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The Briefing for April 11, 2024

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In Memoriam

Patricia Faye Peterson

April 2, 2025



We are saddened by the recent news of the passing of long-time FSBA Executive Administrator Patricia Peterson. Patricia was with the FSBA for 35 years and was one of the most recognizable and helpful individuals on the FSBA staff. A celebration of Life will be held in Tallahassee on April 20th at 11 EST. ***Condolences can be sent to: The Peterson Family, P.O. Box 6825, Tallahassee, FL 32314.***

Funeral Arrangements for John Passidomo



A celebration of life for John Passidomo will be held on April 26 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Baker Park, located along the Gordon River, at 50 Riverside Circle. The celebration will be followed the next day by a funeral at Saint Ann Catholic Church, off Ninth Avenue South. The formal mass will be held April 27 at 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend. ***Condolences can be sent to The Passidomo Family, 409 The Capitol, 404 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100***

Here's the 2024 Florida School Boards Association Legislative Summary

[2024 Session Summary Pages \(fsba.org\)](#)

Personal Privilege for some random thoughts!

- **Unusual Time Post Session** - With the session ending early – those of us in Tallahassee have an extra two months on our hands before things crank back up! I know that this is not a slow time for our elected officials who are focused on ending the year with many priming for the election season. All elected School Superintendent are up for re-election – many are not running for another term. 2-3 County commissioners in every county are up as well. It takes a lot to serve and each of you are to thanked for your service.
- **Special Request** – if your are currently serving in elected office and are choosing not to run again please let me know. Thank you!
- **Since the Session** – I have focused on reporting out on the activities of the Legislative Session. All of my reports are listed on the websites of the **Small School District Council Consortium** and the **Small County Coalition** websites. They are both being updated with current information.
- **The Briefing** - In the last year we have sent over 130 editions for the Briefing. The Briefings are purposed to provide a wide range of information to our local officials and clients. They are intended to include updates, reports, studies, polls that would be of interest! They also serve to provide a look at Headlines around the state as well as a weekly calendar of what meetings are being held each week.
- **The Knee** - Of the many years that I have been in the process, this year has been a bit different – starting with knee replacement in August – which was kind of a set-back but really more of a respite from the treadmill. They say it takes a year for full recovery - It's been 7 1/2 months and things are progressing! Recently – I also had Carpal Tunnel surgery after the session. I'm waiting for relief but it may or may not happen. Oh well! I golfed this week – twice! First time in over – eight months – My game can be described in one acronym - “L.O.F.T.” (Lack of F'n Talent!) Sorry folks its just the truth! I'm still gonna play!
- **My Grands** – thanks for asking! 11, 9, 4, and 3! All attend the same school, all doing well, all are growing up! They are even starting to behave at family dinners! They are the love of our family!
- **Upcoming Annual Meetings** - We are focused now on preparing for the Summer Meetings of the SSDCC and the Small County Coalition. Agenda materials are being developed and will be emailed well before the scheduled meeting. Both meetings will include 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 – 14th Floor

Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting

Wednesday – June 25th - 7:00am-8:30am
Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando

Headlines Around the State

Politico: Trump's abortion stance could put Florida Republicans in a bind

WLRN: Sen. Rick Scott softens his abortion position after Florida Supreme Court ruling

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis slams sociology degrees in latest student loan bailout bash

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis blames high car insurance rates on 'Bidenomics.' That doesn't tell the whole story

The Capitolist: Federal suit filed against Florida Senate map for alleged racial bias

Times: Residents sue to stop 'gerrymandered' Tampa Bay Senate districts

WUSF: Questions are raised in a Florida immigration fight

Sentinel: After losing Medicaid, parents of Florida's sickest kids are in limbo

WLRN: Thousands die from opioid overdoses in Florida each year. Could Medicaid expansion lessen the toll?

Sentinel: Requests for college tuition aid plummet in Florida amid paperwork confusion

NBC Miami: Federal judge rules Miami redistricting plans 'unconstitutionally racially gerrymandered'

Democrat: Feeling the pinch of inflation? Here's where Florida ranks among worst states

Times: Which ACC schools voted to sue Florida State? We're trying to find out

WUSF: How new federal regulations on 'forever chemicals' in drinking water impact Floridians

Herald: Blasting cancer with 120 drugs? How FIU and a Miami-area children's hospital tried it

Democrat: Abortion, marijuana ballot measures poised for epic fight in Florida

Democrat: Even when voters speak on abortion and marijuana, courts and lawmakers may get last word

News4Jax: Gov. DeSantis signs 5 bills to enhance, create additional criminal punishments for abusing children

Democrat: Florida Gov. DeSantis touts 'law and order,' signs Gabby Petito domestic violence bill

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis signs measure creating no-go zone around first responders

FlaPol: Florida Democrats launch 'coordinated campaign' effort, voter registration push

AP: Florida GOP leader apologizes for trashing hotel room and says he'll seek help for alcoholism

FlaPol: Citizens officials: Reforms working but rates aren't coming down

CBS Miami: Citizens Insurance touts policies leaving

My News 13: Florida's new rail safety law increases violator penalties

WUSF: Florida drivers react to a failed EV tax bill

FlaPol: Don Gaetz crosses \$1M raised for SD 1 campaign

FlaPol: Rick Scott backs 'fearless warrior' Randy Fine for SD 19 seat

FlaPol: Rich Tatem becomes first candidate to announce run to succeed Tommy Gregory

FlaPol: Jeff Brandes' Florida Policy Project points to housing vouchers to help address Florida's affordable housing crisis

My News 13: Survivors continue to express their opinions 24 hours after city announces feedback push for Pulse memorial

Democrat: Roscoe Hightower, FAMU faculty union president, dies unexpectedly, family says

WUSF: The Rays' stadium plan is 'fair and reasonable,' Florida TaxWatch says

Democrat: Tallahassee campus of Flagler College to shut down in May

Democrat: Rickards High amped for new robotics program, with help from state grant

On The Docket for this Week

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD
 - Time: Thursday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet.
 - Location: South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2m47LAHeQTuR8GspMwUsXA#/registration
- DEP HOLDS OPEN HOUSE
 - Time: Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Description: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Southwest District will hold an open house.
 - Location: Florida Department of Environmental Protection Southwest District office, 13051 North Telecom Parkway, Suite 101, Temple Terrace.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS
 - Time: Thursday, 11 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- CITRUS FORECAST RELEASED
 - Time: Thursday, noon.
 - Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture will update projections for the 2023-2024 citrus growing season.
 - Location: Call-in number: 1-888-844-9904. Code: 8552986
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD
 - Time: Thursday, 1 p.m.
 - Description: The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet.
 - Location: Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- NEW COLLEGE BOARD
 - Time: Thursday, 2 p.m.
 - Description: The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet.
 - Location: <https://www.youtube.com/@NewCollegeofFL>
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES
 - Time: Thursday, 2 p.m.
 - Description: The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will meet.
 - Location: Daytona State College, Wetherell Student Services and Administration Building, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY BOARD
 - Time: Thursday, 5 p.m.
 - Description: The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will meet.

- Location: Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.
- DEER DISEASE
 - Time: Thursday, 6 p.m. Central time.
 - Description: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will hold aing about chronic wasting disease, which can affect deer.
 - Location: Bonifay K-8 School, 140 Blue Devil Dr., Bonifay.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

- TOP NURSING HOMES
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Governor’s Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care will review applications for Gold Seal awards.
 - Location: Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 998518088
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The 11th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a Miami-Dade County judgeship. Candidates scheduled to be interviewed are Alexander Annunziato, Yaneth Baez, Gilberto Barreto, Gabrielle Raemy Charest-Turken, Kevin Hellmann, Kyara L. Herard, Joanne Hernandez, Kimberly Hillery, Jose Rohaidy and Patricia Salman.
 - Location: Dimond Kaplan & Rothstein, P.A., 2665 South Bayshore Dr., Penthouse 2B, Coconut Grove.
- PODIATRIC BOARD
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine will meet.
 - Location: Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 68235529
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE BOARD
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will meet.
 - Location: Hyatt Place Melbourne Airport, 747 Air Terminal Parkway, Melbourne.
- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS
 - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet.
 - Location: Information at <https://floridasnursinghomeadmin.gov/meeting-information/>
- REFUGEE ISSUES
 - Time: Friday, 10 a.m.
 - Description: The Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force will meet.
 - Location: Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/miami-dade-refugee-task-force-meeting-1>
- FSDB BOARD
 - Time: Friday, 10:45 a.m.
 - Description: The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet.
 - Location: Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.

About the Briefing!

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