



The Briefing for October 12, 2023

The last Briefing was October 9– 2023

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

College Football link-

College Football Schedule - Week 7 Regular Season, 2023 - ESPN

Severe Weather Update

State Division of Emergency Management Issues a Severe Weather Update

[10-12-23 Severe Weather Update.pdf](#)

The Storm Prediction Center has issued a Tornado Watch for portions of North and Central Florida through 3:00 PM EDT this afternoon. Tornado Watch #708 is in effect for the following counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lafayette, Lake, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, and Volusia.

Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee to take final input from public

The Supreme Courts' Appointed Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee is holding its last meeting to receive public input this Friday, October 13 at 10:00 AM at the George Edgecomb Courthouse, 800 E Twiggs St, Tampa, FL 33602. People can attend virtually via ZOOM but need to register online [here](#).

The Committee has held five meetings to date. Materials from prior meetings are available online [here](#). To date, public comments and survey responses have been heavily against consolidation of judicial circuits. Data on survey responses is available online [here](#).

Calendar for Week of October 16

[House of Representatives Committee Calendar for Week of October 16](#)

[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 Sumner 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 Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 2:00 p.m.—Until Completion, To select a President designate.

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

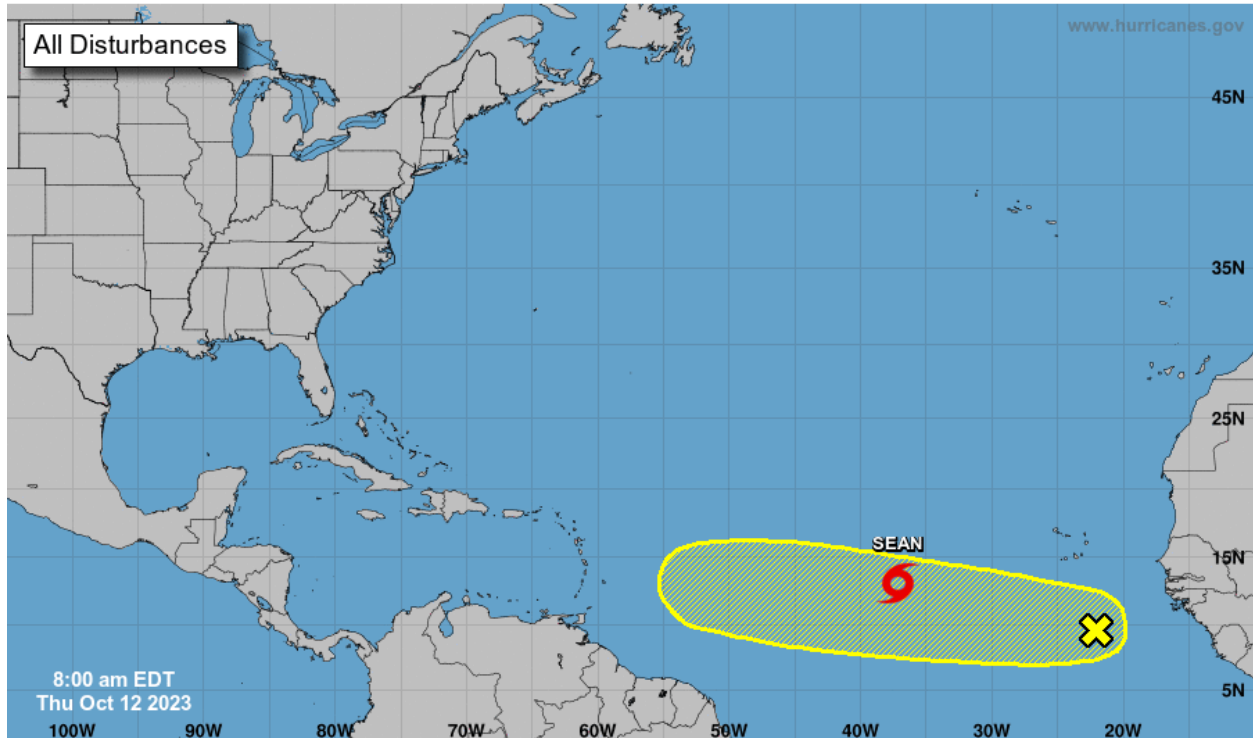
Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.
House Appropriations Project Request Form FY 2024-25
Appropriations Project Request Form Guidance - FY 2024-25
Attestation Form - FY 2024-25 Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.
Frequently Asked Questions and Materials: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

City & State FL: DeSantis backs Israel's right of self-defense, says Iran not 'peaceful'

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis prioritizes Israel over Ukraine

Post: Trump, in West Palm Beach, tells DeSantis: "I will never forget." And forget about 2028

The Floridian: DeSantis Asserts that Trump Nomination is Dealbreaker for Undecided Voters

My News 13: Florida members of Congress travel to Israel to show support

The Floridian: Moody Leads 27 States in Demanding Prohibition of Catch and Release at Border

The Hill: Gaetz on Speaker vote: Long live Speaker Scalise

CBS Miami: Voters in Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz's home district have divided opinions after McCarthy's House speaker ouster

The Floridian: Steube Calls Jim Jordan 'Strongest Person to Unite Conference' in Speaker Race

Times: Florida universities still require entry tests. Which has the best scores?

CBS Miami: Should manatees continue to enjoy endangered species protection? Feds to review classification

Sentinel: Will Florida manatees be listed as an endangered species again?

Post: Is there a maximum rent increase in Florida? Which cities have the highest rent prices?

Times: USF, UF boost police presence as tensions heighten over Israel-Hamas war

AP: A Florida man who shot down a law enforcement drone faces 10 years in prison

PNJ: Pensacola Black-owned radio and TV stations still serving after decades

WLRN: Controlled burns in Florida now make out-of-control blazes less likely later

NBC Miami: Brian Laundrie's mother to be deposed in civil suit filed by parents of Gabby Petito

Sun-Sentinel: A constitutional right to hunt and fish? Florida voters will decide in 2024

Democrat: As Supreme Court weighs Marsy's Law, group behind it says it shouldn't shield police

Sentinel: Appeals court won't block ruling in Hamburger Mary's drag show case

The Capitolist: State education officials taking hard look at school "cut scores"

Herald Tribune: New College of Florida dropout rate spikes, retention rate falls amid DeSantis' transition

The Floridian: Florida Democrat Pushes Background Checks for Ammunition Sales, Stricter Gun Laws

WUSF: Seminole County bans books challenged in other school districts

Sentinel: Seminole schools yank 31 books based on complaints from other counties

Herald: Miami-Dade Schools adopt social studies books, community has 30 days to challenge process

The Capitolist: State lawmaker pursues tax-exempt status for spaceports to catalyze commercial space investment

Sentinel: Democrats discuss insurance, schools in state House debate

FlaPol: David Smith to return donation from Vote Men PAC opposed to women holding office

FlaPol: David Smith reports strongest fundraising of any incumbent House Republican

FlaPol: Chip LaMarca adds \$48,300 to his six-figure war chest during Q3 in bid for fourth term

FlaPol: Kristen Arrington holds just over a \$10K cash edge on Carmen Torres in SD 25

FlaPol: Tom Leek reports more than \$335K raised, more donations than any Senate candidate statewide

The Capitolist: First Judicial Circuit continues to investigate reported cybersecurity breach

News4Jax: 'I don't think I could have asked for much better': Mayor Deegan looks back on first 100 days, ahead to challenges

The Capitolist: Mayo Clinic receives green light from city of Jacksonville for \$130.7 million expansion

ON THE DOCKET FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

- **FAMU BOARD** - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will hold two committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. Florida A&M University, Grand Ballroom, Tallahassee.
- **HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Healthy Kids Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando. Call-in number: 850-792-4925. Code: 937523709

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS- Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is expected to release regular weekly opinions.
- CITRUS FORECAST RELEASED- Thursday, noon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will release the first projections for the 2023-2024 citrus growing season. Call-in number: 1-888-844-9904. Code: 8552986
- NORTHWEST WATER DISTRICT - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES MEET- Thursday, 5 p.m. The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

- RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Respiratory Care will meet. Guy Harvey Resort, 860 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach.
- CENTRAL FLORIDA WATER PLAN - Friday, 9 a.m. Staff members from three water-management districts are scheduled to discuss the Central Florida Water Initiative Regional Water Supply Plan. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oveZSKGNTNemKp8_xtPshw#/registration
- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. <https://meet.goto.com/678252893>
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will meet. Holiday Inn Tampa Airport Westshore, 700 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa.
- ST. JOHNS DELEGATION - Friday, 9:30 a.m. The St. Johns County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. St. Johns County Auditorium, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine.
- CIRCUIT COURT CONSOLIDATION - Friday, 10 a.m. The Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee, which was appointed by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Carlos Muniz, will hold a hearing about the possibility of consolidating judicial circuits. George Edgecomb Courthouse, 800 East Twiggs St., Tampa. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wy03MipxS9Onv-CG8AzMjQ#/registration
- CONSERVATION ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. The state Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land-conservation issues, will meet. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. The Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/miami-dade-refugee-task-force-meeting-0>

- PILOT COMMISSIONERS BOARD - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners will meet. <https://meet.goto.com/337217893>. Call-in number: 1-571-317-3116. Code: 337217893
- FLAGLER DELEGATION - Friday, 3 p.m. The Flagler County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. Flagler County Commission chamber, 1769 Moody Blvd., Bunnell.

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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The Briefing is compiled to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School Representing District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email _cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

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