



*On this day in 1868, the U.S. Senate fails to impeach President Andrew Johnson by one vote.*

## ***The Briefing for May 18, 2024***

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### **Front and Center**

#### **2024 Regular Session - Status of Passed Bills**

**As of 05/16/2024**

#### **Total Number of Bills Passed Both Chambers 325**

Total # Vetoed by Governor	2	0.62%
# Approved by Governor	198	60.92%
# Pending on Governor's Desk	9	2.77%
# Awaiting Presentation	104	32.00%

Pursuant to [Article III, section 8, of the Florida Constitution](#), "Every bill passed by the legislature shall be presented to the governor for approval and shall become a law if the governor approves and signs it, or fails to veto it within seven consecutive days after presentation. If during that period or on the seventh day the legislature adjourns sine die or takes a recess of more than thirty days, the governor shall have fifteen consecutive days from the date of presentation to act on the bill."

### **Florida Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Legislative Report and Recognitions**

#### **Florida Chamber 2024 Legislative Report Card and Distinguished Advocate Awards**

- The Florida Chamber of Commerce unveiled its 2024 Legislative Report Card on Thursday, The reports showcases grades earned by all 160 legislators in the Florida House and Senate based on their votes during the 2024 Legislative Session, and also awarded 15 Legislators the 2024 [Distinguished Advocate Award](#).

- The Florida Chamber’s 2024 [Legislative Report Card](#) is an annual opportunity to recognize members of the Florida Legislature. After tabulating more than 5,700 votes cast during the 2024 Legislative Session, the [Florida Chamber’s Legislative Report Card](#) shows:
  - Average GPA for both legislative chambers was 87 percent
  - Average Senate GPA was 89 percent
  - Average House GPA was 86 percent

To see the grades received by each of Florida’s 160 Legislators following the 2024 Legislative Session, visit <https://reportcard.flchamber.com/>.

### SUMMER MEETINGS COMING UP

- **June 5 – 7** – Florida School Boards Association/FADSS Summer Meeting  
Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - [Tentative Conference Agenda](#)
- **JUNE 6, 2024** - FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium  
7:30-8:30am - Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - Skylark Room – 14<sup>th</sup> Floor
- **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 26<sup>th</sup>** - the Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting  
Wednesday – June 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:00am-8:30am - Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando

### Headlines Around the State

[FlaPol: Byron Donalds won't 'break news' about potential Governor run](#)

[FlaPol: Entire House GOP Leadership team endorses Mike Haridopolos](#)

[FlaPol: Marco Rubio throws block for controversial NFL player's trad Catholic comments](#)

[Floridian: Rubio Calls 'Campus Protestors' Criminal 'Trespassers' and 'Vandals'](#)

[FlaPol: After voting against border bill, Rick Scott blames Joe Biden for not patrolling for fentanyl](#)

[FlaPol: Ruth's List Florida endorses 'powerhouse candidate' Annette Taddeo for Miami-Dade Clerk](#)

[FlaPol: Peggy Gossett-Seidman campaign kickoff features many political notables](#)

[FlaPol: Fabian Basabe to launch House re-election campaign in Miami Beach](#)

[FlaPol: Jenny Lee Molina files, withdraws from challenge to Vicki Lopez in HD 113](#)

[PNJ: Milton Mayor Heather Lindsay served with legal papers as public records lawsuit is filed](#)

[NBC 6: South Florida Pride Month organizers assure security as FBI warns of threats to LGBTQ events](#)

[Times: Florida threatens to revoke school's vouchers over imams remarks about Jews](#)

[FlaPol: JAX Chamber backs Jags stadium deal, as former mayoral candidate Daniel Davis engages on Donna Deegan's behalf](#)

[FlaPol: Florida's new unemployment claims increase for the first time in weeks](#)

[FlaPol: Husband and wife donate big to Florida Poly to honor their moms, who 'have given and sacrificed so much for us'](#)

[Herald: The graduate! Barron Trump accepts diploma at heavily guarded ceremony in Palm Beach](#)

[ABC: Trump attends son Barron's high school graduation on day off from court](#)

[Ocala Star-Banner: What we know: Donald Trump attends Barron Trump graduate high school in West Palm Beach](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Messianic Jewish activist hid identity in apparent attempt to goad Muslim professors at UF into criticism of Israel](#)

[FlaPol: Mystery visitor meets undercover with Muslim professors at UF, invites criticism of Israel turns out to be Jewish activist](#)

[NPR: Groups that register voters are feeling besieged by new state laws](#)

[Floridian: Senate Candidate Debbie Mucarsel-Powell Wants to Debate Rick Scott in Spanish](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: South Florida's Jewish Democrats are split on Israel weapons vote](#)

[Times: At Tampa's Tiger Bay, warring state attorney candidates take their shots](#)

[FlaPol: South Miami Mayor endorses Lucia Baez-Geller for Congress](#)

[FlaPol: Gusher of opposition to Apalachicola oil drilling proposal](#)

[Herald: Miami communities keep losing historic homes. How one village is pushing to save them](#)

[Times: When a bus without seat belts met a dangerous driver, Florida farmworkers paid the price](#)

[Sentinel: Eatonville seeks \\$15 million in tourist tax for Black history museum bid](#)

[Bloomberg: Trump Taps Silicon Valley, DeSantis Donors in Campaign Cash Hunt](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Florida city populations swelled along with the rest of the South, Census Bureau says](#)

[WSJ: Florida and Texas Show Signs of Home Prices Falling](#)

[FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis wants new rules for dealing with EV battery fires](#)

[Sentinel: State probes whether Rep. Carolina Amesty broke notary laws](#)

[News 4 Jax: Jacksonville activist group comes out against stadium, jail plans, wants millions invested in neglected parts of city](#)

[News 4 Jax: After the arrests of 2 DCPS police officers, questions raised about student safety, hiring process](#)

[My News 13: City of DeLand wants public feedback on the city's 2050 Vision Plan](#)

[WLRN: 'Can we live here?': Lower Keys officials, residents anxious about medical care services](#)

[WLRN: 'We want to protect affordability': YWCA proposes housing on Overtown campus](#)

[WLRN: Medicaid unwinding decried as biased against disabled people](#)

[DBNJ: Flagler Sheriff Rick Staly, officials give update on recent series of 'swatting' calls](#)

[Democrat: DeSantis' conservative policies may cause a season of shortage for Florida kids](#)

[Politico: Greg Steube has achieved a rare feat: Successfully forcing a bill to the House floor](#)

[FlaPol: Kathleen Passidomo hails beginning of stabilization in beleaguered home insurance market](#)

[FlaPol: Mike Waltz not 'measuring curtains' for job in Donald Trump White House](#)

[FlaPol: Lori Berman, Tina Polsky endorse 'strong advocate' Yvette Drucker for Senate](#)

[FlaPol: Florida Chamber hails 'distinguished advocates,' releases legislative report card](#)

[FlaPol: Miami insurer sues city over Joe Carollo's legal fees](#)

[Herald: FL bar ramps up investigation into ex-Miami city attorney after 'vile little man' comment](#)

[Times: Pinellas grads take lessons from a high school life that began with COVID](#)

[Times: A pole fire caused a mass Tampa Bay internet outage, company says. Is it a warning?](#)

[FlaPol: Peter Feaman alleges funny business in election of Florida's RNC delegates](#)

[Politico: Florida Democrat launches group to fight conservative takeover of school boards](#)

[Today: Jenkins launches 'Educated. We Stand' to help school board candidates](#)

[Axios: FIU students launch liberated zone, join Gaza protest movement](#)

[FlaPol: Rick Scott blames China for campus protests](#)

[Florida Trident: Sex, barflies, and videotape: Report details how GOP power couple prowled pubs for threesome partners](#)

[FlaPol: Christian Ziegler testifies about sex videos with multiple partners on his phone](#)

[Herald Tribune: Sarasota judge to decide about releasing Christian Ziegler's records](#)

[Democrat: Here's a look at FAMU's non-disclosure agreement, signed before 'ceased' \\$237 million gift](#)

[AP: Lawyer for family of slain US Air Force airman says video and calls show deputy went to wrong home](#)

[AP: Funeral set for Roger Fortson, the Black US Air Force member killed in his home by Florida deputy](#)

[NWF Daily News: Frustration grows in Okaloosa County following two questionable officer involved shootings](#)

[DBNJ: Volusia Sheriff's deputy arrested for soliciting a prostitute, other charges, police say](#)

[TCPalm: U.S. Rep. Brian Mast moves to rename PSL post office after fallen FHP Trooper Zachary Fink](#)

[Times: Florida dissolves Clearwater city workers union for failing to meet deadline](#)

[Gainesville Sun: Ed Bielarski among five appointed by DeSantis to new GRU Authority board](#)

[FlaPol: Mike Hernandez appointed to Pembroke Pines Commission after historic, but lengthy, vote](#)

[FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints Lisa Yeager to Pasco County Commission](#)

[FlaPol: Ben Albritton, FRSCC endorse Keith Truenow to succeed Dennis Baxley](#)

[Axios: Call for end to Gaza hostilities was "naive," embattled Doral mayor says](#)  
[Herald: Doral walks back call for peace in Mideast after mayor notes 'unintended consequences'](#)  
[Floridian: Mayor Fraga Apologizes for "Fundamentally Flawed" Ceasefire Resolution](#)  
[Floridian: A Tale of Two Resolutions: Doral Mayor Reverses Course On Palestine-Israel Affairs](#)  
[FlaPol: Alexandria Ayala not running for re-election to Palm Beach County School Board](#)  
[FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints 3, sends 5 back to Lower Florida Keys Hospital District Board](#)  
[FlaPol: Democrat enters HD 18 race to succeed term-limited Cyndi Stevenson](#)  
[FlaPol: Personnel note: Andres Malav, the first Hispanic Comms Director in the Florida Speakers office, joins lobbying firm Jones Walker](#)

## ***On The Docket***

### **MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**

- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD - Monday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Occupational Therapy will meet. Florida Department of Health, 4042 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee.
- SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL - Monday, 10:30 a.m. The South Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 250, Hollywood. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88354377085?pwd=YZ3NNhb7mqhdvBwumB4dpQhUWeb0ls.1>. Meeting ID: 88354377085. Code: 231524
- EMANCIPATION ANNIVERSARY MARKED - Monday, 11:30 a.m. The Florida Department of State and the city of Tallahassee will help sponsor "20th of May — Emancipation in Florida," an event marking the anniversary of the announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation on May 20, 1865, in Tallahassee Knott House Museum, 301 East Park Ave., Tallahassee.
- HEARING AID BOARD - Monday, noon. The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will meet. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 867019669
- SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES - Monday, 1 p.m. The Seminole State College of Florida Board of Trustees will hold a budget workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.
- TCC BOARD - Monday, 2:30 p.m. The Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Tallahassee Community College, Hinson Administration Building, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.
- POLK STATE TRUSTEES - Monday, 3 p.m. The Polk State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. Polk State College, 3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland.

### **TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024**

- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8 a.m. The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. Miami Dade College, North Campus, 11380 N.W. 27th Ave., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>
- REAL ESTATE ISSUES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Real Estate Commission is scheduled to meet. Zora Neale Hurston Building, North Tower, Suite N901, 400 West Robinson St., Orlando. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/603461895294460508>
- SOUTHWEST WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad St., Brooksville.

- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater.
- UTILITY ISSUES - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an internal-affairs meeting, followed by a workshop about utility hurricane preparedness and a hearing about Duke Energy Florida's costs from a series of past storms. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- FSU-ACC FIGHT - Tuesday, 9:45 a.m. Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper will hold a case-management conference in a lawsuit that Florida State University filed against the Atlantic Coast Conference. The lawsuit could lead to FSU leaving the conference. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Meeting ID: 98298249883. Code: 315004
- PASCO-HERNANDO COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, noon. The Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees will meet. Pasco-Hernando State College, Spring Hill Campus, 450 Beverly Court, Spring Hill.
- PSC HOLDS EVENT FOR SENIORS - Tuesday, noon. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an event for seniors to discuss issues such as energy conservation and avoiding scams that target utility customers. North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville.
- COLLEGE PRESIDENT ON AGENDA - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting to discuss a presidential search and consider a recommendation to appoint Henry Mack as interim president. The college is seeking a replacement for Devin Stephenson, who was named last month as president at Florida Polytechnic University. Mack, a former senior chancellor at the state Department of Education, is vice president for academic affairs at Northwest Florida State College. After the special meeting, the board will hold a budget workshop and a regular meeting. Northwest Florida State College, Student Services Center, 100 College Blvd. Niceville.
- BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Museum of Black History Task Force will meet. R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5525566437617895776>. Webinar ID: 479791619
- KEY WEST COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. The College of the Florida Keys, 5901 College Road, Key West.
- DIABETES ISSUES - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The state Diabetes Advisory Council will meet. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 930484235
- SANTA FE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet. Santa Fe College, Northwest Campus, 3000 N.W. 83rd St., Gainesville.
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will meet. Palm Beach State College, Loxahatchee Groves Campus, 15845 Southern Blvd., Loxahatchee.
- PENSACOLA STATE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by committee meetings and a full board meeting. Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- I-10 INTERCHANGE - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online meeting about planned changes at the interchange of Interstate 10 and U.S. 129 in Suwannee County. [www.nflroads.com/vph](http://www.nflroads.com/vph)
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The North Florida College Board of Trustees will meet. North Florida College, board room, 325 N.W. Turner Davis Dr., Madison.



- MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. State College of Florida, Manatee Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024**

- REAL ESTATE ISSUES - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Real Estate Commission is scheduled to meet. Zora Neale Hurston Building, North Tower, Suite N901, 400 West Robinson St., Orlando. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/603461895294460508>
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- OPTOMETRY ISSUES EYED - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Optometry will meet. <https://meet.goto.com/502129029>
- 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
- REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The state Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss what are known as measures affecting revenue. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PSC HOLDS EVENT FOR SENIORS - Wednesday, 11 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an event for seniors to discuss issues such as energy conservation and avoiding scams that target utility customers. Martin Andersen Senior Center, 1025 South Florida Ave., Rockledge.
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85854883285?pwd=7pZxtUKtK6G> VZDMedSfSttFDNUWg dv.1. Meeting ID: 85854883285 Code: 554523. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656
- DRUG POLICY PANEL - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council will meet. Florida Department of Health, 4042 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee.
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. College of Central Florida, Founders Hall, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala.
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 4 p.m. The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Hillsborough Community College, South Shore Campus, 551 24th St. N.E., Ruskin.
- I-95 INTERCHANGE - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about plans for a project at Interstate 95 and U.S. 1 in Volusia County. The Chapel, 1805 U.S. 1, Ormond Beach.
- COMMUTER RAIL - Wednesday, 6 p.m. Broward County Transit and the Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about a proposal to extend commuter rail from the Aventura Station in Miami-Dade County to southern Fort Lauderdale. Hollywood City Hall, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood.

### **THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024**

- FSDB TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet. Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.
- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown, 60 South Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando.
- RENNER SPEAKS AT CHAMBER EVENT - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold the “Florida Prosperity & Economic Opportunity Solution Summit,” with speakers expected to include House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast. Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel & Convention Center, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- I-10 INTERCHANGE - Thursday, 4:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about planned changes at the interchange of Interstate 10 and U.S. 129 in Suwannee County. Live Oak City Hall, 101 S.E. White Ave., Live Oak.
- COMMUTER RAIL - Thursday, 6 p.m. Broward County Transit and the Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online meeting about a proposal to extend commuter rail from the Aventura Station in Miami-Dade County to southern Fort Lauderdale. <https://bit.ly/BCRSouth-PublicMtg>. Call-in number: 1-562-247-8422. Code: 153015917
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Drury Inn and Suites, 4000 S.W. 40th Blvd., Gainesville. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 408138813

#### **FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024**

- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown, 60 South Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando.
- BROWARD LAWMAKERS DISCUSS SESSION - Friday, 1 p.m. Broward County lawmakers are expected to take part in a discussion about the 2024 legislative session. Florida Atlantic University, Davie Campus, 3200 College Ave., Davie.

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024**

- NOEM SPEAKS IN BREVARD - Saturday, 7:30 p.m. South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem is scheduled to speak during the Brevard County Republican Party’s Lincoln Reagan Dinner. Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral.

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