

The Briefing for June 11, 2024

The Last Briefing was June 1, 2024

What are we celebrating today?

Ball Point Pen Day
Herbs & Spices Day
National Black Cow Day
National Iced Tea Day

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

Front and Center



New SSDCC Logo revealed.
Created in 1983, the SSDCC is a statewide organization that focuses strictly on small and rural districts.

www.ssdcc.org

Small Districts Meet in Tampa New officers Elected

The **Small School District Council Consortium** met in Tampa last week to conduct their annual business for the year. The meeting was a joint meeting with the FSBA Small District Council.

Here's a list of the new SSDCC Officers and Executive Committee elected for the next year.

- **Chris Cowart – Superintendent of Levy County Schools** was elected Chair the Small School District Council Consortium. **D Taylor Jr. – Superintendent of Calhoun County School Dis** was elected Vice-Chair.
- Members elected to the SSDCC Executive Committee-School Board members **Becky Raulerson (Union), Ed DaSilva (Suwannee); Cheryl Pridgeon (Dixie); Donna Howerton (Highlands).**
- **School Superintendents Rick Surrency (Putnam); Kyle Peddie (Liberty), and Mike Swindel (Hendry)** were elected to the Executive Committee of the Small School District Council Consortium.

The **FSBA Small District Council** elected the following School Board members to serve as Officers for 24-25.

- **Ed DaSilva (Suwannee)** as Chair;
- **Deidre Dunnell (Taylor)** Vice-Chair; and
- **Jeri Michie (Walton)** -Secretary.



Small County Coalition to meet June 26

The Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting will held in two weeks in Orlando as part of the FAC Annual Summer meeting. Wednesday – June 26th - 7:00am-8:30am - Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando



Levy Commissioner Seeking FAC 2nd VP Position

Commissioners attending the FAC meeting will have the opportunity to support John Meeks – Levy County Commissioner for the FAC 2nd VP. Commissioners must be in attendance at the Friday morning – June 28 meeting to vote.



Charlotte Commissioners Bill Truex Seeking NaCo 2nd VP Post

Bill Truex will be seeking the 2nd VP leadership post at the upcoming Tampa meeting of the National Association of Counties. Truex is currently the President of the Florida Association of Counties and has served in numerous positions within FAC and NaCo. Florida is the Host State for the NaCo meeting which will be held on July 1

<https://www.naco.org/event/2024-naco-annual-conference-exposition>

State 24-25 Budget in final review

Governor DeSantis continues to reveal support for budget issues in the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Today, the Governor touted a \$200 million increase to help raise teacher salaries. The teacher pay issue is part of the \$117.46 billion budget the Legislature passed in March. The budget is in the final stages of review. The Governor has yet to formally receive the Appropriations bill from the Legislature. The budget signing should come soon!

Election Qualifying Ends Friday at Noon

Qualifying for a slate of local and state elections ends this Friday. The primary election will be held August 20th followed by the General election on November 5th.

Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

The first Hurricane/Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday extends through Friday, June 14. A second exemption period will begin Saturday, August 24 and extend through Friday, September 6.

Headlines Around the State

[*Herald: DeSantis spends millions on Florida Keys base preparing for migrant surge that hasn't come*](#)

[*WUSF: Feds urge a judge to toss Florida's efforts to block the new Title IX rules*](#)

[*Times: Number of abortions in Florida surged ahead of six-week ban*](#)

[FlaPol: Rebranded 'Latino Americans for Trump' coalition launches with notable Miami politicians](#)
[Democrat: 'Challenges our authority': School board in Florida bans book about book bans](#)

[FlaPol: Federal judge blocks Florida law requiring deeper financial disclosure for local officials](#)
[Democrat: Warnings and worries: Inside the Florida A&M emails on dubious \\$237 million gift](#)
[WUSF: Pharmacists across Florida are facing tough times. The reasons are complex](#)
[FlaPol: Best served on ice? Ron DeSantis accepts booze bet with Alberta Premier over Stanley Cup](#)
[Times: Tampa Bay's vote-by-mail requests plunge as 2024 election nears](#)
[WLRN: Florida has a beach sand shortage. Could your beer bottles be part of the solution?](#)
[Times: Feds said drug money fueled Florida firm's real estate buying spree](#)
[The Capitolist: Florida gas prices hit four-month low](#)
[WUSF: Florida reports the nation's most boating accidents. The Keys lead the state](#)
[Times: Cremation, green burials and celebrations of life: how Florida's funeral norms are changing](#)
[FlaPol: Polk County Sheriff's Office partners with Florida Polytechnic on new AI lab](#)
[FlaPol: First Coast median home values exceed \\$400K for first time last month](#)
[News4Jax: \\$1.25 billion in upcoming state budget will go toward teacher raises, Gov. DeSantis says](#)
[WUSF: DeSantis vows to increase funding for teacher pay, but educator unions say it's not enough](#)
[Democrat: DeSantis raises teacher pay, blames unions for Florida's education woes](#)
[FlaPol: Amendment 4 raises nearly \\$12M in April and May, including \\$20K from Judy Blume](#)
[FlaPol: Recreational marijuana campaign raised more than \\$5M, spends more](#)
[WUSF: Florida's legislative races are taking shape as candidate qualifying begins](#)
[Democrat: 2024 election: Florida Democrats hope full field of candidates can turn fortunes around](#)
[FlaPol: Ron DeSantis endorses 'conservative fighter' Brad Yeager for re-election to Pasco-based HD 56](#)
[DBNJ: Former St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar jumps into Senate GOP race against Tom Leek](#)
[FlaPol: David Shoar enters already heated GOP Primary in SD 7](#)
[FlaPol: Jim Boyd adds name to list of supporters for Tom Leek in SD 7](#)
[FlaPol: Allison Tant re-election campaign qualifies for HD 9 race](#)
[FlaPol: Kristen Arrington reports an additional \\$57K in fundraising in SD 25](#)
[FlaPol: Debra Tendrich first to qualify for HD 89 race, vows to 'serve all Floridians' if elected](#)
[FlaPol: Rodney Jacobs smashes personal fundraising record for SD 35 bid](#)
[FlaPol: Brenda Priestly Jackson qualifies for HD 13 Primary against Angie Nixon](#)
[FlaPol: 'Fired up': Annette Taddeo qualifies for Miami-Dade Clerk contest](#)
[FlaPol: Mike Owen announced HD 70 run, Christine Miller switches to Hillsborough Co. District 4](#)
[WUSF: TECO and Duke customers will have access to local rate hike hearings for the first time in 15 years](#)

[Ledger: DeSantis appoints Ashley Gibson Barnett of Lakeland to Florida Council on Arts and Culture](#)

[The Capitolist: Former DeSantis staffer Cory Dowd joins Capital City Consulting as partner](#)

[News4Jax: 'Best and final offer': Incoming superintendent, DCPS agree to \\$320,000 salary proposal following weekend negotiations](#)

Tropical Outlook

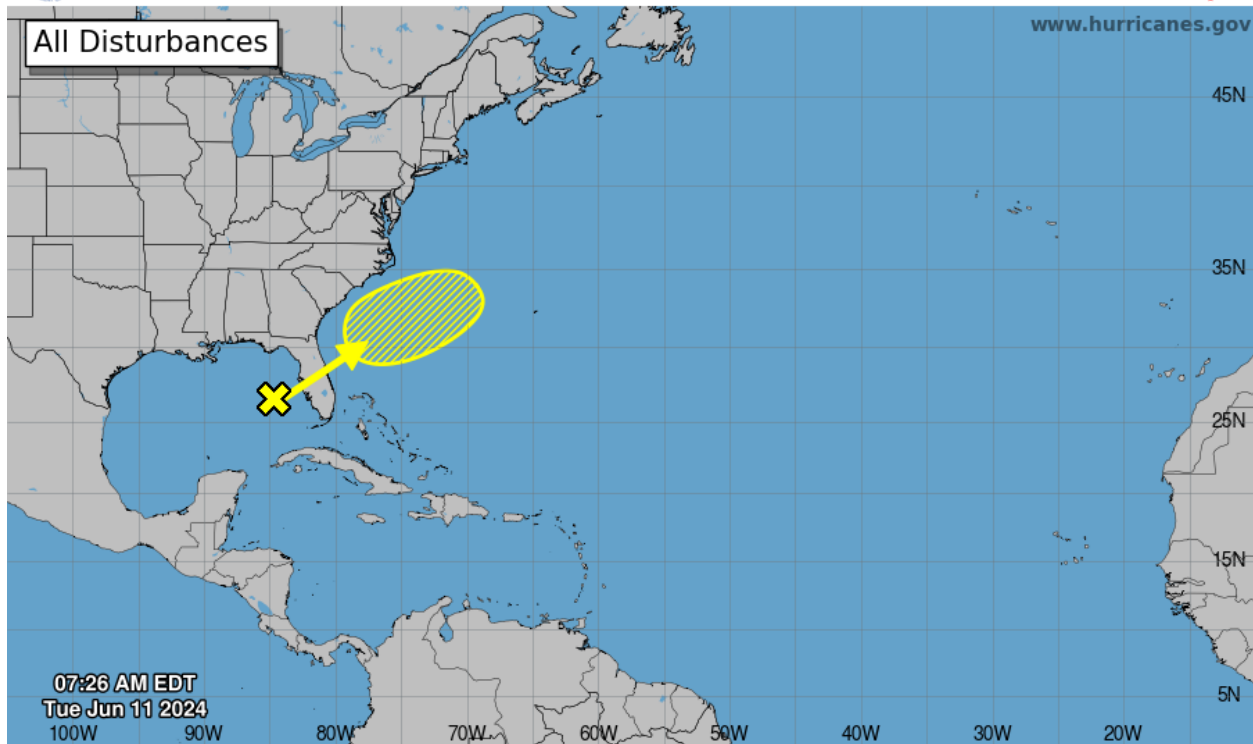
<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Multiple rounds of heavy rainfall are expected across the Florida Peninsula throughout the week as a wet and active weather pattern takes shape. Southwesterly winds will continue to bring tropical moisture across the Peninsula throughout the week and towards the stationary frontal boundary, leading to multiple rounds of showers and thunderstorms each day.



Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Seven-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%
Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

SUMMER MEETINGS COMING UP

- June 25 – 28 – the Florida Association of Counties Summer Business Meeting
Bonnet Creek Orlando - <https://www.fl-counties.com/event-directory/2024-annual-conference-exhibition/>
- June 26th - the Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting

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- **July 12 -15** – National Association of Counties meeting in Tampa.

On The Docket

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024

- FGCU TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Gulf Coast University, Cohen Student Union, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers.
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- DUKE RATE HIKE - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on a proposal by Duke Energy Florida to increase base electric rates. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- VIRTUAL SCHOOL - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Virtual School Board of Trustees will meet. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSp-oyR-9hroocmIumUXCg>
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Tallahassee Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tallahassee-area-refugee-task-force-meeting-1>
- JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees will meet. Florida State College at Jacksonville, 501 West State St., Jacksonville.
- TECO RATE HIKE - Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an online hearing about a proposal by Tampa Electric Co. to increase base electric rates. Information at <https://www.floridapsc.com/>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

- DESANTIS, CABINET - Wednesday, 9 a.m. Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida Cabinet will meet. Public access available at R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. DeSantis and the Cabinet members are expected to participate by phone.
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission is scheduled to meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Florida Department of Citrus, 605 East Main St., Bartow.
- DUKE RATE HIKE - Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold hearings on a proposal by Duke Energy Florida to increase base electric rates. 10 a.m. at Citrus County Auditorium, 3610 South Florida Ave., Inverness. Also, 6 p.m. at Parks and Conservation Resources, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/orlando-area-refugee-task-force-meeting-2>

- CITRUS FORECAST - Wednesday, 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
- CITRUS ISSUES ON MENU -Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, 5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

- UF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The University of Florida Board of Trustees will hold a series of committee meetings, followed at 4 p.m. by a full board meeting. University of Florida, Emerson Alumni Hall, Gainesville. <https://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Channel/uf-board-of-trustees-june-2024/>
- PHARMACY BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Pharmacy will meet. Aloft Jacksonville Tapestry Park, 4812 Deer Lake Dr. West, Jacksonville.
- ‘STOP WOKE’ CASE HEARD -Thursday, 9 a.m. A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in four cases, including a battle about a 2022 Florida law that placed restrictions on how race-related concepts can be taught in universities — part of what Gov. Ron DeSantis dubbed the “Stop WOKE Act.” Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker issued a preliminary injunction against the restrictions, leading the state to appeal. James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, 99 N.E. Fourth St., Miami.
- UNF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m. The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of North Florida, Adam W. Herbert University Center, Jacksonville.
- TECO RATE HIKE - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing about a proposal by Tampa Electric Co. to increase base electric rates. Hillsborough Community College, Brandon Campus, 10451 Nancy Watkins Dr., Tampa.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS -Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - Thursday, 12:30 p.m. The Volunteer Florida Commission is scheduled to meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 721648837
- CITIZENS CLAIMS EYED -Thursday, 1 p.m. The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. <https://www.citizensfla.com/public-meetings>. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Meeting ID: 98593216531
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- MEDICAID DRUGS - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. The state Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board will meet. <https://primetherapeutics.zoom.us/j/82662203759>
- NEW COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 2 p.m. The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. New College of Florida, Sudakoff Conference Center, 5845 General Dougher Place, Sarasota. <https://www.youtube.com/@NewCollegeofFL>
- 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.
- DUKE RATE HIKE - Thursday, 6 p.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on a proposal by Duke Energy Florida to increase base electric rates. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- CAMPBELL HOLDS TOWN HALL -Thursday, 6 p.m. Rep. Daryl Campbell, D-Fort Lauderdale, will hold a town-hall event to discuss legislative issues. Lauderhill Town Hall, 1176 N.W. 42nd Way, Lauderhill.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

- **PREFERRED DRUG LIST** - Friday, 8 a.m. The state Pharmaceutical & Therapeutics Committee, which works on a preferred-drug list for the Medicaid program, will meet. <https://primetherapeutics.zoom.us/j/82962093812>
- **CANDIDATE QUALIFYING ENDS** -Friday, noon. A qualifying period will end for candidates running for legislative seats this year.
- **TAX ‘HOLIDAY’ ENDS**Friday will be the final day of a two-week tax “holiday” in which shoppers can buy a wide range of hurricane supplies without paying sales taxes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

- **SCOTT SPEAKS TO GOP WOMEN** -Saturday, 11:30 a.m. U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., is expected to speak during an Orlando Republican Women Federated luncheon. Citrus Club, 255 South Orange Ave., Orlando.
- **FIRST AMENDMENT AWARDS PRESENTED** -Saturday, 2 p.m. The First Amendment Foundation will hold an event to present Pete Weitzel Friend of the First Amendment Foundation awards to Bill Bunkley and Stephana Ferrell. Bunkley is a talk-show host with Salem Media, and Ferrell is director of research and insight at the Florida Freedom to Read Project. Florida State University College of Law, 308 South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Tallahassee.
- **JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION HELD** -Saturday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Windermere, and the city of Orlando will host a Juneteenth celebration. Participants are expected to include U.S. Rep. Maxwell Frost, D-Fla., state Rep. LaVon Bracy Davis, D-Ocoee, and Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer. Camping World Stadium, East Plaza, 1 Citrus Bowl Place, Orlando.
- **MARTINEZ HONORED** -Saturday, 6 p.m. Former Gov. Bob Martinez will be honored during a Hillsborough County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner. Speakers during the event are expected to include U.S. Rep. Laurel Lee, R-Fla., and state Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill. 6437 Watson Road, Riverview.

About the Briefing!

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