed up': Cindy Lerner launches rematch against Raquel Regalado for Miami-Dade Commission

FlaPol: Dem, GOP candidates in HD 118 Special Election post high 5-figure gains in Q3

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says he's sending weapons to Israel in move that could bolster him in the GOP Primary

Politico: DeSantis administration claims it helped send weapons to Israel but provides few details

Floridian: DeSantis Sends Weapons, Ammo, and Body Armor to Israel

Herald: Israeli official clarifies Florida's role in weapons shipment after DeSantis claims

Ocala Star-Banner: \$19-million tab? DeSantis' office offers glimpse into Israel flight cost to taxpayers

FlaPol: Rick Scott warns Hamas terror could come across the Mexican border

Floridian: Scott Says Americans Need to be Armed In Case of a Terrorist Attack

Sentinel: Publix assistant managers sue, claiming they worked unpaid overtime

News4Jax: Former Publix employees file federal lawsuit, accuse supermarket of making them work overtime without pay

Times: Some Tampa Bay schools teach in English and Spanish. It's catching on.

AP: Florida's private passenger train service plans to add stop between South Florida and Orlando

Democrat: Wendi Adelson says she was surprised to learn Charlie knew Dan Markel's murderer all along

- SHARPTON SPEAKS IN TALLAHASSEE - Sunday, 10 a.m. The Rev. Al Sharpton, president of the National Action Network, will speak about teaching Black history and take part in a 12:30 p.m. news conference. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 224 North Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Tallahassee.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

- SEMINOLE DELEGATION - Monday, 9 a.m. The Seminole County legislative delegation is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Seminole County Commission chamber, 1101 East First St., Sanford.
- PENSACOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Monday, 11 a.m. The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- DUNN DISCUSSES HOTELS, ECONOMY - Monday, 11 a.m. U.S. Rep. Neal Dunn, R-Fla., is scheduled to make an appearance and discuss the role hotels play in the economy. Comfort Inn & Suites Panama City Mall, 2317 Jenks Ave., Panama City.
- LEE DELEGATION - Monday, noon. The Lee County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Florida SouthWestern State College, Nursing Building, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.
- LAWMAKERS BACK ISRAEL - Monday, 12:30 p.m. Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, and Rep. Dean Black, R-Jacksonville, are expected to take part in a Duval County Republican Party event to show support for Israel. Jacksonville City Hall, 117 West Duval St., Jacksonville.
- CITRUS COUNTY DELEGATION - Monday, 1 p.m. The Citrus County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Ave., Inverness.
- OKALOOSA DELEGATION - Monday, 5:30 p.m. Central time. The Okaloosa County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Northwest Florida State College, 100 East College Blvd., Niceville.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

- REDISTRICTING CASE HEARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The 1st District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in a battle about the constitutionality of a 2022 congressional redistricting plan. The case centers on North Florida's Congressional District 5, which in the past elected Black Democrat Al Lawson. But Gov. Ron DeSantis last year pushed through a plan to overhaul the district, leading to white Republicans winning all North Florida congressional districts in the November elections. Leon County Circuit Judge J. Lee Marsh in September ruled that the overhaul of District 5 violated a 2010 state constitutional amendment that barred drawing districts that would "diminish" the ability of minorities to "elect representatives of their choice." The state quickly appealed Marsh's ruling. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- BROWARD DELEGATION - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Broward County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization-Trade Centre South, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 650, Fort Lauderdale.
- MEDICAL EXAMINERS - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The state Medical Examiners Commission will meet. Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee.
- 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, Upper Keys Center, 106040 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.
- 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, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

- CONSERVATION PROGRAM - Wednesday, 8 a.m. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will hold a meeting about the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OSCEOLA DELEGATION - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Osceola County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Osceola County Commission chamber, 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee.

- **HARDEE DELEGATION** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Hardee County legislative delegation is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Hardee County Commission chamber, 412 West Orange St., Wauchula.
- **ABORTION INITIATIVE** - Wednesday, 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.
- **PAROLE CASES** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- **UTILITY COSTS** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on a series of proposed costs that electric utilities would pass on to customers. The costs are for such things as power-plant fuel and environmental issues. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- **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
- **MAYFIELD SPEAKS TO GOP WOMEN** - Wednesday, 11 a.m. Senate Rules Chairwoman Debbie Mayfield, R-Indian River, is scheduled to speak to the Brevard Federated Republican Women. Space Coast Convention Center, 301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa.
- **PALM BEACH COUNTY DELEGATION** - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Palm Beach County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Greenacres Community Center, 501 Swain Blvd., Greenacres.
- **WATER FORUM STARTS** - Wednesday, 1 p.m. Associated Industries of Florida will start a two-day Water Forum, with speakers and panel moderators expected to include Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford, Rep. Bobby Payne, R-Palmetto, Rep. Randy Maggard, R-Dade City, and Rep. Toby Overdorf, R-Palm City. Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 2900 Bayport Dr., Tampa.
- **REFUGEE ISSUES** - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Southwest Florida Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/southwest-florida-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- **ENGINEERS BOARD** - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Board of Professional Engineers will meet. Information at <https://fbpe.org/meetings-info/agendas-minutes-meetings/agenda-and-minutes-2023/#november>
- **STATE COLLEGES** - Wednesday, 4 p.m. An opening general session will be held for the Association of Florida Colleges' annual meeting and conference. Wyndham Grand Bonnet Creek, 14651 Chelonia Parkway, Orlando.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

- **DEAF, HARD OF HEARING** - Thursday, 8 a.m. The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will meet. <https://zoom.us/j/94102573918?pwd=VWINWjRNbFZlUUh0UHA3SmIzMFE3dz09>. Meeting ID: 94102573918. Code: 968447
- **WATER FORUM CONTINUES** - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Associated Industries of Florida will continue a two-day Water Forum, with panel moderators expected to include Rep. Keith Truenow, R-Tavares, Rep. Jennifer Canady, R-Lakeland, and Rep. Kaylee Tuck, R-Lake Placid. Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 2900 Bayport Dr., Tampa.
- **GAMBLING ISSUES** - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.
- **VALENCIA COLLEGE BOARD** - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. Valencia College, Osceola Campus, 1800 Denn John Lane, Kissimmee.
- **NORTHEAST FLORIDA COUNCIL** - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Northeast Florida Regional Council Board of Directors will meet. 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.
- DUVAL DELEGATION - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Duval County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Jacksonville City Hall, 117 West Duval St., Jacksonville.
- SASSE INVESTITURE - Thursday, 3 p.m. The University of Florida will hold an investiture ceremony for President Ben Sasse, who began leading the university in February. University of Florida, University Auditorium, Gainesville.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which typically involves looking at the potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- NURSING BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 275112502
- CLINICAL LAB BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel will meet. Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Dr., Riverview.
- HEARING AID BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will meet. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 935258285
- **CIRCUIT COURT CONSOLIDATION - Friday, 10 a.m. The Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee, which was appointed by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Carlos Muniz, will meet about the possibility of consolidating judicial circuits. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dD_sMnrXTaehoKVDj1zcg#/registration**
- CALATAYUD SPEAKS AT FIU EVENT - Friday, 11 a.m. State Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, will be among the speakers during the Florida International University REact 2023 Real Estate Conference. Florida International University, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center, 10955 S.W. 15th Terrace, Miami.
- STEUBE SPEAKS TO GOP WOMEN - Friday, 11:30 a.m. U.S. Rep. Greg Steube, R-Fla., is scheduled to speak to the Republican Women’s Club of Sarasota. Michael’s on East, 1212 South East Ave., Sarasota.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

- **TRUMP, DESANTIS AT ‘FREEDOM SUMMIT’ - Former President Donald Trump, Gov. Ron DeSantis and other Republican presidential candidates will be among the speakers at the Republican Party of Florida’s “Florida Freedom Summit.” In addition to presidential candidates, speakers will include U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis and Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson. Gaylord Palms Resort, 6000 West Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee.**

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

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

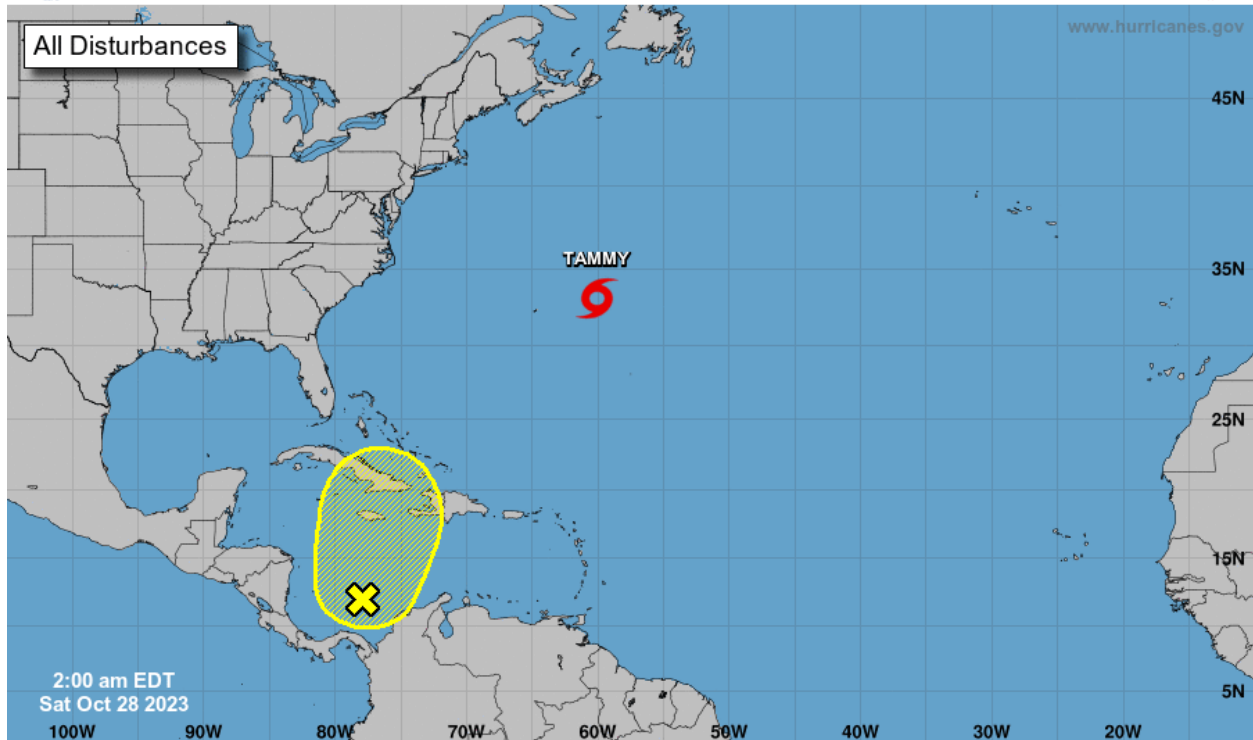
Tropical Outlook

<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

About the Briefing!

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