



The Briefing for October 30, 2023

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In Memoriam - Stephen Walker



Jefferson County Commissioner Stephen Walker tragically passed away as a result of a traffic accident. Walker, 59, was a beloved member of Jefferson County. Mr. Walker was active throughout the community and served on the Apalachee Regional Councils Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Small County Coalition. The accident occurred Sunday afternoon in Wakulla County. Memorial details are not available at this time.

The World Series

Series is tied 1-1

Game 3 this evening – Here's the schedule

World Series Schedule

College Football Week 9

[College Football Schedule for Week 10 - 2023 Season - ESPN](#)

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 begin Friday to consider the possibility of consolidating judicial circuits. The state's Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee was put together in July after 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.

Headlines Around The State

WaPo: Spurned by many moderates and MAGA: How DeSantis's coalition has deflated

Floridian: The Ron DeSantis vs Randy Fine Public Fight Gets Ugly on National TV

The Hill: Rep. Donalds on being Trump's vice president: 'That's really up to the president'

Politico: DeSantis offers to boost security after multiple people killed or wounded in Tampa shooting

Sentinel: DeSantis turns to companies that deal with the state to help boost campaign funds

NYTimes: Vocal on Israel, DeSantis Is Challenged on His Silence on Neo-Nazis in Florida

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis delivers familiar pro-Israel message at Republican Jewish Coalition gathering

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rips Harvard for offering Palestinian students counseling

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis seeks to nationalize universal school choice

FlaPol: Joseph Ladapo to campaign with Ron DeSantis in New Hampshire

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis wouldn't put money on the Florida Gators today

The Hill: DeSantis points to 'liberal, soft on crime policies' in wake of Maine mass shooting

The Hill: DeSantis accuses pro-Palestine students of 'material support to terrorism'

Sentinel: DeSantis rips federal bump stock ban while Florida ban remains

AP: Shooting kills 2 and injures 18 victims in Florida street with hundreds of people nearby

Politico: The stage was set for the non-Trump field. He stole the show.

The Hill: 2024 presidential candidates rally behind Pence after he suspends campaign

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis tells Nevadans that Florida also has 'disaffected Californians' moving to the state

FlaPol: Jason Pizzo isn't hopeful about flipping Senate seats, but sees a path to Governor in 2026

Herald: Fledgling Florida State Guard gets its third director in a year

Axios: Florida sports betting saga not over, despite court win

ON THE DOCKET FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29

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_sMnrXTachoKVDjIzcjg#/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>

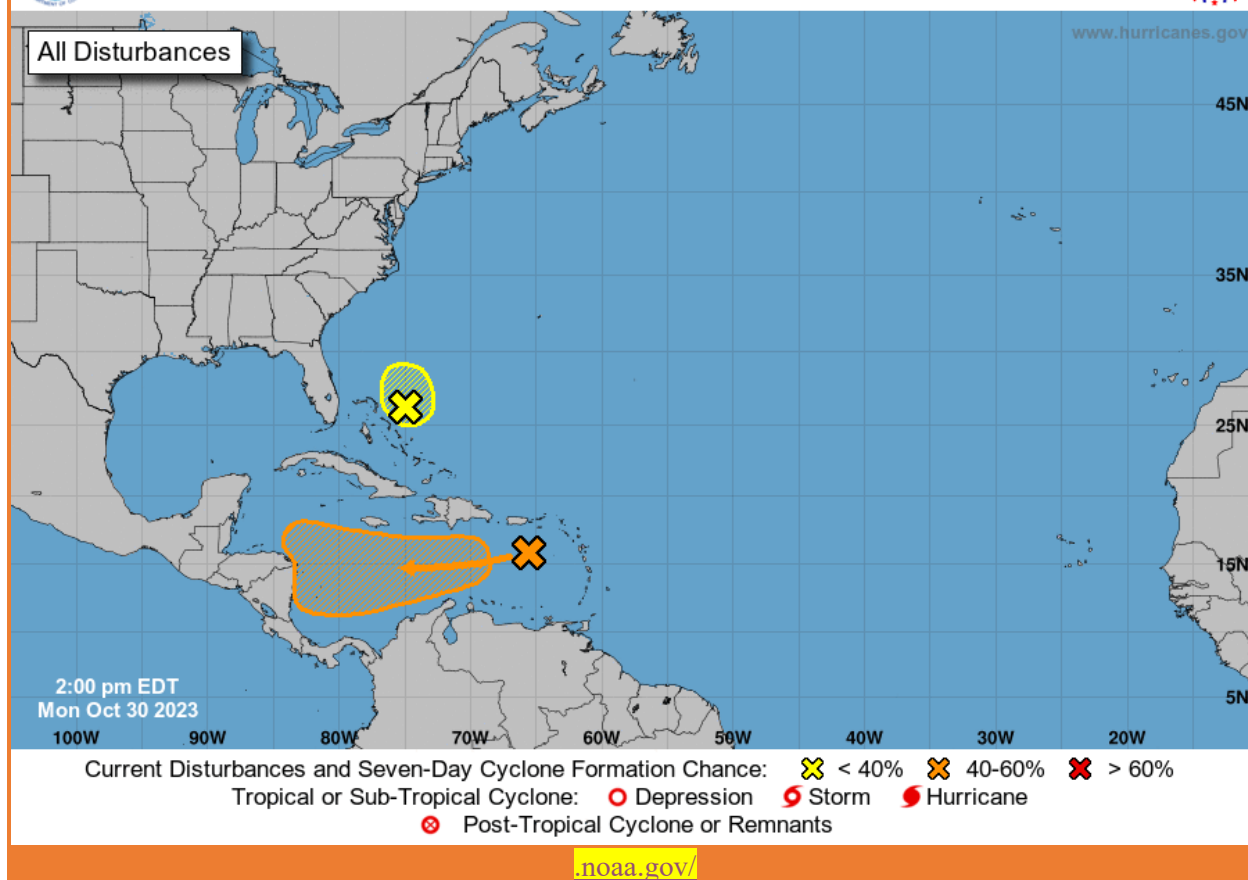


Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



www.hurricanes.gov



About the Briefing!

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