



**Monday is day 28 of 60 day Session!  
A lot of bills this week!  
Term-Limits is Up on Tuesday in Senate  
Committee!**



## *The Briefing for Feb 5, 2024*

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### ***Legislative Calendars***

*House Daily Calendar for Monday and Tuesday*

*Senate Daily Calendar for Monday through Wednesday*

### ***County Commission Term Limits up Tuesday***

**County Commission Term Limits – SB 438 - Community Affairs -3:00 Tuesday – 401 Senate**  
Term Limits; Establishing 8 year term limits for county commissioners; prohibiting specified person from seeking certain offices until after a specified timeframe, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

### **SB 438 restricts Freedom, Choice, and Liberty!**

**Local Voters should not have their choice arbitrarily restricted.**

**The existence of term limits for local officials should be a local decision!**

**SB 438 takes local decision-making away from local communities and puts it in the hands of the Florida legislature by statute.**

**The ability to choose your elected officials is one of the foundations of our country.**

### **Send an email to the following members expressing concern –**

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### **Committee on Community Affairs Members**

**Chair:** [Senator Alexis Calatayud \(R\)](#)

**Vice Chair:** [Senator Rosalind Osgood \(D\)](#)

- [Senator Dennis Baxley \(R\)](#)
- [Senator Lori Berman \(D\)](#)
- [Senator Jennifer Bradley \(R\)](#)
- [Senator Jason Brodeur \(R\)](#)
- [Senator Jonathan Martin \(R\)](#)
- [Senator Jason W. B. Pizzo \(D\)](#)

### **TIDBITS**

**This week marks Week Five - Wednesday will mark the half-way mark.**

- House and Senate Budgets will be heard this week. By and large- programs important to Small Counties and Small School Districts are intact at status quo
- Sovereign Immunity – Increased Caps still moving. Stakeholder representing sovereign entities are working to limit caps and opposing processes that will lead to more litigation and increased liability insurance costs.
- Bear Legislation clarifying when and where individuals can shoot a bear if they are threatened and fear for imminent death is moving.
- Social Media Protection and Online Access issues are moving
- Several bills impacting Property Tax exemptions. Mostly moving in the House but surface in the Senate as the legislature begins to focus on taxation issues.
- Regional Rural Grants Program legislation is moving as is a favorable Rural Emergency Hospital legislation.

### *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/>

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

### **— Legislature:**

- HOUSE DEMOCRATS HOLD AVAILABILITY Monday, 10 a.m. House Minority Leader availability. ---  
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85902707902?pwd=Wk5HY3pOcU1nT3JlbnRvc0hBZd2k4QT09>
- HOSPITAL DISTRICTS -- Monday, 1 p.m. The House Select Committee on Health Innovation will consider a proposal (HB 1421) that would set up a process for hospital districts to convert to private, non-profit entities. ---- Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- LOBBYIST REGISTRATION -- Monday, 2:30 p.m. The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will take up a bill (SB 734), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would require people to register as lobbyists if they lobby counties, cities or special districts. ---- 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SOCIAL MEDIA RESTRICTIONS -- Monday, 2:30 p.m. The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1788), filed by Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that seeks to prevent minors under age 16 from having social-media accounts. The proposal is similar to a House bill (HB 1) that is a priority of House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast. ---- 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- STATE GUARD CHIEF -- Monday, 2:30 p.m. The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will hold a confirmation hearing for Florida State Guard Director Mark Thieme. ---- 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- FASTER BUILDING PERMITS -- Monday, 2:30 p.m. The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will take up a proposal (SB 812), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would require local governments to create programs to speed up issuance of residential building permits. ---- 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MANGROVES -- Monday, 2:30 p.m. The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1581), filed by Rep. Jim Mooney, R-Islamorada, that seeks to bolster the state's mangroves. ---- 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- STATE GUARD USE -- Monday, 2:30 p.m. The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1551), filed by Rep. Mike Giallombardo, R-Cape Coral, that would allow the Florida State Guard to be deployed to other states under an Emergency Management Assistance Compact, which lets states share resources during natural and man-made disasters. ---- 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- LITIGATION FINANCING -- Monday, 2:30 p.m. The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1179), filed by Rep. Tommy Gregory, R-Lakewood Ranch, and Rep. Toby Overdorf, R-Palm City, that would place restrictions on what is known as litigation financing. ---- Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

**— Also:**

- APPRAISAL BOARD -- Monday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board is scheduled to meet. ---- Zora Neale Hurston Building, North Tower, Suite N901, 400 West Robinson St., Orlando. Call-in number: 1-213-929-4212. Code: 867068975
- TRIUMPH GULF COAST -- Monday, 1 p.m. Central time. The board of Triumph Gulf Coast, which administers settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. ---- Florida State University, Panama City Campus, Holley Academic Center, 4750 Collegiate Dr., Panama City
- FAMU TRUSTEES -- Monday, 3 p.m. The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will meet. ---  
- <https://famu.zoom.us/j/98521063309?pwd=VjJYdHYxejNsMkgwZ015emNoNWt1UT09>

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

**— Legislature:**

- CITIZENS COVERAGE -- Tuesday, 8 a.m. The House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee will hold a discussion about windstorm coverage provided by the state's Citizens Property Insurance Corp. ---- Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- FOOD DELIVERY PLATFORMS -- Tuesday 8 a.m. The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1099), filed by Rep. Lauren Melo, R-Naples, about regulation of food-delivery platforms, including preempting local regulations. ---- 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SWIMMING SAFETY -- Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 274), filed by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, that would place requirements on organizations such as schools, camps and child-care facilities that take children swimming at pools. ---- 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL CHAPLAINS -- Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will take up a bill (SB 1044), filed by Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that would allow school districts and charter schools to have volunteer school chaplains. ---- 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRAFFIC CAMERAS -- Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Senate Transportation Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1464), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would make a series of changes related to red-light cameras and traffic cameras on school buses. ---- 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- EVERGLADES PROTECTION AREA -- Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. The Senate Agriculture Committee will take up a bill (SB 1364), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would place requirements on proposed comprehensive plans or plan amendments for land near the Everglades Protection Area. ---- 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- 'RIGHT TO ROCK' BILL HEARD Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. The Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1206), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that

would prevent publicly funded venues from canceling live performances because of performers' personal beliefs or speech. The bill is dubbed the "Right to Rock Act." ---- 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- SMARTPHONE FILTERS -- Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will take up a bill (SB 1196), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would include requiring manufacturers of smartphones and tablets to include filters that prevent accessing or downloading material "harmful to minors." ---- 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- AHCA RECORDS EXEMPTION -- Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. The Senate Health Policy Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1632), filed by Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that would provide a public-records exemption for information about current and former Agency for Health Care Administration employees "whose duties include the investigation of complaints filed against health care facilities or the inspection of health care facilities." ---- 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CONSUMER FINANCE LOANS -- Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. The House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1347), filed by Rep. Robbie Brackett, R-Vero Beach, that would allow higher interest rates on consumer-finance loans. ---- 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MASS CASUALTY TRAINING -- Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 903), filed by Rep. Dan Daley, D-Coral Springs, that would require teacher certification to include training related to mass casualty incidents. ---- Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- TENANT RIGHTS -- Tuesday, noon, Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, and Rep. Dotie Joseph, D-North Miami, are expected to take part in a news conference about legislation on tenant rights. ---- Capitol rotunda.
- MEDICAL DEBTS -- Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will take up a bill (SB 1640), filed by Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that would make a series of changes related to consumer medical debts. ---- 412 Knott Building, the Capitol
- MONUMENT REMOVALS --- Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Senate Community Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1122), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that would prevent local governments from relocating, removing or destroying monuments, including Confederate monuments. ---- 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- UNIVERSITY APPOINTEES -- Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will hold confirmation hearings for members of the state university system's Board of Governors and trustees of Florida A&M University, New College of Florida and Florida Polytechnic University. ---- 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- FLAG DISPLAYS -- Tuesday, 3 p.m. The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will take up a bill (SB 1120), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that would prevent local governments, schools and colleges from flying flags that represent "a political viewpoint," including flags related to "sexual orientation and gender" or race. ---- 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HEALTH ISSUES --- Tuesday, 3 p.m. The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a wide-ranging bill (HB 1549), sponsored by Majority Leader Michael Grant, R-Port Charlotte, that includes steps to improve access to health care. The issue is a priority of Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples. ---- Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- IN-STATE TUITION -- Tuesday, 3 p.m. The House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 767), filed by Rep. Jervonte Edmonds, D-West Palm

Beach, that would prevent people from losing their residency status for tuition purposes because they have been in prison. ---- 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- SPECIAL ORDER SET Tuesday, 15 minutes after Senate committee meetings. 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

**Also:**

- OCEANS DAY --The Florida Ocean Alliance, the Florida Institute of Oceanography and Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium will host Florida Oceans Day events.
- SIMPSON AT 4-H DAY -- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson is scheduled to take part in an opening event as part of 4-H Day at the Capitol. ---- Capitol courtyard.
- UTILITY ISSUES -- Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will meet. ---- Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- WELL-BEING COUNCIL -- Tuesday, 10 a.m. The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. ---- Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/child-and-family-well-being-council-meeting-0>
- PANETTA SPEAKS TO ECONOMIC CLUB Tuesday, noon. Leon Panetta, a former White House chief of staff, CIA director and secretary of defense, will speak to the Economic Club of Florida. ---- FSU Alumni Center, 1030 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- MUSEUM REOPENING -- Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Florida Department of State will hold a media preview and reception about the reopening of the Union Bank Museum after a restoration. ---- Union Bank Museum, 219 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

**— Legislature:**

- SENATE CONSIDERS BUDGET -- Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Senate will hold a floor session and take up a proposed budget (SB 2500) and related bills for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, which will start July 1. ---- Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- VOTING RIGHTS -- Wednesday, noon. Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Windermere, and Rep. LaVon Bracy Davis, D-Ocoee, are expected to take part in a news conference about legislation on voting rights. ---- North plaza, the Capitol.
- HOUSE TAKES UP BUDGET -- Wednesday, 2 p.m. The House will hold a floor session and take up a proposed budget (HB 5001) and related bills for the 2024-2024 fiscal year, which will start July 1. ---- House chamber, the Capitol.
- BEAR THREATS -- Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee 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. ---- 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET Wednesday, 15 minutes after the Fiscal Policy ---- 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- LAWMAKER CHERRY HONORED -- Wednesday, 6 p.m. Committee. 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. U.S. Rep. Ashley Gantt, D-Miami, will host an event to honor the late Gwendolyn Cherry, the first Black woman to serve as a state lawmaker. ---- 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

**OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- House Education & Employment Committee (10:30 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)

- House Judiciary Committee (10:30 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House State Affairs Committee (10:30 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

**— Also:**

- ABORTION MEASURE -- Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in three cases, including a case about a proposed constitutional amendment aimed at ensuring abortion rights in the state. Justice will determine whether the wording of the proposal meets legal requirements to go on the November ballot. ---- Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- ELECTIONS COMMISSION -- Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Elections Commission will meet. ---- 12 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- 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
- HISTORICAL COMMISSION -- Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Historical Commission will meet. ---- R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://dosmyflorida.zoom.us/j/81170351479?pwd=w7a0K3P0Af3dO11AKHLRNVD0ovTJSU.1>. Meeting ID: 81170351479. Code: 316469. Call-in number: 1-833-548-0282
- TOURISM ISSUES -- Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Visit Florida Board of Directors will meet. --- - AC Hotel by Marriott Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 801 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

**— Legislature:**

- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION Thursday, 2 p.m. The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. ---- House chamber, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION Thursday, 4 p.m. The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. ---- Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET Thursday, 15 minutes after Senate floor session. 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 Commerce Committee (8 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health & Human Services Committee (8 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Infrastructure Strategies Committee (8 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Rules Committee (8:30 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Appropriations Committee (10:30 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Ways & Means Committee (10:30 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee (10:45 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Transportation, Tourism & Economic Development Appropriations Committee (10:45 a.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Finance & Tax Committee (10:45 a.m., 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Agriculture, Environment & General Government Appropriations Committee (2 p.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)

- Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee (2 p.m., 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Education Appropriations Committee (2 p.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

— **Also:**

- FGCU TRUSTEES -- Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will meet. ---- <https://www.fgcu.edu/about/leadership/fgcuboardoftrustees/boardcast>
- REHAB COUNCIL FOR BLIND -- Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind will meet. ---- Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown, 316 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- 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. [https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xrK2rorVTOijOwA2VXLYUQ#/registration](https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xrK2rorVTOijOwA2VXLYUQ#/registration)
- DEAF, HARD OF HEARING COUNCIL -- Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will meet. ---- Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- FAU TRUSTEES -- Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will meet. ---- Florida Atlantic University, Administration Building, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release weekly opinions.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD -- Thursday, 1 p.m. Central time. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. ---- 700 U.S. 331 South, DeFuniak Springs.
- CITRUS FORECAST RELEASED Thursday, noon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will update projections for the 2023-2024 citrus growing season. ---- Call-in number: 1-888-844-9904. Code: 8552986

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

— **Legislature:**

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

— **Also:**

- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE -- Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating the potential costs of legislation. ---- 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DEAF, HARD OF HEARING COUNCIL -- Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will meet. ---- Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, 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>
- BLACK HISTORY, ARTS CELEBRATED Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Florida Department of State will host the annual Black History Arts and Culture Festival. ---- R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

- MUSEUM REOPENING HELD Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Florida Department of State will hold a reopening for the Union Bank Museum after a restoration. ---- Union Bank Museum, 219 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee.

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

*FlaPol: Senate panel to hear youth social media ban questioned by Ron DeSantis*

*FlaPol: Did collapse of local news hurt Ron DeSantis' 2024 campaign?*

*FlaPol: 'Right to Rock Act' booked for Senate debut*

*FlaPol: In wake of border deployment, Senate panel to vote on State Guard leader's confirmation*

*Sun-Sentinel: After two years of hefty increases, will auto insurance rates in Florida stabilize in 2024?*

*FlaPol: To beat Florida developers, community activists learn to be persistent*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rips undocumented immigrants' sense of 'entitlement'*

*FlaPol: In latest attack on ESG, Gov. DeSantis says Floridians 'need meat'*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis touts investments in rural broadband*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis denounces proposed Palestinian Arab state*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis delivers on puppy promise to First Family*

*Herald: Cuba used to call a Miami foe big 'bad she-wolf'. Now a new critic gets a sexist nickname*

*Herald Tribune: Ziegler claims victim status, fights release of records from sexual assault investigation*

*FlaPol: Vax statewide grand jury report: Investigation is nowhere near complete*

*Times: Florida schools adjust as federal pandemic relief money ebbs away*

*Herald: Broward superintendent discusses the options as district explores closing schools*

*Politico: Federal appeals court narrowly blocks controversial Florida law barring Chinese land ownership*

*Democrat: At Capitol rally, Moms for Liberty vows to press on social media, mental health*

*FlaPol: Home-hardening grants for condo owners win preliminary House OK*

*Herald: Government watchdogs warn Florida legislation would have chilling effect in ethics cases*

*FlaPol: AIPAC endorses Jared Moskowitz for re-election*

*AP: Florida trooper and truck driver killed during high-speed chase on Interstate 95*

*TCPalm: Trooper Fink is 17th law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty on Treasure Coast*

*TCPalm: End of watch: Who was Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Zachary Fink?*

*NWF Daily News: Meet the four finalists for the vacant Niceville City Council seat to be filled Feb. 19*

*FlaPol: Citrus County Superintendent Sam Himmel to retire after 28 years of political life*

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