



Old adage

“If your head is in the mouth of the Lion, HOLD STILL!”

The Briefing for May 9, 2024

The Last Briefing was May 6, 2024

[Tallahassee, FL 10-Day Weather Forecast - The Weather Channel | Weather.com](#)

What we know more or less – Special Session and the Budget

Special Session is still cooking – no dates. However, the Governor would like the legislature to consider immigration reforms and possible other items. The Governor has yet to receive the GAA for 24-25. Last year the budget was signed on June 15. Conventional wisdom would indicate that, if the Governor needs some leverage during the Special Session, it is likely/possible that he would hold off signing the budget and announcing vetoes until after the Special Session adjourns. Again no date has been established and the Governor could receive it tomorrow and sign it. We shall see!

Special Project funded in the budget!

Will your special project be safe?? Who knows!- However - If you have a special project funded in the budget and have been asked by the Governor’s budget office personnel for additional information – you must make sure that what is requested has been submitted. If you have not had any inquires – sit tight!

Policy Briefs – Local Government and The Education budget

In lieu of breaking information, I am include two policy briefings prepared by Lobbytools. They are relevant to your role with your county and/or school district. They are provided for your information.

Local Government Policy Overview

[Local Government Policy Overview .docx](#)

Last Revised 04/18/2024

Issues covered in this document: The Law; The Constitution; Local Government Issues; Taking On Local Government Ordinances; Recent Legislation; and, Additional Resources

Education Budget Policy Overview/Primer

[Education Budget Policy Document .docx](#)

Last Revised 05/07/2024

Issues covered in this policy document: K-12 Schools and the FEFP; The Budget; Base Student Allocation; Categoricals; Universal Private School Vouchers; Teacher Pay; Class Size Limits; Early Learning; Where the Education Money Comes From; Florida Educational Enhancement Trust Fund; Higher Education; State Scholarship and Grant Programs; The Law; and, Additional Resources

Summer Meetings for School And County Elected Officials Make you Plans to Attend

Small School 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

Florida School Boards Association/FADSS Summer Meeting

June 5 – 7 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
[Tentative Conference Agenda](#)

Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting

Wednesday – June 26th - 7:00am-8:30am
Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando

Florida Association of Counties Summer Business Meeting

June 25 – 28 – Bonnet Creek Orlando

<https://www.fl-counties.com/event-directory/2024-annual-conference-exhibition/>

Headlines Around the State

Herald: Rick Scott says Florida Hispanics will choose him over a Latina. He may be right

Post: Trump, Florida GOP delegation, back Mike Johnson. But why did Democrats as well?

Politico: McCarthy vs. Gaetz: The GOP's never-ending feud

WUSF: Florida and the federal government tangle over an immigration case

The Hill: McCarthy calls Gaetz 'Hunter Biden of the Republican Party,' backs challenger

The Floridian: Rubio Introduces Bipartisan Bill For Human Trafficking Victims

The Floridian: Laurel Lee's Bipartisan REPORT Act Signed Into Law by President Biden

Politico: Barron Trump to enter political arena as Florida delegate at GOP convention

FlaPol: Kat Cammack, Darren Soto advocate for Florida as farm bill forms

Bradenton Herald: A hemp farming executive just donated \$237M to Florida A&M. His last college gift failed

FlaPol: Miami to vote Thursday on new map after gerrymandering lawsuit

Herald: This city, very carefully, calls for end to Mideast 'hostilities.' It's a first for Miami-Dade

WUSF: Tourists can still get free orange juice entering Florida despite promotional budget cuts

Daily News: Which Florida counties have the fewest high school graduates? Check your county

WUSF: The changing landscape of eastern Lee and Collier counties and what it means for the panther

Herald: Miami has one of the least affordable housing markets in US, report says. Here's why

Times: Florida deputies who fatally shot US airman burst into wrong apartment, attorney says

WUSF: AdventHealth hires 10,000 nurses in four years ahead of a state shortage

WUSF: Hottest temperatures so far this year are impacting most of Florida

My News 13: DeSantis vows to maintain law and order in Florida over pro-Palestinian protests

WLRN: DeSantis lauds law enforcement, universities at UF as protesters demonstrate

USA Today: DeSantis' University of Florida press conference met with chanting pro-Palestinian protesters

Bradenton Herald: Florida troopers were sent to quell pro-Palestinian campus protests at DeSantis' behest

Sentinel: As UF pro-Palestinian protesters chant, DeSantis touts response to campus 'nonsense'

The Capitolist: DeSantis touts state education ranking, flouts campus protests

WUSF: DeSantis announces an additional \$40 million to protect Jewish day schools, HBCUs

WLRN: New chair of Miami-Dade Democrats will go to 'uncommon places' to grow party numbers

The Capitolist: DeSantis greenlights \$75 million for UF Jacksonville campus

Herald: Mayor Francis Suarez attended Miami's Formula 1 Grand Prix with his private equity firm

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints Carson Good to Board of Governors

FlaPol: Another donor ponies up big for hunting and fishing rights ballot initiative

FlaPol: After Gainesville pizza problem, Ric Flair endorses Ashley Moody for Governor

FlaPol: Wilton Simpson endorses Debbie Mayfield for HD 32

FlaPol: Grocery mogul Bowen Kou says Senate could benefit from more business owners

The Capitolist: Florida Policy Project report recommends policy changes to stabilize property insurance market

Herald: What you need to know about Florida's Amendment 5, the property-tax ballot question

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis goes to Gainesville, shames UF football team on campus

Post: FHSAA board set to discuss adding language to bylaws to allow NIL

Sentinel: Osceola agency eases public records policy that likely broke state law

On The Docket

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Susan H. Johnson Auditorium, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- CITRUS ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. Florida Department of Citrus, 605 E. Main Street, Bartow.

- COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR DEAF - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will meet. Mary Grizzle State Office Building, 11351 Ulmerton Road, Largo.
- VALENCIA COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. Valencia College, East Campus, 701 North Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- PATRONIS HONORED - Thursday, 11 a.m. State Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis will be among the recipients of “Claude Pepper” awards during a luncheon held by United HomeCare. Pullman Hotel, 5800 Blue Lagoon Dr., Miami.
- LAWMAKERS SPEAK TO GOP CLUB - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. Republican lawmakers will discuss legislative issues during a meeting of the Republican Women’s Club of Duval Federated. Lawmakers expected to take part are Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville; Rep. Dean Black, R-Jacksonville; Rep. Kiyon Michael, R-Jacksonville; and Rep. Wyman Duggan, R-Jacksonville. Deerwood Country Club, 10239 Golf Club Dr., Jacksonville.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet in Franklin County. 34 Forbes St., Apalachicola.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES - Thursday, 4 p.m. The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

- PHYSICAL THERAPY ISSUES - Friday, 8 a.m. The Florida Board of Physical Therapy will meet. Hilton Garden Inn Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, 2080 North Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach.
- COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR DEAF - Friday, 8 a.m. The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will meet. Mary Grizzle State Office Building, 11351 Ulmerton Road, Largo.
- HOUSING ISSUES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.
- NURSING ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 275112502
- CITRUS FORECAST - Friday, 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

About the Briefing!

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