



## *The Briefing for April 15, 2024*

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### **Upcoming FSBA and FAC Annual Meetings**

#### **GET REGISTERED -**

If you intend to attend either the upcoming Summer meeting of the SSDCC or the Small County Coalition you need to move post-haste to get registered. Both meetings are held within the state conferences of the FSBA and the Florida Association of Counties - Both the SSDCC and the Small County Coalition meetings will discuss important organizational business including the election of officers and other business. Here's the calendar for both meetings -

#### **Small District Annual Joint meeting**

**FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium –**

**JUNE 6, 2024 - 7:30-8:30am**

**Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - Skylark Room – 14<sup>th</sup> Floor**

#### **Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting**

**Wednesday – June 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:00am-8:30am**

**Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando**

### **Election of FAC Officers and Executive Committee Members**

#### **Plan on staying at the FAC Conference through Friday Morning**

The Elections for the Officers and Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Counties will be held Friday morning during the FAC breakfast meeting. There are two candidates for FAC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – one is John Meeks (Levy County). In order to support the candidate of your choice you need to plan on staying and attending the Friday morning business session.

### **Special Request –**

#### **Are You Leaving Office Survey**

Please send me the names of current elected officials who's seats are up this election season – School Board, Superintendent and/ County Commissioners. I would also like to know if a current incumbent is not running for re-election.

**State Board of Education**  
**To Meet Wednesday – 1 p.m. at Tallahassee Community College**  
**Agenda**

**Chinese property ownership lawsuit will be heard in Federal Appeals Court**

A federal appeals court this week will hear arguments over the Florida law that restricts people from China from owning property in the state. The restrictions prevent people “domiciled” in China from purchasing property in Florida, with some exceptions. Three of the plaintiffs are in the United States on visas, while one is seeking asylum. The real-estate broker, Multi-Choice Realty, serves a large number of Chinese clients. The lawsuit argues that the law violates equal-protection rights and the federal Fair Housing Act. U.S. District Judge Allen Winsor in August denied a request from the plaintiffs for a preliminary injunction, saying they are unlikely to be able to show the law was motivated by discrimination or lacks a “rational basis.”

**Headlines Around the State**

*WUSF: Nearly 1 in 4 adults dumped from Medicaid are now uninsured, survey finds*

*Axios: Florida's new chase policy lets troopers speed, drive the wrong way*

*WUSF: Florida's got a new holiday: Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day*

*WUSF: Sound at sea, sargassum buries beaches and threatens tourism*

*Times: These biodegradable straws could prevent new coral from becoming expensive fish food in Florida*

*Daily News: Will National Association of Realtors settlement mean more affordable housing in Collier?*

*FlaPol: Abortion rights supporters rally in Orlando to kick off Yes on 4 campaign*

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida GOP operative admits role in ghost candidate scheme that defeated utility-targeted Democrat*

*FlaPol: Stanley Campbell trumpets endorsements for underdog Senate campaign*

*FlaPol: Student loan discharge granted to over 21,000 more Floridians over GOP objections*

*WUSF: The site of Florida's Black History Museum will be announced April 19*

*NYTimes: Don Wright, Editorial Cartoonist With a Skewer for a Pen, Dies at 90*

*FlaPol: Iranian attacks on Israel spur response from Florida politicians*

*FlaPol: Rick Scott campaign rips Democrats for failure to stop ISIS-K*

*Post: Can Boynton Beach annex 38 high-end communities without them voting?*

*News-Press: Cape Coral's proposed halt of new car washes, storage units may have legal ramifications*

*Ocala Star-Banner: McIntosh Town Council back at full strength; DeSantis appoints four members*

*TCPalm: Ex-Martin schools chief Millay withdraws from school board race*

*WUSF: A new plant-based solution may be the next step in preventing beach erosion*

### ***Days Until***

- Florida Housing Summit ‘Blueprint for Better Outcomes’ begins — 16;
- Kentucky Derby — 19;
- 2024 Leadership Conference on Safety, Health & Sustainability — 25;
- FSBA/FADSS Summer Meeting – 52;
- Small School District Breakfast – 53;
- Florida Association of Counties Annual Meeting – 71;
- Small County Coalition Annual Meeting – 72;
- Republican National Convention begins — 91;
- Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Olympic Games on NBC/Peacock — 101;
- Florida Primary Election — 127;
- Democratic National Convention begins — 127;
- 2024 NFL season kicks off — 144;
- 2024 Florida Chamber Annual Meeting & Future of Florida Forum — 189;
- 2024 Presidential Election — 204;
- Florida’s 2025 Legislative Session begins — 323;
- 2025 Session ends — 383.

### ***On The Docket for this Week***

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024**

- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES
  - Time: Monday, 10 a.m.
  - Description: The 2nd Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a Liberty County judgeship. Candidates slated to be are Elijah L. Bentley, Chris Bufano, Robin E. Myers, Laura K. Parish, Jennifer W. Shuler and Jackson Summers.
  - Location: Veterans Memorial Civic Center, 10405 N.W. Theo Jacobs Way, Bristol.
- SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES
  - Time: Monday, 1 p.m.
  - Description: The Seminole State College of Florida BOARDof Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular BOARDmeeting.
  - Location: Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.
- FSU TRUSTEES
  - Time: Monday, 1:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Florida State University BOARDof Trustees will hold workshops as part of a retreat, followed by a BOARDmeeting at 4:30 p.m.
  - Location: Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami.
- TCC TRUSTEES
  - Time: Monday, 2:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Tallahassee Community College BOARDof Trustees will meet.

- Location: Tallahassee Community College, Hinson Administration Building, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.
- FLORIDA POLY PRESIDENT
  - Time: Monday, 3 p.m.
  - Description: The Florida Polytechnic University BOARDof Trustees is expected to select a successor to President Randy Avent, who announced last year that he planned to step down from the post.
  - Location: Information at <https://floridapoly.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/cc96e5bb-2cc0-4473-8e0e-5e71ef2d65ff>

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024**

- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE
  - Time: Tuesday, 8 a.m.
  - Description: The Miami Dade College BOARDof Trustees will meet.
  - Location: Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE board
  - Time: Tuesday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The St. Petersburg College BOARDof Trustees will meet.
  - Location: St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus, 2465 Drew St., Clearwater.
- FAU TRUSTEES
  - Time: Tuesday, 10 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Atlantic University BOARDof Trustees will meet.
  - Location: Information at <https://www.fau.edu/bot/>
- EXPRESSWAY WIDENING
  - Time: Tuesday, noon.
  - Description: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about a project to widen part of the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County.
  - Location: [www.SawgrassSampletoSR7.com](http://www.SawgrassSampletoSR7.com)
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE TRUSTEES
  - Time: Tuesday, 3 p.m.
  - Description: The Northwest Florida State College BOARDof Trustees is scheduled to meet.
  - Location: Northwest Florida State College, Niceville Campus, Student Services Center, 100 College Blvd., Niceville.
- SANTA FE COLLEGE
  - Time: Tuesday, 4 p.m.
  - Description: The Santa Fe College BOARDof Trustees will meet.
  - Location: Santa Fe College, Northwest Campus, 3000 N.W. 83rd St., Gainesville.
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE
  - Time: Tuesday, 4 p.m.
  - Description: The Palm Beach State College BOARDof Trustees will meet.
  - Location: Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus, 4200 Congress Ave., Lake Worth.
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE
  - Time: Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
  - Description: The North Florida College BOARDof Trustees will meet.
  - Location: North Florida College, BOARDroom, 325 N.W. Turner Davis Dr., Madison.

- CHIPOLA COLLEGE
  - Time: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Chipola College BOARDof Trustees is scheduled to meet.
  - Location: Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024**

- PAROLE CASES
  - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet.
  - Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- BISCAYNE BAY PROTECTIONS
  - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The state Biscayne Bay Commission will meet.
  - Location: Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus, Wolfe University Center, 3000 N.E. 151st St., North Miami Beach.
- COTTON ISSUES
  - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m. Central time.
  - Description: The Florida Cotton Advisory Council is scheduled to meet.
  - Location: Jackson County Agricultural Complex and Conference Center, 2741 Penn Ave., Marianna.
- EAST CENTRAL COUNCIL
  - Time: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
  - Description: The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet.
  - Location: 455 North Garland Ave., Orlando.
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA ISSUES
  - Time: Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Emerald Coast Regional Council BOARDwill meet.
  - Location: Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 Eglin Parkway, Shalimar.
- EDUCATION ISSUES
  - Time: Wednesday, 1 p.m.
  - Description: The State BOARDof Education will meet.
  - Location: Tallahassee Community College, student union, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE
  - Time: Wednesday, 1 p.m.
  - Description: The South Florida State College BOARDof Trustees will meet.
  - Location: South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.
- ST. JOHNS RIVER COLLEGE
  - Time: Wednesday, 2 p.m.
  - Description: The St. Johns River State College BOARDof Trustees will meet.
  - Location: St. Johns River State College, St. Augustine Campus, 2990 College Dr., St. Augustine.
- FAMU TRUSTEES
  - Time: Wednesday, 3 p.m.
  - Description: The Florida A&M University BOARDof Trustees will meet.

- Location: Information at [https://www.famu.edu/about-famu/leadership/board-of-trustees/agendas\\_and\\_minutes.php](https://www.famu.edu/about-famu/leadership/board-of-trustees/agendas_and_minutes.php)

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024**

- PHARMACY
  - Time: Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida BOARDof Pharmacy will meet.
  - Location: Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel & Convention Center, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs.
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES
  - Time: Thursday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The 19th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a circuit judgeship. The 19th Circuit is made up of Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties. Candidates scheduled to be are Jeffrey P. Battista, Lillian B. Ewen, Elise M. Kearney, Katherine Donaldson Mish, Robert Eugene Stone Jr., Lauren K. Sweet and Steven R. Wilson.
  - Location: Martin County Courthouse, 100 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart.
- DEFENSE ISSUES
  - Time: Thursday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Defense Support Task Force is scheduled to meet.
  - Location: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86177199380?pwd=amZZSUpCO\\_G95amRqSGREL0c5QzBTZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86177199380?pwd=amZZSUpCO_G95amRqSGREL0c5QzBTZz09). Code: 622383
- SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL
  - Time: Thursday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will meet.
  - Location: South Florida Water Management District, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers.
- UCF TRUSTEES
  - Time: Thursday, 10 a.m.
  - Description: The University of Central Florida BOARDof Trustees will meet.
  - Location: Information at <https://bot.ucf.edu/>
- HUMAN RELATIONS PANEL
  - Time: Thursday, 10 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet.
  - Location: Florida Commission on Human Relations, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS
  - Time: Thursday, 11 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- EXPRESSWAY WIDENING
  - Time: Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about a project to widen part of the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County.
  - Location: La Quinta Inn & Suites, 3701 North University Dr., Coral Springs.

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024**

- ETHICS ISSUES
  - Time: Friday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Commission on Ethics is scheduled to take up cases from Islamorada and Milton.
  - Location: 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.

- LAND LAW APPEAL
  - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in three cases, including a challenge to a 2023 Florida law that restricts people from China from owning property in the state.
  - Location: James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, 99 N.E. Fourth St., Miami.
- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS
  - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Council of Presidents of the Florida college system will meet.
  - Location: Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM
  - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Museum of Black History Task Force will meet.
  - Location: R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee.
- TREASURE COAST COUNCIL
  - Time: Friday, 9:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet.
  - Location: Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RELEASED
  - Time: Friday, 10 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Department of Commerce will release a March unemployment report.

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