



**Week Three**  
Coming Up!  
Budget work moving to center stage!



## *The Briefing for January 21, 2024*

*The last Briefing was January 13, 2024*

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*Work on 24-25 Budget will move to center stage as leadership priorities move forward*

### *Legislative Calendars*

*House Calendar for Jan. 22 and 23.*

*Senate Calendar for Jan. 22, 23, and 24*

### *This Week In Tallahassee -*

#### *Rural County Days*

**Wednesday, January 24th** – Legislative Networking Reception will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel - 1001 South Adams Street, Tallahassee in the Grand Ballroom from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The reception requires a separate registration and fee. You must register for this event in advance.

#### **Thursday, January 25th** –

Rural Counties Networking Event will be held on the Florida State Capitol Courtyard from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. – Includes County booth displays, Legislator and State Agencies' staff networking with a fish-fry in the Capitol Courtyard.

### *Week Two Update*

#### *Small County Coalition and Small School District Council Consortium Represent Well in Tally!*

This past week literally hundreds of Small County Commissioners and School Board members converged on Tallahassee to attend association briefings and visit with legislators. Over 100 small county advocates attended the Coalition reception and over 50 school board members and superintendents attended a briefing held by the Small School District Council Consortium where priorities were discussed.

#### *Term Limits for County Commissioners move forward in the Senate and House* *Opposition to Term-limits was presented by members of the Small County Coalition.*

- In the Senate - SB 47 proposing 8 year term-limits passed its initial committee. Testimony opposing the bill was presented **Bill Truex (Charlotte), John Meeks and Matt Brooks (Levy), Ralph Thomas (Wakulla), Chris Dougherty (Bradford), Tim Murphy (Columbia)** testified in the Senate.

#### *House Term Limit Bill Amended to 12 years!*

- In the House – HB 438 was amended to provide 12 year term limits also moved forward. Testimony opposing mandated term-limits was presented by **Bill Truex (Charlotte), Ralph Thomas (Wakulla), Michelle Lincoln (Monroe), and Terry Burroughs (Okeechobee).**

#### *School Deregulation Bills Move in the Senate and the House*

- Senate proposals regarding School Deregulation SB 7000, 7002, and 7004 have passed the Senate and are in the House. The House proposal HB 7029 has passed two committee and is now in its third and final committee.

***Bills of Significance Up This Week!***  
***Monday and Tuesday in the House***  
***Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Senate***

**Monday –**

**12:00 – House Ways & Means**

- HB 1195 – Millage Rates – Requires 2/3 vote to increase millage rate above roll-back rate.

**4:00pm – Senate Community Affairs –**

- SB 742 – Public Works Projects – Pre-emption Local Requirements on Public Works projects
- SB 812 – Expedited Approval of Residential Building Permits
- SB 958 – Tax Collector/School Supt. Salaries - Revises base salary used to calculate the compensation of county tax collectors and district school superintendents
- SB 1322 - Millage Rates; Prohibiting any increase in the millage rate from going into effect until it has been approved by a 2/3 vote

**Tuesday**

**10:00am – House Education & Employment**

- HB 1403 - School Choice: consolidates through repeals and revisions to voucher program

**10:00am – House State Affairs –**

- HB 7017 - Annual Adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies
- HB 7019 - Exemption of Homesteads – Implementing bill for HB 7017 and HB7015

**1:00pm - Senate Commerce and Tourism:**

- SB 1218 - Broadband
- SB 1748—Tourist Development Tax
- SB 1492—Employment Regulations

**1:00pm – Senate Health Policy:**

- SB 644 – Rural Hospitals – specifying licensure for Rural Emergency Hospitals.

**3:00 - House Floor Session**

- HB 1 – Social Media Use for Minors
- HB 3 – Online Access Harmful to Minors

**3:00 – Senate Education K-12**

- SB 1016 – Patriot Organizations – requires school districts to allow reps. of patriotic organizations to speak and display at events.

**Wednesday –**

**4:00pm – Senate Approps. Sub – Agriculture, Environment, and General Govt.**

- SB 1638 - Funding for Environmental Resource Management; Creating, subject to appropriation, the Local Trail Management Grant Program within the Department of Environmental Protection for a specified purpose; requiring the Department of Revenue to distribute, on a monthly basis, a specified percentage of the revenue share payments received under the 2021 gaming compact; creating the Water Quality Work Program within the Department of Environmental Protection
- SB 632 - Taking of Bears; Citing this act as the “Self Defense Act”; providing for the taking of bears without certain permits or authorizations under specified conditions;

***Tools to follow the Legislature***

**Links to House and Senate Home Pages**

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>

<https://www.flsenate.gov/>

## Link to watch Legislative Committees

<https://thefloridachannel.org/>

### *On The Docket This Week!*

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024**

##### **— Legislature:**

- ABORTION RIGHTS - Monday, 11 a.m. Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Davie, and other Democratic senators will hold a media availability on the 51st anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision. The Supreme Court overturned the decision in 2022. Senate Democratic Office, 228 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PROPERTY TAXES - Monday, noon and 4 p.m. The House Ways & Means Committee and the Senate Community Affairs Committee will take up bills (HB 1195 and SB 1322), filed by Rep. Sam Garrison, R-Fleming Island, and Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would require two-thirds votes by city and county governing boards to raise millage rates. House meeting at noon at 404 House Office Building, the Capitol. Senate meeting at 4 p.m. at 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONFIRMATIONS- Monday, 1:30 p.m. The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will consider confirmation of dozens of appointees to boards, including the State Board of Education, university and college boards of trustees and water management district governing boards. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE - Monday, 1:30 p.m. The Senate Judiciary Committee will take up a bill (SB 248), filed by Chairman Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, about whether parents should be able to seek damages for mental pain and suffering when their adult children die because of alleged medical malpractice. The bill would eliminate a prohibition on parents of adult children pursuing such damages. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SPACEPORT OPERATIONS - Monday, 1:30 p.m. The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will receive presentations from SpaceX, Blue Origin and NASA about spaceport operations. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONDO ASSOCIATIONS - Monday, 1:30 p.m. The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will take up a bill (SB 1178), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that would make a series of changes related to condominium associations. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TRANS INSURANCE ISSUE - Monday, 3 p.m. The House Select Committee on Health Innovation will consider a proposal (HB 1639), filed by Rep. Doug Bankson, R-Apopka, and Rep. Dean Black, R-Jacksonville, that would place new requirements on health-insurance coverage related to transgender people. If insurers cover prescriptions or procedures for gender transition, the bill also would require them to cover treatment to "detransition." Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONSUMER FINANCE LOANS- Monday, 4 p.m. The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will take up a bill (SB 1436), filed by Sen. Colleen Burton, R-Lakeland, that would allow higher interest rates on consumer-finance loans. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS - Monday, 4 p.m. The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1372) that would place restrictions on teacher-preparation programs, including barring them from including a curriculum that "teaches identity politics ... or is based on theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege are inherent in the institutions of the United States and were created to maintain social, political, and economic inequities." 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- MARKERS, MONUMENTS - Monday, 4 p.m. The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will take up a bill (SB 1122), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that seeks to prevent the removal of historical markers and monuments. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

##### **— Also:**

- SOUTH FLORIDA PLANNING COUNCIL - Monday, 10 a.m. The South Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 250,

Hollywood. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84423022549?pwd=u764BkaCmXPvqVmHxUE9U1QpaZnHTw.1>. Meeting ID: 8442302254. Code: 184120

- SCHOOL SAFETY U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz, D-Fla., and U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly will hold a discussion with victims' family members after visiting Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where 17 people were killed in 2018. A media availability will follow the discussion. Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel & Convention Center, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs. TAX DIVERSION PROGRAM - Monday, 2:30 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss a tax-collection enforcement diversion program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MONTHLY REVENUE ANALYZED - Monday, 2:45 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up monthly revenue estimates. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**

### **— Legislature:**

- SCHOOL VOUCHERS - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The House Education & Employment Committee will consider a bill (HB 1403), filed by Rep. Josie Tomkow, R-Polk City, that would make a series of changes in school-voucher programs. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- FIRST RESPONDER BILL - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The House Judiciary Committee will take up a proposal (HB 75), filed by Rep. Alex Rizo, R-Hialeah, that would create a law aimed at preventing people from harassing or threatening first responders after being warned against approaching the first responders. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL DISTRICTS - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The House State Affairs Committee will take up a bill (HB 7013), filed by Rep. Jenna Persons-Mulicka, R-Fort Myers, that would make a series of changes related to special districts, including setting term limits for elected board members of independent special districts. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CRIME VICTIMS - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-Miami Gardens, is expected to take part in a news conference about issues related to crime victims. Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- TEEN WORK RULES - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. The House Commerce Committee will consider a bill (HB 49), filed by Rep. Linda Chaney, R-St. Pete Beach, that would loosen regulations on the numbers of hours that 16-year-old and 17-year-old Floridians can work. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SUICIDE RECORDS EXEMPTION - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. The House Health & Human Services Committee will take up a bill (HB 529), filed by Rep. Dana Trabulsy, R-Fort Pierce, that would create a public-records exemption for photos and recordings of people committing suicide. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- COMMERCIAL DRIVERS - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. The House Infrastructure Strategies Committee will take up a bill (HB 405), filed by Rep. Lauren Melo, R-Naples, that would make a series of changes related to commercial motor-vehicle drivers. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- FARMWORKER HOUSING - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Agriculture Committee will take up a proposal (SB 1082), filed by Chairman Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that is aimed at creating more farmworker housing. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONTRACTOR WAGES - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee will consider a bill (SB 1492), filed by Chairman Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, that includes preventing local governments from controlling wages paid by contractors to workers. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- POLICE COMPLAINTS - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will take up a proposal (SB 576), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would remove local authority to investigate allegations of misconduct against law-enforcement officers. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- WORKERS' COMP TREATMENT - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Health Policy Committee will consider a proposal (SB 362), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that would allow higher reimbursements for physicians and surgical procedures in the treatment of workers' compensation patients. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- **HOUSE TAKES UP SOCIAL MEDIA RESTRICTIONS** - Tuesday, 3 p.m. The House will hold a floor session and take up a bill that would prevent minors under age 16 from creating social-media accounts. The bill, in part, also would require social-media platforms to terminate existing accounts that are “reasonably known” by the platforms to be held by minors younger than 16 and would allow parents to request that minors’ accounts be terminated. House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, and other supporters of the bill (HB 1), sponsored by Rep. Tyler Sirois, R-Merritt Island, and Rep. Fiona McFarland, R-Sarasota, contend that social media harms such things as children’s mental health. But Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, and NetChoice, a tech-industry group, have argued the bill could be unconstitutional and create data-privacy concerns. The House also will take up a bill (HB 3), sponsored by Rep. Chase Tramont, R-Port Orange, and Rep. Toby Overdorf, R-Palm City, that would require age verification to try to prevent people under age 18 from having access to such things as pornography on websites and apps. The bill, also a priority of Renner, would set a series of standards for determining whether online material would be harmful, such as whether it “appeals to the prurient interest” and “lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.” House chamber, the Capitol.
- **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES** - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1758), filed by Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford, that would make changes related to people with disabilities, including providing money to offer services to some people on a waiting list. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **COMPUTER SCIENCE INSTRUCTION** - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will take up a bill (SB 1344), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would require computer-science instruction in schools. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **‘PFAS’ DISCHARGES** - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1692), filed by Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford, that seeks to curb discharges of chemicals known as “PFAS,” which can contaminate water and pose health risks. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **DRIVING WITHOUT LICENSES** - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Transportation Committee will take up a bill (SB 1324), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, about criminal penalties for driving without a valid license. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SPECIAL ORDER SET** - Tuesday, 15 minutes after Senate committee meetings end. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM** - Tuesday, 6 p.m. Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Windermere, Rep. LaVon Bracy Davis, D-Ocoee, Rep. Jervonte Edmonds, D-West Palm Beach, and Rep. Felicia Robinson, D-Miami Gardens, will host a discussion about the proposed Florida Black History Museum. TNL Performing Arts Center; 1533 South Monroe St., Tallahassee.

**— Also:**

- **REAL ESTATE ISSUES** - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Real Estate Commission will meet. Zora Neale Hurston Building, North Tower, Suite N901, 400 West Robinson St., Orlando. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/603461895294460508>
- **SOUTHWEST WATER BOARD** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- **WATER RATES** - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an online meeting about a proposed water-rate increase in Polk County by Pinecrest Utilities, LLC. Information at <https://www.floridapsc.com/>
- **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, Venice Campus, 8000 South Tamiami Trail, Venice.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024**

**— Legislature:**

- **PROPERTY FIGHT LEGAL FEES** - Wednesday, 11 a.m. The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 702), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that could lead to fewer lawsuits in property-

rights fights. The bill would allow landowners to receive attorney fees in certain lawsuits about projects on their property. They could receive the fees if they win the lawsuits and the projects have received government approvals. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- RIGHTS ISSUES - Wednesday, 1 p.m. Sen. Tracie Davis, D-Jacksonville, and Rep. Angie Nixon, D-Jacksonville, are expected to take part in a news conference held by a coalition of groups to criticize Gov. Ron DeSantis and legislative leaders for what the coalition calls “sustained attacks on fundamental rights.” Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- HEALTH CARE BUDGET - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will discuss budget issues for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION BUDGET - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will discuss budget issues for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Wednesday, 4 p.m. The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.
- BEAR THREATS - Wednesday, 4 p.m. The Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations will take up a bill (SB 632), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that would allow people to kill bears on their property without permits when they feel threatened or think it is necessary for protection. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUDGET- Wednesday, 4 p.m. The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will discuss budget issues for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- EDUCATION BUDGET - Wednesday, 4 p.m. The Senate Education Appropriations Committee will discuss budget issues for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Wednesday, 15 minutes after Senate committee meetings end. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

#### **OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee (8 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (8 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee (8 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee (8 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee (11 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee (11 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee (11 a.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee (11 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Rules Committee (15 minutes after House floor session, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

#### **— Also:**

- FSU TRUSTEES MEET - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. Information at <https://trustees.fsu.edu/meetings>

- 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
- WATER QUALITY - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The state's Blue-Green Algae Task Force will meet. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8959513871458627926>
- 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. Code: 261180880
- WATER, SEWER RATES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a meeting about a proposal by Pluris Wedgefield, LLC, to raise water and sewer rates in Orange County. Wedgefield Golf Club, 20550 Maxim Parkway, Orlando.
- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD - Wednesday, 10:45 a.m., with full board at 3:15 p.m. The state university system's Board of Governors will hold a series of committee meetings before a full board meeting. Florida State University, Student Union, 75 North Woodward Ave., Tallahassee.

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024**

##### **— Legislature:**

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Senate will hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.

##### **OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee (8 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Civil Justice Subcommittee (8 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (8 a.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (8 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (11:30 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Education Quality Subcommittee (11:30 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee (11:30 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (11:30 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Criminal Justice Subcommittee (3 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee (3 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee (3 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee (3 p.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

##### **— Also:**

- ELECTIONS LAW APPEAL HEARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in Florida's appeal of a preliminary injunction against parts of an election law passed last year. The injunction, issued by Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker, blocked parts of the law that would prevent non-U.S. citizens from "collecting or handling" voter-registration applications and make it a felony for voter-registration group workers to keep personal information of voters. Elbert P. Tuttle United States Court of Appeals Building, 56 Forsyth St. N.W., Atlanta.
- SPACE ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Space Florida Board of Directors will meet. Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee. Call in number: 1-855-758-1310. Meeting ID: 6277636389. Code: 567768
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Thursday, 9 a.m. The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.

- COUNCIL ON BLACK MEN, BOYS - Thursday, 9 a.m. The state Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is scheduled to meet. Carr Building, 3800 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 428345081
- 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.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release weekly opinions.
- ECONOMIC ISSUES - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold the online Florida Economic Outlook & Jobs Solution Summit. <https://floridachamberfoundation.regfox.com/2024-virtual-florida-economic-outlook-jobs-solution-summit>
- CYBERSECURITY - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council will meet. Florida A&M University Center for Access and Student Success, 1735 Wahnish Way, Tallahassee.
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will meet. The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- 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: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 177139773.

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024**

#### **— Legislature:**

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, 9 a.m. The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.

#### **— Also:**

- PSYCHOLOGY BOARD - Friday, 8 a.m. The Florida Board of Psychology will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564341766
- ETHICS ISSUES- Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- ARGUMENTS HELD IN IMMIGRATION CLASH - Friday, 9 a.m. A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in a battle between Florida and the Biden administration about illegal immigration. The Biden administration appealed two rulings by U.S. District Judge T. Kent Wetherell that sided with the state and blocked immigration policies. Elbert P. Tuttle United States Court of Appeals Building, 56 Forsyth St. N.W., Atlanta.
- HEARING HELD IN PRO-PALESTINE GROUPS CASE - Friday, 9 a.m. Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker will hear arguments in First Amendment lawsuits filed by pro-Palestine student groups against Gov. Ron DeSantis and state education officials. The groups Students for Justice in Palestine at the University of Florida and Students for Justice in Palestine at the University of South Florida filed the lawsuits after university system Chancellor Ray Rodrigues on Oct. 24 issued a memorandum to university presidents linking the groups to the National Students for Justice in Palestine. Rodrigues' memo said the national group had released a "toolkit" supporting Hamas' attack in October on Israel. The lawsuits allege Rodrigues ordered deactivation of the groups in violation of the First Amendment — an allegation the state disputes. Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.
- BUSINESS OF HEALTH CARE - Friday, 9 a.m. Florida State University will host the "Business of Healthcare Summit." Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE HELD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an "impact" conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Friday, 9 a.m. The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will meet. The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.

- COUNCIL ON BLACK MEN, BOYS - Friday, 9 a.m. The state Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is scheduled to meet. Carr Building, 3800 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 428345081
- PRISON HEALTH CARE ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. The state Correctional Medical Authority is scheduled to meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 344085830
- ARCHITECTURE BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The state Board of Architecture and Interior Design is scheduled to meet. Hampton Inn and Suites, Amelia Island Historic Harbor Front, 19 South Second St., Fernandina Beach.
- RECYCLING WINNERS MAKE PRESENTATIONS - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation will hold an online event in which representatives of organizations that won the 2023 Recycling Champion Award will present their programs. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-florida-recycling-champion-award-winners-presentations-tickets-775875834507>

## ***Headlines from Around the State***

### **Sunday's Headlines**

*CNN: In South Carolina, Ron DeSantis prepares a last stand – and a way out*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis will return to New Hampshire, plans future focus on Upstate South Carolina*

*Times: 'Dead man walking'? DeSantis continues presidential bid in New Hampshire*

*FlaPol: Questions remain about Ron DeSantis' Virgin Islands strategy*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says his 'bulldog' defense of Donald Trump earned 2018 endorsement*

*FlaPol: 'You're bad because you may be white': Ron DeSantis continues DEI assault*

*The Hill: DeSantis to New Hampshire voters: I'll bring 'Live Free or Die' motto to White House*

*My News 13: DeSantis gets a warm welcome in South Carolina, but even some supporters think he can't beat Trump*

*The Hill: Rick Scott's pitch to Florida Hispanics: Kitchen table issues with a side of Latin America*

*The Hill: Trump mocks DeSantis after testy Fox interview over Iowa results*

*FlaPol: Kat Cammack finally endorses Donald Trump*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rules out Grady Judd as 2024 running mate*

*Herald: A Miccosukee-led plan could finally end new oil drilling efforts in the Everglades*

*Herald: Floridians could have gotten \$120 to help feed their kids. The state wasn't interested*

### **Saturdays Headlines**

*Sun-Sentinel: Ron DeSantis is quietly starting to build his off-ramp from 2024*

*Gainesville Sun: Election '24: Is Florida Gov. DeSantis headed for major beatdown in New Hampshire?*

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